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To book the date for your kiddush, please contact,
Pauline Keyne at pauline.keyne@maidshul.org

Pauline is happy to find you a 'Kiddush buddy' if you would like one.

Diz Adelman for her
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father's Yahrzeit

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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 Rene at rabbi@maidshul.org or 07495 491325.

CALLING ALL WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

From journalism students to avid shutterbugs, we know that our community is full of gifted creative people, and we'd love to have you contribute to Hadashot.



What We're Looking For:

- Article ideas
- Interview and storytelling skills
- Photos that capture life within our community
- Personal experiences and insights
- Recipes



Why Get Involved?

- Build your portfolio
- Help bring fresh perspectives to Hadashot readers
- Support the Maidenhead mishpocha

Want to know more? Get in touch with the editors via hadashot@maidshul.org

Monthly Musings From Rabbi Rene

The Ties That Connect Us

Hebrew gives us a beautiful vocabulary for community, each word revealing something different about how we connect. Kehillah, our most familiar term, comes from a root meaning "to gather with purpose". Chavurah speaks to the friendships we choose. Edah suggests testimony – a community that bears shared witness to life's sacred moments and eternal truths. And finally, Klal Yisrael reminds us we're part of something vast and eternal, connected to all Jews across time and space.

These aren't just ancient words. They point to something profound: community has always been central to Jewish life, but its meaning has evolved dramatically. We no longer have to belong to a Jewish community. We do so by choice.

We live now at the intersection

of countless identities. We are Jews, but also citizens of Britain and other countries, professionals, parents, members of online communities, supporters of causes. Our loyalties are plural, our belonging fluid. So, what holds a progressive Jewish community together when we could easily choose to belong elsewhere?

The Hebrew concept of brit (covenant) captures what we're really doing here. A covenant isn't just a contract; it's a relationship that transforms both parties. We agree to show up for one another through joy and sorrow. We commit to challenge each other to grow. We take responsibility for preserving and transmitting what we've received while adapting it for our time.

The invisible threads connecting us are woven from multiple strands. We share the same

rhythms of life as marked by the Jewish calendar and lifecycle events. We share and carry forward both the trauma and triumphs of Jewish history, and we inscribe ourselves in narratives thousands of years old. We share and live by the same set of values, repairing the world, contributing to a better society, the dignity of all life. And we try to explore universal, ageless questions through the particular lens of Jewish tradition.

We remain beautifully, necessarily tribal. But our tribe is chosen, rather than imposed, voluntary rather than coercive, open and inclusive rather than closed. This is both the challenge and the gift of a progressive Jewish community such as ours in 2025.

The cement holding us together isn't visible, because it's not made of rules or requirements. It's made of relationships, stories, songs, sorrows shared and joys multiplied. It's the recognition that while we could live meaningful lives in isolation, we live more

meaningful lives in connection.

We need each other. Not just for comfort, but for the sacred work of becoming our best selves and helping heal our broken world.

As we approach the High Holy Days, consider your own invisible threads. What brought you to this community? What keeps you coming back? How has belonging here changed and transformed you? Whether you are a regular or an occasional, your presence with the community is essential. Each of you contribute to the presence and nurturing of a Jewish presence in the Thames Valley, and God knows how Jews need a place like Maidenhead these days.

In a world where community is chosen rather than given, every member's story matters. May we give thanks for the invisible threads that bind us, and may we strengthen them through our continued commitment to one another and to the sacred work we share.

Rabbi Rene

Council Members for 2025/2026

At the AGM on 3 July 2025, the following were elected to office:

Chair: Martin Birch

Vice Chair & Buildings and Grounds: Tony Nothman

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Community Care: Lucy Henning

Education and Projects: Till Gins

IT & Health and Safety: Lincoln Ball

Local Networks: Vacancy

Religious Affairs: Shel Musiker

Security: Marcus Richards

Social: Oliver Lawton

Youth: Emma Levy

We also elected our Board of Deputies' representatives for the next triennial session: Leigh Dworkin, Ze'ev Portner and Sapir Tal



Let the office
know!

