

We pass our condolences to the family and close friends of Mark Harris after his sad and sudden loss. Mark was a very active and committed member of the security team and CST for many years and will be greatly missed.



### **SOCIAL – Oliver Lawton**

The social calendar has been increasingly active over the year, and I want to thank everyone who has supported these events either by attending, hosting and organising!

Last year we attended Far Peak Camping & Climbing Centre for a fun-filled weekend of outdoor activities. I am delighted the event is taking place again this year, from 30 May-1 June. We have around 30 people attending climbing, caving and archery activities followed by pizza and toasted marshmallows! On 29 June, we plan to hold a summer picnic in the synagogue garden – a free event with a barbecue, music and games.

Our Hidden Middle events are targeted at those members of working age looking to build friendships and work connections. They continue to be very popular! The next After Work drinks will be Wednesday 4 June, 6–9 pm. Numbers are limited, so please email Jo to book in. Venue details are sent a few days beforehand. The next Co Working Day at the shul is Monday 30 June, 9:30 am–5 pm. Pre-booking is required, but you can come for the whole day or just for coffee or lunch. Quiet spaces are available, along with snacks and lunch. Come for the day, a coffee or just lunch.

Lastly, we have a free Business Directory on the Members-Only area of the Shul website. If you'd like to be added, please contact

**[webmaster@maidshul.org](mailto:webmaster@maidshul.org)**

Thank you to Jo Berman for leading the charge on this initiative and without whom these events would never have got off the ground. To get involved, please contact **[Jo.Berman@maidshul.org](mailto:Jo.Berman@maidshul.org)**

*Young Adults* are targeted at those individuals in the 18-35 age range as well as those parents with children or grandchildren within this group—no membership required for the young adults. We would like help and support in getting more people interested in these events and connecting with young adults who might be interested in attending. Out of the 207 names we have on our

database list, we only have details for 33 people.

The aim is to keep things as open and inclusive as possible, connecting with other local Jewish communities and university societies to involve them in our work. The following events are being planned for this year: June - Outdoor excursion and November - Games night at the synagogue.

Thank you to Sapir Tal and Sarah Lewis for leading this initiative. To get involved, please contact [MaidenheadYA@gmail.com](mailto:MaidenheadYA@gmail.com)



### **YOUTH – Anna Crollick**

This year, we have been working more closely with RSY-Netzer and the Movement for Reform Judaism (MRJ). By the end of the academic year, we will have had four visits from the prestigious Shin Shinim Programme's Israeli Youth Ambassador, Ariel, 18. He has been very well received by both Cheder teachers and children. Being friendly, fun and positive, he engages well with the different age groups, giving them a young person's perspective on life in Israel. Keeping to our Eco-youth theme, we ran a successful trip to Maidenhead's Eco-Hub and have had two visits from the RSY Movement Worker, Josh, who ran Youth Club for us. We also aim to host a Shabbat sleepover at Maidenhead soon.

We are still looking for an in-house Youth worker who could run more events for us. Let me know if this could be you/someone you know  
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For our older youth, we are pleased to have begun a new initiative for GCSE and A-Level students. Dale Resnick, a local secondary school sixth form teacher and our very own post b'nei mitzvah teacher, is running revision support/social sessions. Students can tap into his expertise, ask for advice on all things from exam strategies to well-being/resilience and revise together in the same space with friends. This will continue to run next year.

Rabbi Rene led the antisemitism support group for parents of children and university students. Thank you to him and everyone who has helped support our youth this year.