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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mark Bines
Old Mill Lane
Bray

**Justin &
Julie Hamburger**
Princes Road
Bourne End

Aleksandra Wells
Greenlands Road
Kingsclere

**Pete &
Melissa Goodman**
Kilnwood
Walter's Ash

Stephen Roche
Godayn Grove
Maidenhead

BEST WISHES ON THEIR NEW HOME

Robert Harris
Princess Park Manor
Royal Drive
London, N11

Michael Leighton
Cliveden Manor
Little Marlow Road
Marlow

Natalie Heath
Kennet Street
Reading

Vanessa Munro
Farley Court
Church Road East
Farnborough

CONDOLENCES

David Alfert
on the loss of
his step-father

Deborah Shaw
on the loss of
her father

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 or
on 01628 671058.

MAZEL TOV

Ido &
Victoria Cohen
on the birth of
their daughter

BARMITZVAH

Yaniv Kader
6 April

Edmund Josef
13 April

GET WELL SOON

Helena Baum

THANK YOU FOR HOSTING KIDDUSH

*If you would like to host kiddush, please get in touch with
Pauline Keyne at pauline.keyne@maidshul.org*

Ali & Olly Beer
for Tabitha's
baby blessing

Gaie Scouller

The Synagogue
Council

Stephen Silver

Kobi Grossman

Mark Chaloner &
Class Zayin

Howard &
Karen Rogg

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.





Why is the Star of David a Jewish symbol and what are its origins?



The legend that is sometimes told to children – that it was the emblem on the shield of David – relates to the literal meaning of its Hebrew name *Magen David*, but is not actually based on any historical evidence. In fact, it was a common

symbol in ancient times without any Jewish connection.

It is referred to by archaeologists as a hexagram because of its six points, while in later Arab manuscripts, it is known as ‘the seal of Solomon.’ Again, this is not linked to Solomon historically, but because he is associated with wisdom, and the hexagram has semi-magical symbolism.

The Star of David

was first used officially as a specifically Jewish sign in Prague in 1354 and then became more common with the spread of printing when it was used by publishers of Jewish books as a clear designation of a Jewish text.

As Jews emerged into wider society in the 18th century, it became increasingly used by Jews on documents and ritual objects to symbolise

ASK THE RABBI

If you wish to ask a question, please send it to Rabbi Romain at rabromain@aol.com



Judaism as a mirror to the cross of Christianity.

When Theodor Herzl founded the Zionist movement to establish a Jewish homeland and to turn the religious sentiment of “Next year in Jerusalem” into a political reality, he was searching around for an appropriate flag.

He married the blue and white of the tallit with the Star of

David, and that effectively made it universally recognised.

This became so normalised that when the Nazis wanted to depict Jews in their propaganda literature, they used the Star of David and later employed a yellow star to make Jews stand out from the rest of the population.

Perhaps because of this, or because the menorah (the seven-branched candelabra

used in the Tabernacle during the 40 years in the wilderness and later transferred to the Temple in Jerusalem) was a more authentic Jewish symbol, going right back to biblical times when the State of Israel was formed in 1948, the menorah became the official emblem of the state, although the Star of David was retained as the flag.

Shemini

By Francis Spencer

This week's Parasha is a tough read for a vegetarian, and I, along with many thousands of other goats, am heartily glad the Rabbis re-interpreted the gory practice of animal sacrifice after the Roman destruction of the Temple.

They, together with the prophets before them, help us to see past the primitive 'death-for-a-life exchange' that marked the old system to its symbolic meaning. This is especially important since Shemini instructs us: "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am holy." Lev. 11:45

In the text, obeying this commandment would involve the killing of a goat, a calf, a lamb, an ox, and a ram, much pouring of

blood, the 'waving' and then burning of their entrails, fat, and organs. And all of this and more would have been seen as right, normal, and indeed, existentially essential if Israel was to survive as a people and to live with the holiness of G-d in their midst.