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**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE
JEWISH
IN YOUR AREA?**

*All information shared will be held
in strict confidence.*



ADVANCE DIARY DATES

High Holy Days – September 2025

Erev Rosh Hashana	Monday 22nd September
Rosh Hashana	Tuesday 23rd September
Kol Nidre	Wednesday 1st October
Yom Kippur	Thursday 2nd October
Erev Sukkot	Monday 6th October
Sukkot	Tuesday 7th October
Erev Simchat Torah	Monday 13th October
Simchat Torah	Tuesday 14th October

Full details of the High Holy Day arrangements
will appear in the September *Hadashot*.

Hanukkah Term / Cheder 2025

First day of term	14th September
Half-term	26th October and 2nd November
Last day of term	7th December

Hanukkah at Maidenhead Synagogue

Hanukkah Fair	10 am – 1 pm	Sunday 30th November
Latke Party	6 pm	Sunday 14th December
Interfaith Hanukkah Party	6 pm	Thursday 18th December
Hanukkah Party	3 pm	Sunday 21st December

DEVARIM

דברים

By Shel Musiker

The Torah portion for 2 August 2025 is Devarim. This is the beginning of the book of Deuteronomy, which translates as second law or repetition of the law. The meaning of Devarim, which is both the name of the last book of the Torah and the first parsha, is derived from the first verse, “These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel.”

We are informed that the date was the first day of the 11th month of the 40th year that Moses spoke to the children of Israel concerning all that G-d commanded him regarding them. Jewish tradition says that Moses passes away 37 days later, on the 7th of the 12th month, which is the 7th of Adar. How does Moses

fill his final days of his mortal coil? He provides a series of speeches to teach, inspire and motivate the people for all time. For they were now in the plains of Moab, across the Jordan River, opposite Jericho, preparing at last to enter the promised land.

Moses begins by rebuking the people but does so by employing nuanced references to places they passed through during the long, arduous journey towards the promised land. For example, he mentions they were between Paran and Tofel and Lavan. Rabbi Yochanan, a sage from the Talmudic period, noted there are no places in scripture called Tofel or Lavan. He further observes that Moses chastised the people for

Parasha Devarim – Deuteronomy 1:1–3:22 –

The parashah recounts how Moses appointed chiefs, the episode of the Twelve Spies, encounters with the Edomites and Ammonites, the conquest of Sihon and Og and the assignment of land to the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh.

having maligned (sh'taflu) the manna that was white (lavan).

If you have ever been rebuked or sat opposite someone with whom you wish to clear the air, you know how delicate those moments can be. The Jewish people in the Bible are very human. Yet our greatest leader, Moses, sought to uplift them, even while reminding them of our worst moments. He also mentions a location called Di Zahav, which translates as abundance of gold and is a reference to the sin of the golden calf. His technique is to bring people closer to him during corrective discourse. It is a technique that we can all consider when offering constructive criticism.



Why I Teach

An occasional series in which we profile the wonderful cheder teachers at Maidenhead! This month: Rosalind Luper

How long have you been teaching at cheder?

I have been teaching at Maidenhead cheder for 30 years (yes, really)!

I used to teach 8-9-year-olds. I now teach 9-10-year-olds (Class Hay).

How long have you been a teacher at a school?

I never was a teacher. In my working life, I was a personal assistant/office manager, having originally qualified in bilingual Business Studies with French. When I started at cheder, I did not have any teaching tips or tricks up my sleeve and started with nothing. I had an Orthodox upbringing, so I knew my stuff and just got stuck in, gradually amassing my own library of worksheets and puzzles.

What inspires you about education?

I asked a lot of questions myself as



a child, so I understand a child's need to understand the world around them. I am very keen that children should learn to think for themselves. I do not think it is my job to indoctrinate, but to provide information and then find out what the children think or feel. It's inspiring to find out what they would have done in a certain situation, what they feel Bible stories have to tell us today, or whether Torah texts make any sense to them.

What made you want to teach a cheder class?

I started when my daughter started age 5. Having come from Reading each Sunday, I found I was just drifting around the building, so

decided I may as well teach a class myself.

Why is it meaningful to you?

I do feel that our heritage should be passed on and that it is important for children to have a framework on which to build their lives. If they choose to depart from this heritage when they are older, that is up to them, but they cannot make that decision in a vacuum.

What would you say to anyone

considering becoming a cheder teacher?

Just jump in! You will know far more than you realise. Don't be intimidated; you only have to prepare one week at a time and there are lots of resources – including the other teachers – to help you. It's an amazing journey: you will learn as much from the children as they learn from you. It's a two-way street.

