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Kaytana Fun

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Louis Bowyer
(Bracknell)

Rachel Coons
Turnbull (Marlow)

CONDOLENCES

Howard Barnett on
the loss of Susan

Karen Broude on the
loss of her brother

GET WELL SOON

Mike Grossman

Evelyne Meyer

MAZEL TOV

Graham Alfred for
his 75th birthday

Paula and Jerry
Haworth for the birth
of their first grand-
child, **Jack**

Robbi-Lynn Hunter
for the birth of her
first grandchild,
Tabitha Suzanne.
Her Hebrew name is
Shoshana

BEST WISHES ON THEIR NEW HOME

John Adelson
(Cornwall)

THANK YOU FOR HOSTING KIDDUSH

*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.

Allen and Clare Lewis
with the Under 35s
Group

Hannah Glass
following the
Kinderlech Service

David & Sheryl
Simon with Terry &
Cynthia Payman
when David led the
service and Cynthia
had Yahrzeit for her
brother and
remembered her
mother

Nigel Cohen & Susan
Topchik

Helen Godson and
her friends for
Matthew's Yahrzeit

Ezequiel Cupido &
Valeria Jacob Behar for
Mati's bat mitzvah

Mike & Linda Prager
when class Shaliach
Tzibbur led the
service

David & Rachel
Stockdale for Eliana's
bat mitzvah

Eric & Kayla
Tomlinson for the
Yahrzeit of Kayla's
father

The Friday Night
Diners

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.

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

Monthly Musings From Rabbi Rene

To New Beginnings

September always feels like a beginning. The new school year, the return to routine, the long days of the summer giving way to a more structured time again. Families get ready for the new school year. But for the Jewish calendar, September brings something more profound: not just a restart, but a return, teshuvah. Not only to work or to schedules, but to ourselves.

Each year, as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur approach, we are offered a rare and powerful opportunity: to pause, to reflect, and to ask some of life's deeper questions. Who have I become in the past year? Where have I fallen short – not by anyone else's standards, but by my own? What values still anchor me when everything else feels uncertain? These are not religious questions in the narrow sense. They are the

challenges that human beings have faced since the dawn of time; a necessary halt to take stock before choosing the next steps.

In fact, one of the most beautiful aspects of this season is that it doesn't ask for perfection, or even for piety. It simply asks us to stop and pay attention to our actions, our relationships, our inner lives. To begin again. For that, you need to be willing to look honestly at where you are, and where you still hope to go.

Perhaps that invitation feels especially meaningful this year. The world around us continues to be unpredictable. Whether we're talking about climate anxiety, political polarisation, or the relentless pace of modern life, it's easy to feel overwhelmed, disconnected, and exhausted. And when we feel like that, it's

tempting to go on autopilot: to numb ourselves, to avoid difficult conversations, to power through without really checking in.

But the High Holy Days interrupt that pattern. They are Judaism's way of saying: stop. Breathe. Pay attention. Observe. Come back to yourself.

This isn't about revamping your life overnight. Judaism offers us 10 full days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, because meaningful change takes time. Small steps matter. And these 10 days recur every year, as if to say, do not worry, you'll get another chance.

Even silence can be holy. In a world full of noise – the noise of media, headlines and opinions – carving out space for reflection is itself a spiritual act. That is one of the many gifts of this season. You come along, sit, listen, and you do not need to do anything. And when the shofar sounds, with its broken, piercing calls, 100 times on Rosh Hashanah, and at the

end of Yom Kippur, you are invited to awaken and to remember that we can begin again, renewed and ready.

So, as September arrives, I invite you to take a moment. Not to make resolutions, but to reconnect with yourself and with the world. Ask yourself gently: What still gives me hope? What kind of person do I want to be this year? And what small step can I take toward that?

From all of us at the synagogue, may this season bring you clarity, courage, and peace. Shana tova u'metukah, a good and sweet year to you and your loved ones.