One of the many things that strike me, reading this, is how dependent this made them on the life of the animals in their care, not only for food (the dietary laws are set out in Ch. 11) but also in their inner, moral life with G-d and with each other. There is, however, no sense in the text, nor anywhere in the Bible (as far as I know), of that spontaneous concern, gratitude, or affection for

Parashah Shemini – Leviticus 9:1–11:47. This parashah tells of the consecration of the Tabernacle, the deaths of Nadab and Abihu, and the dietary laws of kashrut.

animals so often seen in children and, yes, people everywhere. Perhaps such natural sentiments were suppressed because they so visibly clashed with the sacrificial system then ordained by G-d and Priesthood?

Thanks to the Rabbis, we now have the Jewish command '*Tza'ar ba'alei chayim*', which bans causing the 'unnecessary suffering of living creatures.' Further, we can decode the sacrifices as follows: the 'sin-offering' denotes repentance and purification, the 'burnt offering' the submission of our will to G-d, the 'meal offering' consecrates our daily life and work to His service, and finally the 'peace offering' that symbolises our abil-

ity to enjoy the presence of G-d. [J.H. Hertz, p.444]

When, in Leviticus Ch. 9, all of this was done, and the people had separated themselves from all that was 'unholy' and turned their lives to G-d, then: "The glory of the Lord appeared to all the people ... and they fell (in awe) upon their faces." Lev. 9:23-24

Truly, a wonderful experience of the holy, here, and in the midst of life, and now without a single creature harmed.

**Please join us for the
Torah Breakfast at 9:15 am
on 6 April 2024.
Coffee and tea are available.
No RSVP is necessary.**

PASSOVER VS PESACH

Elizabeth Prais

As the old song goes, “You say Passover and I say Pesach. Passover. Pesach. Let’s call the whole thing ...” a festival!

While editing this month’s *Hadashot* I wondered if there was a difference between these terms and, more urgently, which one should be used.

While both words refer to the same festival, they are used in different cultural and linguistic contexts.

Passover is the English term commonly used in the Western world, while Pesach is the Hebrew equivalent.

Passover commemorates the biblical story of the Israelites’ liberation from slavery in Egypt. According to the Book of Exodus,

God inflicted 10 plagues on the Egyptians, and the final plague involved the Angel of Death passing over the houses of the Israelites marked with lamb’s blood on their doorposts. This event led to the freedom of the Israelites, and

Passover celebrates this liberation.

The term Pesach has its roots in the Hebrew language and it refers specifically to the Paschal lamb that the Israelites sacrificed as part of

the liberation ritual. Hebrew speakers and Jewish communities may use Pesach to connect more directly with the festival’s origins.

They are both equally valid when referring to the pilgrimage festival held in the fourth month of Nisan. Therefore you will see both terms used throughout this issue of *Hadashot*.



Pesach 2024



APRIL



2024

**SUN
7**

**KOSHER SHOP BOOKING
FORM DUE IN BY 5 PM**

↘ Found on pages 15-18

**MON
15**

**SEDER BOOKING
FORMS ARE DUE**

↘ Booking form for both seders is
inserted in this issue of *Hadashot*

**SUN
21**

**YOUNG FAMILY
SEDER @ 3 PM**

↘ Perfect for children under 8 years old.

**TUE
23**

**PASSOVER SERVICE
@ 10:30 AM
COMMUNAL SEDER
@ 7 PM**

↘ Enjoy this festive meal with your Shul friends.

For more information:



admin@maidshul.org

NEW PRAYER BOARD FOR THE KING

Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain

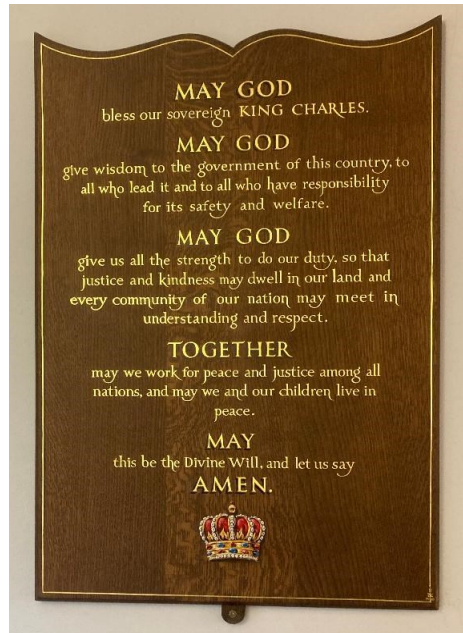
Go into virtually every synagogue in Britain and there will be a prayer for the ruler. It is based on the verse in Jeremiah where those who have been taken off in exile to Babylon write to Jeremiah and ask what they should do – rebel, go on strike, get on with life.

