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Flowers amid the
ruins of the Nova
Festival

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Miguel Curiel
(Maidenhead)

Thomas Gregory &
Lauren Sukin
(Oxford)

Sunflower Robyn
Montague
(Hampstead Norreys)

Jennifer Garrett
(Marlow)

Diane Reid (Republic
of Ireland)

BEST WISHES ON THEIR NEW HOME

Danny Fraifeld
(Henley-on-Thames)

Darrel & Suri Poulos
(Henley-on-Thames)

Jon & Hazel Salmon
(Berkhamsted)

Claire North (Bourne
End)

CONDOLENCES

The Family of Mark
Blairman

The Family of Ophra
Goetz

The Family of Sarah
Kader

MAZEL TOV

Graham & Susie
Gold for their
Golden Wedding
Anniversary

Julian Marks for his
90th birthday

Ruth North for the
birth of her fourth
grandchild, and
Roxanne North for
the arrival of her
fourth child, Aria Julé
Marie.

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.*

Sari Bookstaff for her
mother's Yahrzeit

Maurice & Janet Law-
son for the Yahrzeit
of Janet's mother

The Friday Night
Diners

Carol Formagiu

Mark & Annette
Spencer-Smith for
Daniel's Bar Mitzvah

The Ladies who led
the Orange Shabbat
Service

Lucy Henning for her
mother's Yahrzeit

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

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Monthly Musings From Rabbi Rene

A Year Together at Maidenhead

It is astonishing to realise that a full year has already passed since I became rabbi of Maidenhead Synagogue. This year has been rich and varied, filled with wonderful encounters, moments of joy at our simchas, and times of grief when we have stood together to support one another. In every circumstance, I have seen the strength and resilience of our community. The way people show up for one another, and the way we hold fast to our shared values, has been a source of deep encouragement to me.

Of course, we do not live in isolation. The wider Jewish story has faced a long and sometimes painful shadow over the past 12 months. The war in Gaza has continued with no end in sight, and families of the hostages remain trapped in unimaginable anguish. Across Europe and the

UK, levels of anti-Semitism have risen sharply, leaving many Jews feeling exposed and vulnerable. Within society at large, we see growing polarisation, and even within our own Jewish world, divisions have deepened. It is against this backdrop of difficulty that the importance of community becomes even more apparent.

A synagogue is not only a place of prayer. It is also a place of refuge, of learning, of companionship, and of continuity. In moments of uncertainty, a community provides stability. In times of disagreement, it provides a space where differing views can be heard respectfully. This past year has reminded me just how vital it is to hold onto these values. Maidenhead Synagogue is, by its very nature, a diverse congregation, reflecting the range of backgrounds and perspectives that

make up contemporary Jewish life. To hold such diversity together is not always simple, but it is profoundly worthwhile. When we commit ourselves to listening, to kindness, and to mutual respect, we create a synagogue that is not only safe but also inspiring, a place where people can be themselves while belonging to something greater.

One of the great privileges of my first year has been the “Rabbi’s Roadshows,” through which I visited members across the area in the first six months of my rabbinate. These gatherings allowed me to listen carefully to your experiences, your hopes, and your concerns. What I heard filled me with optimism. Time and again, people expressed how pleased they were with where things are at Maidenhead Synagogue. There was no call for radical change. Instead, there was a consistent and heartfelt desire for connection, for togetherness, and for maintaining the ethos that has made this synagogue such a

positive place for so many.

That message has stayed with me. The most important thing a rabbi can do is to listen, to learn from the community, and to nurture what is already flourishing. I am grateful that my first year has been one of listening and building trust, rather than rushing to change what did not need changing. The stability and strength of Maidenhead Synagogue are signs of a community that is not only healthy, but also ready to face the future with confidence.

As we move into the year ahead, I know we will continue to be tested by events both within and beyond our community. Yet I am equally certain that we have everything we need to meet those challenges. Our ethos of openness and care, our spirit of resilience, and our dedication to Jewish life together will guide us through.

Rabbi Rene

HAZINU

חַזִּינוּ

By Francis Spencer

This week's Parasha contains 'The Song of Moses' in which the prophet recalls God's care, Israel's rebellion, their consequent punishment and eventual redemption. Despite its beautiful opening [vv.1-4], it is a disturbing passage, for God's 'vengeance' against both Israel and against its external enemies is described in imagery of terrifying and intensely personal power.

"Paradoxically," writes Rabbi Jonathan Sachs, this song of divine vengeance "is intended to diminish, not legitimate, acts of vengeance by human beings." "Vengeance is mine" (v.35) says the Lord – not yours! "For God alone knows the human heart,

who alone knows what is just in a world of conflicting claims, and who will establish justice at a time, and in a way, of His choosing."

Refraining from vengeance is not easy for us, as Rabbi Sachs spells out, not least in the heat of conflict, or when exploited for all too human ends. But the teaching is clear: "Vengeance belongs to God. It must not be practised by human beings in the name of God."

What then? Must we sit in pious silence as evil triumphs. Surely, we should at least repay 'an eye for an eye' (Deut. 19:21), though even this was intended to impose restraint, an exact measure of justice, and avoid a lapse back into the time before the Flood

Parasha Haazinu – Deuteronomy 32:1-14 – The parashah sets out the Song of Moses—an indictment of the Israelites' sins, a prophecy of their punishment, and a promise of God's ultimate redemption of them.

when “the world was filled with violence... and the heart of God with pain.” [Genesis 6:6]

By tempering the way we achieve justice (mishpat) with mercy (hesed), and an eye to repairing the world (‘tikkun olam’), the Torah can help us to break free of the compulsive cycles of revenge.