Rabbi Rene

KI TEITZEI

כִּי תֵיטֶזֶי

By Francis Spencer

Reform Rabbi Sari Laufer has observed that Ki Teitzei is not a pleasant read for contemporary readers. She writes that it “seems, at first glance, to be a hodgepodge of laws which often touch on very painful topics.” I agree – and sometimes wonder what on earth this stuff is doing a Holy Book. Surely God would give us more practical and uplifting things to read than this!

And yet, as I was reading this week, I couldn’t help but think how several of these laws could be turned into amazingly powerful film scripts or short stories. So, rather than try to explain these passages, or reduce them to the moral of the story, I’m going to suggest that we each choose a pas-

sage and, using our God-given, nosey, inventive and hopefully compassionate imagination, explore the real-life situation that gave rise to the law. Ki Teitzei means ‘to go forth’, so let’s try doing just that.

Take, for example, the shocking passage about ‘The disobedient son’, whose parents submit him to the community for death by stoning.

My starting point for this one would be my own experience of being a disobedient son; of my own parents, and how on Earth they coped with me. Each of us will bring our own, very personal memories, as fathers, mothers, sons and daughters, as we put flesh on each of the characters in-

Parasha Ki Teitzei – Deuteronomy 21:10–22:7 –

The parashah outlines laws on civil and domestic matters, including warfare, inheritance, behaviour, sexuality, social duties, property, fair trade, and remembering Amalek.

volved. Would the father back down? Would the son? And if not, why not? Would the mother object, or join in, or keep a terrified silence?

The text gives us the barest outline, without hinting at any motives, characters, past events or infant trauma, the rows and threats, guilts, loneliness and rage that might have led to this dire outcome. What would we feel if we were a member of the community punishing the boy, perhaps knowing the family, but compelled to join in with the collective killing of this disobedient young man? And what effect would all this have on everyone involved – on the families, the community, the nation, the nation's reputation

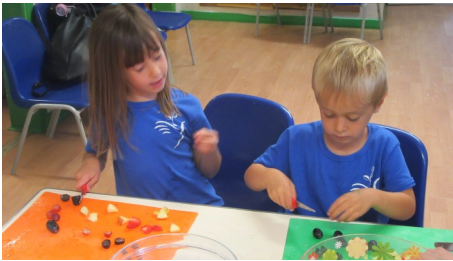
in the world?

Not surprisingly, this passage, with its apparent negation of the sacred bonds of family, has drawn much attention from the rabbis. One said that he once “saw a stubborn and rebellious son and sat on his grave,” while another claimed that “there never was a ‘stubborn and rebellious son’ and never would be,” declaring that the passage was written purely for the purpose of study.

Perhaps that's what we have been doing here – some human archaeology into the lives and dilemmas of our ancient forebears, seeing ourselves across the centuries as in a mirror, then as now in the presence of God, and asking: ‘What would we do, really, and why?’

KAYTANA PHOTOS





HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 2025

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
22 September		
8 pm	Erev Rosh Hashana	Braywick Leisure Centre
23 September		
10:30 am	Rosh Hashana Morning Service	Braywick Leisure Centre
11 am	Children's Service	Braywick Leisure Centre
3 pm	Tashlich	See page 13 for details
1 October		
6:24 pm	Yom Kippur Fast Begins	
7:30 pm	Kol Nidre	Braywick Leisure Centre
2 October		
10:30 am	Yom Kippur Morning Service	Braywick Leisure Centre
11 am	Children's Service	Braywick Leisure Centre
1:45 pm	Additional Service	Braywick Leisure Centre
3:15 pm	Discussion Session	Braywick Leisure Centre
4 pm	Afternoon Service	Braywick Leisure Centre
5:30 pm	Yizkor	Braywick Leisure Centre
6:10 pm	Neilah	Braywick Leisure Centre
7:23 pm	Fast ends/ Communal Breakfast	Braywick Leisure Centre
6 October		
7:30 pm	Erev Sukkot Service	Maidenhead Synagogue
7 October		
10:30 am	Sukkot Service	Maidenhead Synagogue
13 October		
7:30pm	Erev Simchat Torah Service	Maidenhead Synagogue
14 October		
10:30am	Simchat Torah Service	Maidenhead Synagogue

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES OF SERVICES

A to Z for HHD SERVICES, SUKKOT and SIMCHAT TORAH

High Holy Days 2025 will soon be upon us! Please take a few minutes to read through the following information. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Synagogue Office at admin@maidshul.org or phone **01628 673012** as soon as possible.