He instructs them to “Pray for the peace of the land in which you dwell” (Jer. 29:7). This is assumed to be because he reckoned the exile would last a long time, so they should make the best of their fate. It also reflects the fact that if there is a civil disorder in society, it is the minorities who usually suffer the most.

Although our new prayer board was commissioned shortly after the death of Queen Elizabeth, it was only completed in the week when the King’s cancer was revealed, leading to a major dilemma.

I did wonder whether it would be better to wait and see what his prognosis was before putting up the plaque rather than, if the news was bad, having to take it down again not long afterward.

However, as I know from so many members, “one can live with cancer,” while there are also those who overcome it completely. So, I decided to press ahead as an act of faith and hope that King Charles III will continue to reign over us for many years to come.





JUBILEE LECTURE

14 April
8 pm

The David Baddiel Jubilee Lecture has already sold out!

Due to unprecedented demand, we may be able to arrange online access.

If you are interested, please email the office at admin@maidshul.org

UPCOMING TALK BY SEAN FLETCHER

The BBC presenter (*Rebound*, *Countryfile*, *Sunday Morning Live*, *Songs of Praise*) and ambassador for both Beating Bowel Cancer and Young Minds UK, will be talking at the synagogue about his life, religious journey, passionate causes and media roles.

It will be on Wednesday 1 May at 8 pm, under the auspices of the Berkshire Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ). It will be followed by questions and refreshments. Any Christian friends are very welcome too, so do let them know.

There is no charge, but places must be booked in advance, as his celebrity status means we expect to be fully booked.

Please email the office at admin@maidshul.org if you wish to book a place. No ticket will be sent. Your name will be put on the guest list.



HUNGARIAN EVENING REPORT

Eszter Fixler

The Hungarian evening on 24 February was a great opportunity to connect with others who share my background and culture and a fun way to get to know new people.

We all talked and shared experiences over a lovely dinner, which we all helped to provide.

I really enjoyed it as it gave us all an opportunity to socialise and connect with other members of the community; no

matter how you related to Hungary, whether by birth or just by marriage, we all had an equally lovely time.



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MY JOURNEY

Laura Maratchi

TO MAIDENHEAD

This month, we meet Laura Maratchi, a trainee clinical psychologist from Twyford.

As a child, I belonged to a Sephardic Orthodox community in Manchester, although we were by no means Orthodox.

In fact, it felt like having everything in a language I couldn't understand, and so many rules, was more of a barrier to my Judaism.

I hated Cheder because I didn't understand what was going on, and pretty quickly left. I had a batmitzvah, but it wasn't meaningful in the way my childrens'

were. I still haven't ever been near an unadorned Torah, let alone read from it.

What did connect me to my Judaism was going to the Jewish youth group Habonim Dror.

When I graduated, I moved to Brighton and Hove and joined a Reform synagogue there, but I never felt really part of a Jewish community until I joined Maidenhead in 2007.

I had moved to Twyford with my non-Jewish fiancé at the same time my mum moved there from Manchester.

Fortunately, my mum had done all the groundwork, and one day, Jonathan



just happened to be passing our house!

I have been coming to synagogue regularly with my children, first as babies, where I met a wonderful group of other Jewish mums.

Then I brought them to Ganon, with the wonderful Sheila and Leah, and later to Cheder.

I have always loved how inclusive the synagogue is, especially as I had married a non-Jew. So different from my childhood experiences.

A WONDERFUL WAY TO END YOUR WEEK

Shel Musiker and Lucy Henning

It's incredible how simply joining in a Shabbat service can make us stronger, but it does.

There are lots of reason for coming along. Some come for prayers; some to celebrate a *yahrtzeit*; some



because they long to meet other Jews in the community. For others it's because they enjoy attending rather than being at home alone, while it appears that the rest of the world is out and about.