CHEDER MEMORIAL PRIZES 2025

Prizes are awarded each year at the Religion School for children in certain classes who have excelled in terms of effort and achievement. Well done to all pupils for doing so well!

If anyone wishes to donate an annual prize for other classes, please contact the office at admin@maidshul.org

Michael Anthony Bearman Memorial Prize	Class Alef	Aviana Lehmann
The Jo Osborne Memorial Prize	Class Bet	Sarah Kirby
The Joan, Joe, Ellis, Esther and Salo Gartner Memorial Prize	Class Gimmel	Caleb Alvarez
The Daniel Sommer Memorial Prize	Class Dalet	Alex Lavon
The Robert and Rachel Baker Memorial Prize	Class Hay	Leon James
The Syd and Renee Marcus Memorial Prize	Class Vav	Hannah Lewis
The Ruth Harwood Memorial Prize	Class Zayin	Mariana Gotlib Degerth
Michael Anthony Bearman Memorial Prize	Class Chet	Rebecca Connell
The Lindi Hill Award for Personal Commitment	Post B'nei Mitzvah Class	Rachel Lewis

Come Along to the Big Orange Shabbat

Have you ever thought about running a Shabbat service, but worried about the pressure of doing so? Come along to the Big Orange Shabbat on Saturday 30 August and find out how easy it is to do as a group!

A wonderful group of 13 ladies aged 14–80 has spent six months planning this special event, and we're not stopping there. With Rene's blessing, we're starting a new Maidenhead tradition.

Our service kicks off the first 'Hands-on Shabbat' led by members of the community. We see these as services with a twist: more personalised, maybe a little quirky, shaped by the interests and strengths of the people leading them. Whether it's focused on music, debating, football, all in English, all in Hebrew, led by young people, one family, the Wednesday Social, the Book Group, Israeli dancing or just members bringing a fresh perspective, it's whatever resonates with you.

After each special service, a huge, beautiful and symbolic yad – the Torah pointer – will be "handed over" to the next group, as a way of passing the baton, keeping the energy flowing, and showing that this is a tradition we're all building over the years together.

This is not about perfection. It's about learning, connection, having a go, and feeling proud of what you've done. We'll invite friends to our services and celebrate, just like a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. It just won't be a solo journey, but a team one.

If you'd like to know more, create a group and start thinking what your Shabbat service would look like, then come along to ours (and find out why we call it 'The Big Orange Shabbat').

See you there, Saturday 30 August at 10:30 am.

Dress Code: Colourful!

THE **BIG ORANGE** SHABBAT

**30 AUGUST 2025
SATURDAY 10.30AM**

**What do 13 women, a judge
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common?**

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NEW **HANDS-ON SHABBAT** SERVICES**

If you would like to get together with some like-minded members
and deliver your own version of the Shabbat service then contact
projects@maidshul.org

DRESS CODE: COLOURFUL!

A **HANDS-ON
SHABBAT**



The Soferet

By Stan Labovitch

Until I read about Avelah Barclay's talk, I had never heard the word soferet, and like many, I suspect, knew nothing whatsoever about the subject. I was chomping at the bit, curious to learn more. It felt good to be among fellow knowledge seekers.

Rabbi René introduced the speaker, who the shul has commissioned to restore its two Torahs, one dating back to 1850, the other an early 20th century "Czech Torah".

Avelah's warmth, humour and infectious enthusiasm for her subject captivated the audience. She explained that a soferet is a female



sofer – a Jewish scribe whose job it is to copy the Hebrew text of a Torah, mezuzah or tefillin by hand. At the time of her certification in 2003, she was the world's first traditionally trained soferet in modern times.



Avelah presented the tools of her trade and examples of her work, which she passed around the room so that everyone could inspect and



admire their beauty and craftsmanship. Scrolls are written using kosher feathers, bamboo and Levantine reed on parchment. There are 4,000 rules about how scrolls should be created. It was incredibly

interesting, connecting us with millennia of Jewish history.

The soferet encouraged a vigorous exchange of questions and answers: Could one envisage AI replacing human scribes in the future? What's it like being married to a scribe (as Avielah herself is)?

Avielah is passionate about achieving gender equality within

Judaism but still respects tradition. At a time of great suffering and war, it's important to remember that the Torah lies at the very heart of Judaism.