AUDIBILITY

It is harder to hear at the very back of the hall, so please take the seats nearer to the front.

BRAYWICK LEISURE CENTRE

All Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services, including all children's services, will be held at Braywick Leisure Centre on Braywick Road, Maidenhead – the same venue as last year.

At Braywick Leisure Centre, there is a special entrance reserved for our use only. It is to the right of the main entrance and leads directly into the hall where the services are being held.

Car parking is easy at the Braywick Leisure Centre as it has its own car park immediately beside it. Please use the spaces dedicated for our use (see enclosed ticket). Parking fees apply – see page 12.

FASTING

Please note that although it is an important part of Jewish tradition to fast on Yom Kippur (obligatory from 13 years onward and desirable in part at younger ages), it should not be done at the expense of your health.

This applies to those who are unwell, on medication, pregnant, or breastfeeding. Not only may those concerned eat or drink, but they are

also expected to do so and avoid taking any risks. Naturally, they should not consume food or drink in the prayer hall but outside, where it will not distract others. There is a special blessing for those who have to eat on Yom Kippur: see page 14 of the Yom Kippur Machzor.

LATE ARRIVALS

In the interest of decorum, those arriving after services have begun, will be asked to wait outside until a suitable moment for entry.

PARKING

Please use the parking areas as shown on the HHD ticket. The entrance to HHD services is on the far right of the building as you face it, not the main one. There are plenty of disabled car parking spaces right next to the hall where we will enter for HHD services. Disabled parking is free, but disabled permits must be clearly displayed.

PARKING FEES

You will need to pay on arrival. No change is given. Debit and credit cards are accepted, or you can pay via RingGo. The fees are as follows:

- 1 hour – £1.70 (sufficient for Erev Rosh Hashana, no charge after 9 pm)
- 2 hours – £3.50
- 3 hours – £5.40 (more than sufficient for Rosh Hashana)
- 4 hours – £7.00
- 5 hours – £10.20
- 5+ hours – £14.00

POLITE REQUESTS

There are some unwritten rules, which may seem obvious but which are worth restating:

- Please switch off your mobile phone.
- Please do not talk during the services.
- Please do not chew gum.

- If babies begin to make a noise, they should be taken outside or to the room for small children.
- Children are not allowed to run up and down the aisles, stairs, or along the side of the hall.

PROMPT START

We hope to start the services promptly, so please be in your seat 10 minutes early.

ROSH HASHANA – LUNCHTIME

The Synagogue at Grenfell Lodge will be open for anyone who wishes to remain in the area after the Rosh Hashana service in order to attend Tashlich – and for anyone else who wishes to share a communal meal. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch, but no meat or nuts please.

ROSH HASHANA – TASHLICH

We will be casting our sins and breadcrumbs into the Thames on Rosh Hashana afternoon, at the same venue as last year – the home of **Edgar and Judith Wallner, Sommerville, Bray Road, Bray, Maidenhead, SL6 1UQ**. However, parking will be next door at the Bray Village Cricket Club which has kindly given permission for us to use their car park. Please only park there. (The Cricket Club is next to the Bray Church).

Directions: if you are coming from the A4, then go down Oldfield Road; at the roundabout, carry straight over into Bray Road, and immediately before the sign for Bray Village, on the lefthand side of the road, turn left into the Cricket Club car park. Go to the very end of the car park until you reach the garage with green double doors, park there and walk through the wooden gate immediately to the left of the garage, which leads to Sommerville. Alternatively, if you are coming through Bray Village, then go through the village and out of it, and the Cricket

Club car park will be shortly on your right, so slow down and turn right into it just before the fork between Hibbert Road and Bray Road. Park as above by the green garage doors.