Research has shown that even if you don't believe in a higher power, it feels good to express faith and gratitude. There's increasing evidence that singing releases happy chemicals (endorphins, serotonin and dopamine) that boost our mood and make us feel good about ourselves.

Come along - you are very welcome! Our community is diverse and open and when the service ends, we share nibbles and a story or a laugh.

NEWS FROM THE ECO TEAM

There are now four new compost bins situated near the orchard and it is hoped that in time there will be enough compost for all parts of the garden.



To help with our composting, please be aware that there are now two food composting bins in the kitchen: one for raw fruit and vegetable leftovers, which will go into the garden compost, and the other for cooked food, which should go into the council food waste bins in the car park.



Pesach 2024 Kosher Shop Order Form

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Email address: _____

To place your Pesach 2024 order, please complete this form and email a copy to tamarleeper@hotmail.com. If you are unable to email your order, please send it to the Maidenhead Synagogue Office, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX.

Orders must be received by 5 pm on Sunday 7 April 2024.

Please note that fresh items will only be purchased if the 'use by date' is on or after 22 April 2024 (Erev Pesach). All items are subject to availability. If you require items that are not on this list, please request these with your order and, where possible, these will be purchased for you.

*The prices quoted are a guide price only, based on 2023 prices.
They will be adjusted to reflect 2024 prices.*

**Orders can be collected from the Kosher Shop on
Sunday 21 April 2024: 10 am – noon.**

Please note orders will not be ready for collection prior to this date. Payment must be made in full on collection, using either cash or card (Mastercard and Visa credit or debit only). We **DO NOT** accept cheques.

If you are unable to collect your order on Sunday 21 April 2024 please make alternative arrangements with the Synagogue Office via email admin@maidshul.org or telephone 01628 673012.

Pesach 2024 Order Form				
ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT SIZE	GUIDE PRICE	QUANTITY	APPROXIMATE TOTAL
Aviv Matzot	300g	£2.30		
Rakusens Matzot	300g	£1.95		
Egg Matzot	300g	£3.30		
Rakusens Tea Matzot	150g	£1.50		
Rakusens Matza Meal – Fine	375g	£2.00		
Rakusens Matza Meal – Medium	375g	£2.00		
Rakusens Matza Meal – Cake Meal	375g	£1.75		
Telma Kneidl Mix	84g	£1.75		
Potato Flour	500g	£2.00		
Manischewitz Lokshen Noodles – Medium Pack	340g	£5.00		
Manischewitz Lokshen Noodles – Fine Pack	340g	£5.00		
Palwin No. 10	Bottle	£11.00		
Kedem	Bottle	£9.50		
Red Grape Juice	660ml	£4.00		
Household Candles Pack of 12		£1.75		
Household Candles Pack of 16		£1.75		
Household Candles Pack of 20		£1.75		

Pesach 2024 Order Form

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT SIZE	GUIDE PRICE	QUANTITY	APPROXIMATE TOTAL
Chrayne Regular	280ml jar	£3.50		
Chrayne Extra Strong	280ml jar	£3.50		
Elswood Haimisha Cucumbers	jar	£2.50		
Elswood Dill Spears	jar	£2.50		
Elswood Whole Sweet Cucumbers	jar	£2.50		
Elswood Sweet & Sour Cucumbers	jar	£2.50		
Telma Cubes - Beef		£1.80		
Telma Cubes - Chicken		£1.80		
Osem Chicken Flavour Soup Mix - Parve	400g tub	£3.30		
Osem Vegetable Soup Mix - Parve	400g tub	£3.30		
Osem Beef Soup Mix - Parve	400g tub	£3.30		
Hymans Frozen Chopped Mixed Fish	500g tub	£5.60		
Gefilte Fish Jar	500g	£9.00		
Frozen Uncooked Chicken Supremes - 2 in pack		£ based on weight		
Frozen Uncooked Chicken Roaster WHOLE	1.6kg approx	£ based on weight		
Frozen Uncooked Chicken Roaster HALF	0.75kg approx	£ based on weight		