We still need £6,000 to restore our Torah, so please generously donate to the shul by contacting the admin team: admin@maidshul.org

ORDER YOUR HIGH HOLY DAY PRAYER BOOK TODAY!

The Reform Movement has published a new High Holy Day Prayer Book, which we will be using at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It will have many advantages over the previous edition (printed 39 years ago) such as having transliteration of the Hebrew, which many will find helpful. It will also have a range of new readings making the long service much more meaningful, while the language will be more inclusive (e.g. “every person” rather than “every man”).

It costs £42. Please send that amount (or £84 for two sets) via BACS to the Synagogue at: Sort Code: 40-31-05 Acc no: 8176 5620. But it is vital you put in the reference section: “HHD/surname” AND that you also email us at: admin@maidshul.org to let us know you have sent it, otherwise the order might not be allocated to you.

The books can then be picked up any time before the High Holy Days from the office or Kosher Shop (though you must email to arrange for them to be ready for you) or they can be collected on the day at the services.



Shul Theatre Group

By Mike Consden

What is happening in this photograph? Why are two adults dragging a pretend coal wagon across the shul floor? Why are eight or more children needed? Why a play written for radio? Do not send your answers on a post card.



Come to the shul instead - with children - to an introduction and read through of the play on either:

Sunday 12 Oct (2 pm – 3:30 pm) or Sunday 19 Oct (2 pm – 3:30 pm)

Need to know more? Contact mikeconsden@aol.com or call him on 07503 228375

A truly HOT Summer Picnic

By Sivan Raphaely (Patton)

On 29 June, 70 members of our synagogue gathered under trees, canopies and thick layers of sunscreen for a very warm summer picnic.

Andra Serban's voice transported us to the opera houses of Europe. Isaac Urch brought the soul of Bob Dylan to life. We were wowed by dance performances by Charlotte Lawson (8), Esther Shumway (7) and her little brother, Ira (3). Megan and Max Chaloner charmed us with their humour and their singing.

I performed some musical theatre favourites – and loved every second, especially when the audience joined in. The entertainment closed with a high-energy ABBA finale from Hannah Lebrecht.

Thank you to everyone who organised, performed, helped, sponsored food and equipment, clapped, sang along, or simply showed up. We can't wait to do it again!

Summer Picnic



Ordination of Rabbi Dr Hannah Altorf

By David Simon

At a lovely and very moving music-filled service on Sunday 6 July, we celebrated Leo Baeck College's annual rabbinical ordination ceremony. These are always memorable events in the life of LBC, marking the transition of ordinands from students to fully-fledged rabbis. This year's venue was the very impressive and newly rebuilt Finchley Reform Synagogue (FRS).

An extra-special feature of the service was a characteristically spirited address by Rabbi Dr Jackie Tabick to mark 50 years since her own ordination as the UK's first female rabbi. Reflecting on frustrating obstacles she had to face early in her career, she pointed out that, while many of these belong to a bygone era, women rabbis still face challenges.

Hannah Altorf, who has done sterling work at Maidenhead this past year, was one of the two ordinands, receiving her Smicha from Rabbi Miriam Berger, FRS's senior rabbi until



last year. Hannah also performed admirably at LBC's viva day the previous week, summarising her MA dissertation and fielding questions. As LBC's Co-Chair, I had the pleasure of presenting Hannah with her certificate.

Adopted Hostages

As part of a campaign to keep all hostages front of mind, Maidenhead has “adopted” two young Israelis still held in captivity.



Nimrod Cohen, נמרוד כהן, age 20, was abducted with his friends from Nahal Oz. The Cohen family lives in Rehovot, where his family, particularly his twin sister, Romi Cohen, are active in the Hostages and Missing Families Forum.

His mother Vicki says he is a sensitive, introverted and quiet boy, with a big heart, and that he loves his friends very much. Nimrod loves travelling, both in Israel and internationally. He has been an active participant and leader in the Jewish National Fund youth organisation.

In high school, he studied software engineering and dedicated significant time to training and fitness.



Itay Chen was murdered on 7 October 2023. His body is still being held in Hamas captivity.

He was abducted from a Nahal Oz military base where he was stationed with friends in his Armoured Corps team. His family spoke with him on Saturday morning and never heard from him again. His brother was about to have his Bar Mitzvah a few days after the kidnapping – he commemorated it without him.