SECURITY

As always, the Security Team will be onsite to ensure that everything proceeds smoothly. Remember that they have a complex task, so please do as they ask; your cooperation will be appreciated by everyone. To allow the Security Team to complete its preparations, **please do not arrive more than 30 minutes before the service starts.**

SELICHOT AND STUDY SESSION

Selichot is a chance to familiarize yourself with the High Holy Days liturgy and prepare for its themes of repentance and renewal. (For example, it is traditional during this period before Rosh Hashana to ask forgiveness of others whom you may have hurt or offended in any way during the past year). Normally held late in the evening, the service will start this year at 8 pm on Saturday 13 September. It will be preceded at 7 pm by a study session led by Rabbi Rene, examining texts dealing with the themes of the High Holy Days. You are welcome to attend either or both parts of the evening.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Come along for all the fun and dancing at the Erev Simchat Torah Service at Grenfell Lodge on Monday 13 October at 7:30 pm, when we will honour Katharine Rooney and Tony Nothman. Note the early start time.

We also celebrate Simchat Torah the next morning on Tuesday 14 October at 10:30 am, when we will honour Elizabeth Prais and John Dunston.

STUDENTS AWAY FROM HOME

The Movement for Reform Judaism has a ticket scheme that enables students and young adults to attend High Holy Day services for free at their nearest Reform or Liberal synagogue rather than their home synagogue.



To apply for the scheme, young people will have to complete the form on the following QR Code:

Each person requesting a ticket needs to fill out a form. To ensure you receive your ticket in time for Rosh Hashana, please complete the form by 9am Friday 5 September.

SUKKOT

Come and shake a lulav. There is one for everyone! The Erev Sukkot service is on Monday 6 October at 7:30 pm and on Tuesday 7 October at 10:30 am. Both services are at Grenfell Lodge.

TRADITIONAL WEAR

It is traditional to wear a tallit at Kol Nidre – the only evening service at which a tallit is worn. It is also customary in some circles not to wear leather shoes throughout Yom Kippur. For both Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, it is traditional to wear some form of white clothing, ranging from a kittel (white gown) to a white kippah.

YIZKOR

Members wishing for departed ones to be commemorated during the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur should submit the names by Wednesday 1 October. This applies whether or not the names have been submitted in previous years. Please use the below QR code provided to submit the names (in English or in Hebrew):



YOM KIPPUR BREAKFAST

As is the Maidenhead Synagogue custom, there will be a communal breaking of the fast with light refreshments immediately after the Yom Kippur Service, but we need your help to provide it.

We need cakes, biscuits fruit, and non-meat savouries including sandwiches - please also ensure that all foods are nut free. We would be grateful if you could bring these plated and ready to serve. Please also keep in mind the dishes and utensils should be as eco-friendly as possible.

You can bring these at any time during the day of Yom Kippur and leave them either in the kitchen or in the green room situated on the left before entering the prayer hall. The stewards will give you directions. For any queries, please email Sue Henry in advance at sue.henry@maidshul.org.

YOUNG MEMBERS AT HHD SERVICES

Parents are reminded that if children wander off by themselves into areas not being used by us, Maidenhead Synagogue cannot be held responsible for them. Please be sure that you always know where your children are.

Crèche for Small Children

An unsupervised crèche for under-fives will be available during the Rosh Hashana morning service and on Yom Kippur morning until the end of the Yizkor service (5:30 pm).

Children's Services

We hold a wide range of children's services, all of which will take place at the Leisure Centre.

Teenagers

Special discussions on topical themes relevant to Jewish teenagers will take place in an adjoining room at the Leisure Centre during Rosh Hashana and during the Morning Service on Yom Kippur. The start time will be announced during the services.

Time Off School for the High Holy Days

According to the guidelines for schools in Berkshire, pupils are allowed to take time off for their major religious holidays. This includes Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

Members' Area and Adverts

SEN Support

We are looking for someone over the age of 18 to provide 1:1 cheder school support/childcare/private tutoring (formal or informal) for our 7-year-old son with SEN for the summer and into the autumn. We live less than a 5-minute walk from Maidenhead Train Station on Courtlands. No formal training required. We can train. Please contact me (**Monica Herzberg**) on **07448 497573**.