Pesach 2024 Order Form				
ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT SIZE	GUIDE PRICE	QUANTITY	APPROXIMATE TOTAL
Frozen Uncooked Chicken Boiler HALF	0.75kg approx	£ based on weight		
Frozen Uncooked Boiler Giblets	500g approx	£ based on weight		
Frozen Uncooked Beef Sausages	500g approx	£ based on weight		
Frozen Uncooked Best Cubed Beef Goulash	500g approx	£ based on weight		
Frozen Uncooked Best Beef Mince	500g approx	£ based on weight		
Frozen Uncooked Lamb Mince	500g approx	£ based on weight		
Frozen Uncooked Lamb Goulash	500g approx	£ based on weight		
Please note below any items you would like that are not on the list:				

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MAIDENHEAD SYNAGOGUE



KAYTANA *Day Camp*

NON-RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMP
FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS
AGED 3 AND UP TO YEAR 8

29 JULY TO 2 AUGUST

SEPARATE PROGRAMS FOR THE LITTLE AND
OLDER ONES — AND THOSE IN-BETWEEN

APRIL EVENTS DIARY

MONDAYS

ADULT EDUCATION

7:30 pm – Hebrew: Beginners, Intermediate & Ivrit

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 or on 01628 673012.

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



BUENOS KLEZMER

Thursday 4 April at 8 pm / Tickets £16

Norden Farm

Vocalist Maya Levy weaves a fascinating tale of these long-ago worlds while clarinettist Livia Frankish wails, guitarist Eyal Pik serenades and cellist Mayda Narvey cajoles.

The band's debut in 2019 saw them playing to sold-out audiences with standing room only.

Join your shul friends for a truly magical evening. To purchase tickets, please book direct with the Norden Farm Box office 01628 788997 or at <https://nordenfarm.org>



TORAH BREAKFAST

Saturday 6 April at 9:15 am

Discussion Group

Join us before the Shabbat service on 6 April for an in-depth discussion of the portion Shemini - Leviticus 9:1-11:47. Coffee and tea are available. No RSVP is necessary. **See page 6 for details.**



Religion School

First day of term – 5 May 2024

Half-term – 26 May and 2 June 2024

Last day of term – 14 July 2024

YANIV KADER

Saturday 6 April 10:30 am

Barmitzvah

My name is Yaniv Kader and I go to Furze Platt Senior School in Maidenhead. My favourite subject is Technology, specifically food technology. I would love to be a chef, making people happy by serving them my favourite recipes and allowing them to feel relaxed and at home; like my Mum's food makes me feel.

My main hobby is video games, whether watching, playing, or analysing them.

My family has been a great help on this journey. My Dad has taught me a lot of the Hebrew I needed to know and helped me practice. My Mum has also been incredibly supportive, giving me advice and providing interesting insights into Judaism. My sister, Rachel, and my brother, Gilad, have given me their insights, too, as they did their Bar and Batmitzvahs at the Synagogue.

I would like to thank Jonathan for the journey of Judaism throughout my life and also Tony for helping me learn and appreciate the Hebrew language.



MATZA MAKING SESSION

Sunday 7 April at 11 am

Cooking with Barbara

Have you ever made matza?

No? Neither have I, so come join me on Sunday 7 April, from 11 am to around 12:30 pm as we experiment together.

You don't need any equipment or ingredients; we'll supply everything. Just bring yourselves! Let me know by the end of Thursday 4 April, if you're joining us. Email me at projects@maidshul.org or call, WhatsApp, or text me on 07855 801937.



FILM NIGHT

Sunday 7 April at 7:30 pm

Golda

Set during the tense 19 days of the Yom Kippur War in 1973, Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir is faced with the potential of Israel's complete destruction. She must navigate overwhelming odds, a sceptical cabinet, and a complex relationship with US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, with millions of lives in the balance. Her tough leadership and compassion would ultimately decide the fate of her nation and leave her with a controversial legacy around the world.

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



MUTUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE BEREAVED OR DIVORCED

Mondy 8 April at 3 pm

Support Group

If you have been through a bereavement, or a divorce, do join us. For more information, contact Rabbi Romain at rabromain@aol.com

New attendees should arrive no later than 2:45 pm.



EDMUND JOSEF

Saturday 13 April at 10:30 am

Barmitzvah

My name is Edmund Josef, and I live in Kingston Blount, Oxfordshire. I go to Lord Williams's School in Thame, and my favourite subjects are humanities, computing, and maths. I also love music. I play the clarinet and piano and take part in Chiltern Music Academy's orchestras. I am interested in coding and want to be a programmer when I am older.