Itay is the middle of three brothers. He was a sports enthusiast who loved soccer, rock climbing, and travelling around the country.

The IDF publicly announced that Itay was killed on 12 March 2024.

The Board of Deputies is organising regular vigils for the hostages every Wednesday afternoon outside the Houses of Parliament when they are in session. To volunteer at a vigil, please visit <https://bod.org.uk/sign-up-form-for-vigil-volunteers/>

Members' Area and Adverts

Room to let in Shurlock Row

We have a room to let in Shurlock Row, either short term or long term, that would suit a single professional. One double bedroom with own bathroom and share the rest of the house including kitchen.

Please contact **David & Jackie Grueneberg** via 07966 233659.



GCSE / A-Level Revision Group

Doing GCSEs or A-Levels? Need some moral support, revision skills, exam strategies?

We are running a Revision Support Group open to Years 10-13, led by the fantastic Dale Resnick, a local sixth form teacher. The group is relaxed and informal focused on:

- Time and space to revise together
- Skills focused guidance
- Collaborative peer support
- A place to ask questions
- Practice strategies
- Learn how to structure and balance your time

We will meet on 14th September, 28th September and 19th October at 13:00 to 15:00 in the Youth Hut.



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Beaconsfield/Gerrards Cross and Amersham networks

I would like to thank Rabbi Rene and everyone who came to our evening gathering on 16th May. Over 42 members enjoyed the chatter and the good food hosted by Les and Karen to whom we are very grateful for having us. Happy summer, Myriam.

AUGUST EVENTS DIARY

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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.

UNDER-35s FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Friday 1 August at 6 pm

This is a Maidenhead Young Adult (MYA) Potluck Friday Night Dinner (FND) for 18-35 year olds, breaking for the communal service between main course and dessert. Please contact **Sapir Tal** and **Sarah Lewis** via MaidenheadYA@gmail.com to RSVP and for more information.

**MYA
SUMMER
FND**



Under-35s event

**Contact Sarah & Sapir at
MaidenheadYA@gmail.com**

1st AUGUST

6 PM Dinner

7:30pm Musical Service

8:30pm Dessert Kiddush

MUSICAL SERVICE

Friday 1 August at 7:30 pm

Shabbat Ruchani (a spiritual Shabbat), with Tom Smith on the guitar. This service will be musical, with new melodies, meditation, prayers – a gentle way to enter Shabbat.



TISHA B'AV SERVICE

Saturday 2 August at 7:30 pm



The Erev Tisha B'Av service commemorates past tragedies in Jewish history, including the destruction of the first and second temple. The service starts with lighting the 6-branched candelabrum representing the Holocaust in which 6 million Jews died.

Members who wish the names of those who died in the Holocaust to be mentioned before the kaddish should bring them with them on the evening.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Friday 15 August at 7:30 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 Robbi Hunter know that you're joining us.

Contact her at robbilynnhunter@gmail.com or on 07917 222875.

BACKGAMMON

Wednesday 20 August 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

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24TH AUG 2025
10AM - 5PM



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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 touch with Rabbi Rene, who will be able to advise on options for help.

Rabbi Rene can be reached on 07495 491325.

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 Rene on 07495 491325, 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.**

BIASED AND INACCURATE MEDIA REPORTAGE

If you identify biased and inaccurate media reportage on Israel, please send the examples via email to reportingbias@bod.org.uk. Include as much information as you can, but in particular, the date/time and media outlet/platform. Please cc bod@maidshul.org. Our BoD representatives are Leigh Dworkin and Sapir Tal.

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AUGUST 2025 DIARY

Every Wednesday	11:30 AM	Wednesday Social
Every Friday	7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Service (Except 15th August; please see

Every Saturday	10:30 AM	Shabbat Service
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Friday	1st	6:00 PM	Under 35s Friday Night Dinner
		7:30 PM	Musical Shabbat with Tom Smith
Saturday	2nd	7:30 PM	Tisha B'Av Service
Friday	15th	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Service
		7:30 PM	Friday Night Dinner
Wednesday	20th	2:00 PM	Backgammon
Sunday	24th	10:00 AM	WAMCF Interfaith Cricket Tournament

All services at Grenfell Lodge are now in-person and livestreamed.
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To access Zoom Kiddush
for both Erev Shabbat and Shabbat mornings immediately after each service
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