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HIGH HOLY DAYS APPEAL

There is a strongly-held tradition at Maidenhead Synagogue of not having a Kol Nidre appeal during the service, which would require us to think about financial matters at one of the most spiritual times of the year.

Nevertheless, charity remains very much associated with the High Holy Days, and it is vital to not only pray, but also to give practical help to others, particularly during this season. For this reason, we have our High Holy Days Appeal. Three charities are selected each year, and you are invited to give to any or all of them.

Please complete the form (page 19) and send it to the Synagogue Office. This year, the charities are:



Oasis of Peace (Neve Shalom in Hebrew, Wahat al-Salam in Arabic) is a UK charity supporting the educational institutions of NSWaS - a unique community of Jewish and Arab Israeli citizens living together between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. With six schools in Israel following this model of coexistence, the charity works to promote social equity and cohesion in both Israel and the UK. Learn more at:

<https://www.oasisofpeace.org.uk>



Jewish Blind & Disabled has supported adults in our community with physical disabilities or vision impairment for over 55 years, offering accessible housing and support to promote independence, dignity and choice.

Everyday tasks like shopping can be a challenge, so they provide a free minibus service across seven developments to help tenants stay self-reliant. With demand growing, they're asking for help to continue this vital service. Learn more at: <https://www.jbd.org>



Foodshare, formerly known as Open Kitchen, began in 2011 with a mission to support the homeless, but quickly saw food insecurity affecting far more people

than expected. Today, they provide essential food support to individuals and families in need, ensuring no child has to skip a meal. Alongside tinned goods, they prioritise fresh food, fruit, and vegetables whenever possible. Learn more at: <https://www.foodshare.charity/>

HIGH HOLY DAYS APPEAL 2025

DONATION FORM

It is preferable that you pay by BACS. Transfer the total amount to:

Account Name: Maidenhead Synagogue

Sort Code: 40-31-05

Account number: 81765620

Reference: HHD Charity/Your Surname

But, if this is difficult, you can pay by cheque made payable to
Maidenhead Synagogue and sent to Grenfell Lodge:

Rabbi Dr Rene Pfertzel

Maidenhead Synagogue

Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road

Maidenhead, Berks SL6 8QX

However you donate, please email admin@maidshul.org to let us know
you have made a donation and to confirm how much of the amount
you have donated should go to each charity.

CHARITY	AMOUNT
Oasis for Peace	£ _____
Jewish Blind and Disabled	£ _____
Foodshare Maidenhead	£ _____
TOTAL	£ _____

SEPTEMBER EVENTS DIARY

EVERY SUNDAY

Children's Choir at 9:30 am

Starting on 14 September 2025, the group meets before cheder. For any further details, contact Julia at juliashumway@gmail.com or on 07707 223946.

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.

EVERY THURSDAY

Ganon Nursery – 2½ to 5 years old from 10 am

For further details, contact Sheila Veniar at sheilaveniar@gmail.com

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



Let the office
know!

admin@maidshul.org



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE
JEWISH
IN YOUR AREA?

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



What can I do for World Peace?



Join us for a dialogue

Thursday 4th September 2025

700pm to 830pm followed by refreshments

**Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge,
Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX**

FREE Admission and Car Parking



MUSICAL SERVICE

Friday 5 September 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.



TORAH BREAKFAST

Saturday 6 September at 9:15 am

Discussion Group

Join us before the Shabbat service for an in-depth discussion of the portion **Ki Teitzei** - Deuteronomy 21:10-22:7. Coffee and tea are available. No RSVP is necessary.



DANIEL SPENCER-SMITH

Saturday 6 September at 10:30 am

Bar mitzvah

My name is Daniel Spencer-Smith. I go to Leighton Park school in Reading. I have two dogs, basset hounds Rosie and Buddy, and a sister who is 16. My favourite subjects are Computer Science and Science. I also enjoy Athletics and represent my school in the long jump in Reading competitions.



In my free time, I enjoy gaming and swimming. I really like to go on holiday skiing and enjoy visiting my family in South Africa. I have been going to cheder since I was three. I enjoy it as I see my friends who I normally do not see.