I would like to thank Tony and Rabbi Romain for helping me prepare for my Barmitzvah; they have been supportive and encouraging.

DAVID BADDIEL - JUBILEE LECTURE

Sunday 14 April at 8 pm

Grenfell Lodge

See page 11 for details.



BACKGAMMON

Wednesday 17 April 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**



WOMEN'S INTERFAITH GROUP (WAMCF) **No Meeting in April**

Ladies of all faiths or none are welcome to come along and share refreshments.

For details of upcoming meetings, please text or WhatsApp Barbara Grossman on 07855 801937 or email her at:

projects@maidshul.org



T GROUP: THIRD THURSDAY TEA & TALK AT TWO **Thursday 18 April at 2 pm**

Lunch and Talk at ECO Action Hub Maidenhead

The EcoSynagogue Team and T Group invite you to join us for a meal at midday at the Storia Restaurant in Maidenhead, followed by a talk at the ECO Action Hub for Maidenhead and Windsor at their premises in the Nicholsons Shopping Centre, Maidenhead.



Come and find out about some of the things that the ECO Action Hub does; pick up some tips and advice for living a more sustainable and eco-friendly lifestyle. Did you know, for instance, that they run a Repair Café for electrical items that can then be reused?

Please contact Sue Henry if you are interested, and details will be sent to you: sue.henry@maidshul.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOM HA'ZIKARON CEREMONY & YOM HA'ATZMAUT **Monday 13 May at 6:30 pm**

Event starts promptly at 6:45 pm

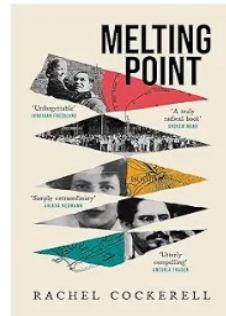
Save the date for our community-led Yom Ha'Zikaron Ceremony and Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration with BBQ. More details in the May *Hadashot* but if you can't wait, please contact Barbara Grossman at either projects@maidshul.org or 07855 801937.

COMBINED BOOK CIRCLE AND T GROUP **Thursday 16 May at 7 pm**

Come for soup before the talk!

Please save the date. Rachel Cockerell will be at Maidenhead Synagogue to talk about her new book: *Melting Point: Family, Memory and the Search for a Promised Land*. It is a groundbreaking family history for fans of Edmund de Waal and Philippe Sands.

Heart-warming soup and bread will be served at 7 pm followed by Rachel's talk at 7:30 pm. If you would like to join us for soup, please contact Barbara Grossman before Thursday 16 May by emailing her at projects@maidshul.org



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER **Friday 17 May 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

SHUL SOCIAL SUMMER ADVENTURE 26 to 28 July 2024

Gloucestershire

We will be at the Far Peak Climbing Centre, Northleach, Gloucestershire, GL54 3JL on 27 July. You are welcome to come for the day or stay for the whole weekend. Local B&Bs, Glamping and Camping options available.



Restaurant and street food on site and good quality pubs nearby also so no need to cook. Price will depend on the activities you choose.

For more information, contact Oliver Lawton by email at oliver.lawton@maidshul.org or on 07788 727994.

OTHER REGULAR EVENTS

Details of the next sessions for these regular events were not available at the time of printing. Please contact the organisers for more information.

TIDDLERS' SERVICE

3 to 7 year olds

Please contact Sheila Veniar at
sheilaveniar@gmail.com



ISRAELI DANCING

Dance and Fun!

Please contact Varda Parash on 07970 869591
or email varda.parash@btinternet.com



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Maidenhead's Mitzvah Day team and the Soul Café, Brett Foundation

From Alexandra Domingue: I'm excited to announce that after a short break since Mitzvah Day 2023, we are going to be launching cooking dates to support the Brett Foundation's new initiative, the Soul Café.