I would like to thank the Rabbi, Tony and my parents for their support and for helping me learn my Bar Mitzvah.

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

GCSE / A-LEVEL REVISION GROUP

Sunday 14 & 28 September at 1 pm



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
- Practice strategies
- Learn how to structure and balance your time

BACKGAMMON

Wednesday 17 September 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

Wednesday 17 September at 7:30 pm



Part of the Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum (WAMCF). The speaker is Bishop Mary Gregory, the Bishop of Reading about working together for reconciliation.

Please do join us at The Thames Hospice. You are guaranteed an enjoyable and interesting evening!

Ladies of all faiths or none are welcome to come along and share refreshments. If you would like details of the meetings planned for 2025, please email **Barbara Grossman** at projects@maidshul.org

ISRAELI DANCING

Thursday 18 September at 7 pm

Dance and Fun!

Israeli Dancing is back in September! Whether you are experienced or a complete novice, come and join in the fun! Come at 7 pm.

For more information, please contact **Varda Parash** on 07970 869591 or varda.parash@gmail.com



TIDDLERS' SERVICE

Friday 19 September at 4:30 pm

3 to 7 year olds

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 for more information.



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Friday 19 September 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.



KLEZMER KEILIDH

Wednesday 24 September at 7:30 pm

Norden Farm Dancing



Enjoy the familiar keilidh/barn dance format (live music, dance leader, fun) with one essential difference – the music and steps are old-style Jewish, rather than Celtic.

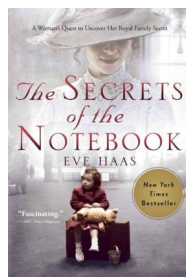
Dance leader Ilana Cravitz will take you through the steps for lively freylekhs, sinuous horas, upbeat bulgars and more with a pair of the UK's finest klezmerim: John Macnaughton (clarinet), and Josh Middleton (accordion). No previous experience or partner needed.

Please register your interest on the Norden Farm website and please contact the admin team at admin@maidshul.org for more information.

BOOK CIRCLE

Thursday 25 September at 8pm

The Secrets of the Notebook by Eve Haas



The book to be discussed in September is *The Secrets of the Notebook* by Eve Haas. You are very welcome to join us.

For further information, please contact Barbara Rosenberg at barb.rose87@gmail.com

CHEDER DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

First day of term 14 September 2025

Half-term 26 October & 02 November 2025

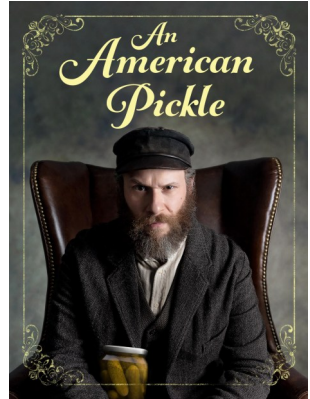
Last day of term 07 December 2025

FUTURE EVENTS

FILM EVENING

Sunday 5 October at 7:30 pm

An American Pickle



Herschel Greenbaum and wife, Sarah, are struggling Jewish labourers from Eastern Europe. They emigrate from their shtetl to America in 1919, after their village is rampaged by Russian Cossacks. He finds a job at a pickle factory and saves up for two graves at a Jewish cemetery. One day, while working, he falls into a vat of pickles just as the factory is closed for health reasons, leaving Herschel pickled for 100 years .

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

SHUL THEATRE GROUP

Sunday 12th & 19th October at 2 pm

Do you believe the shul needs a theatre group? Not just to put on plays, but to work on accents, facial expressions, and trust.

Come along to find out more: Sunday 12th & 19th October at 2 - 3 pm in the synagogue. Contact **Mike Consden**, 07503 228375 or email mikeconsden@aol.com



SAVE THE DATE

"FRIDAY NIGHT NEVER SOUNDED LIKE
THIS BEFORE!"

LIVE ROCK SHABBAT 21 NOV

7.30PM EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

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WITH A ROCK EDGE!