Loneliness can affect anyone at any age and stage of life. The Soul Café is a way for Maidenhead locals to drop in on Thursdays from 5 pm to 6:30 pm for a meal, cake and a chat. It's free, open to everyone and throughout the rest of 2024. We'll be organising dates on Sunday afternoons to make home-cooked meals that the Soul Café can share with guests. You can find out more about the initiative here: <https://www.brettfoundation.charity/soul-cafe>

Keep an eye on *Hadashot* and email communications about our upcoming cooking dates, in association with our work for Mitzvah Day 2024!

Kalooki

Would anyone be interested in getting together to play Kalooki? This is a card game I learnt 'at my mother's knee', as I'm sure was the case with many others. If this is of interest to you please let me know. Please contact me, Denise Williams, at sweets11.dw@gmail.com



Passover Message 2024

The Board of Deputies of British Jews has issued a Passover Message. It can be read on their website using this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/Pesach24>



Job Spot

A long-standing and reliable member of the community has reached the end of his full-time career and is now looking for a part-time position in one of the following areas:

- Office Management
- Being a Trustee
- Working in a Service Role
- Project Management
- Facilities Management
- General Aide-de-Camp duties
- Help Desk Work
- Working in a Laudable Charity

If you wish to have further details – or would like to advertise a vacancy, or publicise your own search for a particular position – please contact Rabbi Romain on 01628 671058 or at rabromain@aol.com

HAVE A FUN-FILLED SUMMER 2024

Near or far, there are loads of adventures available for Jewish youths this summer. Don't miss out – be sure to book your place with RSY today!

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS YEARS 5–10

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/>

YOUTH SUMMER TOURS (YEAR 11)

There will be an educational trip to Prague, Vienna, Budapest and surrounding areas exploring Jewish life and history (15–28 July). Depending on the situation, there may also be a trip to Israel (7–16 July). For info visit: <https://rsy-netzer.org.uk/> or contact: admin@rsy-netzer.org

SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS

*One of the most positive aspects of belonging to our community is the wide range of support options available to members. If you feel in need of support, of any kind, not just those listed below, please get in contact with Rabbi Romain who will be able to advise on options for help. **Rabbi Romain can be reached on 01628 671058.***

SHALOM COUNSELLING SERVICE

This confidential service, staffed by trained Counsellors who are members of the Synagogue, can offer support in understanding your situation and help you explore ways to cope with life's difficulties. Please contact Rebecca Senel on 01491 579446 or Rabbi Romain on 01628 671058 who will discuss the next steps with you.

MAIDENHEAD SYNAGOGUE CARE SCHEME

Do you need any help getting to a doctor's appointment or help with the shopping? Feel lonely and need a visitor? The Synagogue runs its own Care Scheme to help members of the community in whatever way. Contact Lucy Henning on 01753 624977.

TELEPHONE CHATLINE

To talk to a member of the community, no matter what the reason, call Pauline Glendinning on 01869 345845.

MUTUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE BEREAVED OR DIVORCED

If you have been through a bereavement, or a divorce, which can have similar consequences in many respects, do join us for an informal chat at the Synagogue on the first Monday of the month at 3 pm. Often mixing with people in a similar situation can be a great tonic.

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APRIL 2024 SERVICES

Friday	5th	7:30 pm	Family Service
Saturday	6th	9:15 am	Torah Breakfast
		10:30 am	Shabbat Service & Barmitzvah of Yaniv Kader
Friday	12th	8:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday	13th	10:30 am	Shabbat Service & Barmitzvah of Edmund Josef
Friday	19th	8:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday	20th	10:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday	21st	3 pm	Young Family Seder
Monday	22nd		Erev Pesach There is no evening service
Tuesday	23rd	10:30 am	First Day Pesach Service
		7 pm	Communal Seder
Friday	26th	8:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday	27th	10:30 am	Shabbat Service
Sunday	28th		Erev Seventh Day Pesach There is no evening service
Monday	29th	10:30 am	Seventh Day Pesach Service

**Please see pages 20-27 for the full listing
of April 2024 events.**

Mondays	7:30 pm	Hebrew – Adult Education
Wednesdays	11:30 am	Wednesday Social
Thursdays	10 am	Mothers & Bumps/Babies/Toddlers Ganon: 2 ½–5 years old

All services at Grenfell Lodge are now in-person and livestreamed.
Visit 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