BRING THE FAMILY

THERE IS NO CHARGE, BUT PLEASE
CONSIDER MAKING A SMALL DONATION &
BRING A DISH TO ADD TO THE KIDDUSH





This has been a year of profound challenge, enduring resilience, and purposeful action.

Our community has continued to face challenges and anxiety.

We have seen a sickening rise in antisemitism after the attacks of 7th October 2023 and it has now been nearly two years that Jews have been subjected to increased levels of hate on our streets, online and in civil society.

Despite these challenges, I have seen extraordinary strength. From Manchester to Glasgow, Cardiff to London, I have spent time with proud and flourishing Jewish communities. We - the Jewish people - have resilience in our DNA.

Since my election as Board of Deputies President last year, we have identified five priorities for building a brighter future for our community and we have significant achievements in each area:

Fighting antisemitism

The *Commission on Antisemitism* – backed by the Prime Minister – is a review of anti-Jewish discrimination across public and professional life co-chaired by political heavyweights Lord John Mann and Dame Penny Mordaunt. They have produced a powerful report filled with practical recommendations. Our advocacy has led to a change in the law which will push protests away from our synagogues.

Standing up for peace and security in Israel and the Middle East

We have been campaigning tirelessly, for the hostages with weekly vigils in Westminster and Edinburgh, our Adopt a Hostage scheme, and campaigns at Sukkot, Chanukah and Pesach. We are working constantly to ensure our community's hopes for lasting peace and security for Israelis, Palestinians and the wider Middle East are heard by governments in the UK, Israel, the US, Arab states, and beyond.

Defending our religious freedoms

We are constantly working to ensure our religious freedoms are protected. Our revised *Employer's Guide to Judaism* is helping Jews in the workplace and we are working with other faith communities to have Judaism classified by government as an ethnicity as well as a religion, which will help ensure the protection of Jewish rights in all fields.

Making our community more united, inclusive, and outward-looking

Within weeks of my election, I launched with Muslim communities the *Optimistic Alliance* to tackle anti-Jewish and anti-Muslim hatred; challenge extremism; support mainstream voices; and to defend shared religious freedoms.

Celebrating our faith, heritage, and culture as British Jews

Next year we will have our first British Jewish Culture Month – an uplifting celebration of our history, arts, and contributions to society. It's an opportunity to demonstrate who we are, where we have come from and to share our unique heritage.

In short, we need Less Oy, and More Joy!

May the coming year bring peace to our people and our world.

Wishing you and your families a Shanah Tovah U'Metukah.

Phil Rosenberg
President



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**, **Zeev Portner** and **Sapir Tal**.

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Every Wednesday		11:30 AM	Wednesday Social
		10:00 AM	Mothers & Bumps/Babies/Toddlers (Starting on 11th September)
Every Thursday			Ganon: 2 ½–5 years old (Starting on 11th September)
		7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Service (Except 19th September; please see below)
Every Friday			
Every Saturday		10:30 AM	Shabbat Service
		9:30 AM	Children's Choir (Starting on 14th September)
Every Sunday		10:00 AM	Cheder (Starting on 14th September)
Thursday	4th	7:00 PM	Windsor & Maidenhead Community Forum – Dialogue
Friday	5th	7:30 PM	Musical Service
Saturday	6th	9:15 AM	Torah Breakfast
		10:30 AM	Bar mitzvah of Daniel Spencer-Smith
Monday	8th	9:30 AM	Co-Working Day (Hosted)
Saturday	13th	11:00 AM	Kinderlech Shabbat
Sunday	14th	10:15 AM	The Forum Discussion Group
		1:00 PM	GCSE / A-Level Revision Group
Monday	15th	9:30 AM	Co-Working Day (Unhosted)
Wednesday	17th	2:00 PM	Backgammon
Thursday	18th	7:00 PM	Israeli Dancing
Friday	19th	4:30 PM	Tiddlers' Service
		7:30 PM	Communal Friday Night Dinner
Wednesday	24th	7:30 PM	Klezmer Keilidh
Thursday	25th	8:00 PM	Book Circle
Sunday	28th	1:00 PM	GCSE / A-Level Revision Group
Monday	29th	9:30 AM	Co-Working Day (Hosted)

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