Scholars tell us that the Song of Moses was actually written during the exile in Babylon (587 - 538 BCE) and later inserted into an earlier text of Deuteronomy as an explanation, a warning and a promise. That original text dates from 622 BCE, a time when Judah faced an existential threat from the marauding empires of Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon. If the

children of Israel really want to survive, it argued, then they must “Be careful to do all the words of this law, for it is no trifle. It is your life, and thereby you shall live long in the land...” [Deut. 32:46] Their ‘life’, then, is to fulfil the Covenant, remembering that they too “were once slaves in Egypt”.

As the Lubavitcher Rabbi writes: “This poem and its message—that God takes our commitment to Him seriously and that our behaviour can determine the course of history—are meant to infuse our lives and our relationship with God with enthusiasm, focus, and yes, even joy”. No trifle then, but life!

Australian Shabbat

By Shel Musiker

Sara and I recently spent some time in Sydney, Australia. Top of my list of activities was a visit to a synagogue.

There were many to choose from in Sydney, but we chose a progressive synagogue, assuming that their view of Judaism would be closest to ours. Let me tell you about this gem of a shul we visited.

Emanuel Synagogue is located in the neighbourhood of Woollahra. It's been around for some 80 years and has approximately 3,000 members. Their vision of inclusive Judaism includes progressive services and the Masorti services, which we attended. In a sense, they are creating a warm, inviting home for all. Everyone was friendly and informal, while maintaining a respectful, traditional service.

During kiddush, I had the opportunity to speak to many attendees about the situation they see being Jewish in Australia at



this time. I can state that just like us, they are concerned and frightened, not knowing how the situation will unfold. We are not alone.

I would encourage everybody to approach a synagogue while on holiday on a Shabbat evening or morning for a service, just to connect with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. In a post-7 October world, this is a mitzvah we can all keep.

Shabbat Service with Extra Zest!

By Jo Berman

On Saturday 30 August, a women-led service was held called The Big Orange Shabbat, named after the famous but uncomfortable quote that, “a woman at the bimah is like an orange on the Seder plate.”

Thirteen ladies joined forces to lead the service. What began as three members wanting to brush up on their Hebrew quickly grew into a project with a life of its own. The group studied, debated, sang, cooked, laughed and practiced before stepping up together on the day.

The result? A buzzing atmosphere like a joint bat mitzvah, and a real sense of joy and community support.

This service was the first in the synagogue's new Hands On Shabbat initiative. These gatherings give members the chance to come together, plan and deliver an enriching and celebratory service.

Next up is Jacob's Big Night



Out on Saturday 29 November, led by Tony Nothman, Martin Birch, Shel Musiker and Oli Lawton. Pop the date in your diary now!

If you'd like to get together with friends and lead your own Hands On Shabbat in 2026, please contact Barbara Grossman at projects@maidshul.org

Ukrainian Farewell Party

By Olesea Tarasov

When I first came to England, back in 2016, the first person to greet me at the Maidenhead train platform (apart from my husband, of course) was Sir Nicholas Winton. He was peacefully reading his Book of Life, and I really wanted to find out more about the story he was reading. As I started learning about him and the amazing, courageous things he did, I discovered that nearly 700 Jewish children were saved thanks to his efforts.

I thought to myself: how brave, wise, and kind must a person be to do something like that? It reminded me of my great-grandmother, who offered shelter to Jewish people during the Second World War—risking everything. And I had two more thoughts: I hope something like this will never happen again, and I wish I could help that many people in their moment of struggle.



Unfortunately, history hasn't been fully learned by some of the world's most powerful nations, and when, the war in Ukraine began, it was a shock for all of us. It was very personal for me, especially because my father is Ukrainian and still lives there, along with many friends and family members.

Eventually, I pulled myself together and decided to act. I started with what I knew how to do: teach English. In collaboration with the college where I work, we set up English classes for Ukrainian refugees arriving in Maidenhead and the surrounding areas.

“My father was a refugee as a 15-year-old from Czechoslovakia in 1939, so I had witnessed the long-term consequences. Working with and getting to know our Ukrainian friends has provided me with an insight to the obstacles and remarkable resilience in dealing with one’s homeland under siege.” - Anita Grosz, teacher

Dear Friends,
 We would like to sincerely thank you for your kindness, support, and open hearts during a very difficult time for us Ukrainians.
 Your help, warm welcome, English lessons, the tea and treats, the smiles, and the care we received at the synagogue meant so much to us.
 It gave us hope and strength when we needed it most.
 Thank you for being there. We will always remember it with deep gratitude.
 With respect and appreciation,
 Ukrainians.

Tetyana Shatalova, Julia Shevchenko, Olena Kraschuk, Alena Kumschova, Olena Shevtsova, Mikhaiko Demyanenko, LiLiY Demyanenko — *Iryna Ahieieva, Hordii & Anastasiya Shevchenko, Naytashy Vlasov, Tetiana Kraschuk, Mila Myshechenko*

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Then I received a call from Nigel Cohen and Jonathan Romain, asking me to help with the creation of a school and a social and community hub - just for Ukrainians - where they could learn English, socialise, and get the support and information they needed.

I am so grateful to Maidenhead Synagogue for that call. When I first walked into this building, the first thing I saw was a picture of those Jewish children saved by Sir

Nicholas Winton, standing on a platform. And I thought to myself: people like Sir Nicholas still exist. And I’m so honoured to have been a part of that legacy.

I want to say thank you to everyone who has been involved in this project. You have made an incredible difference in so many people’s lives. Your kindness, support, and care know no limits. You didn’t just create an English school—you created a safe place and a family for all Ukrainians.

A Journey to the South

By Galit Ben-Ami

I did not expect the south to feel like this. I thought I was prepared, but nothing could have readied me for the silence, the heaviness, the unbearable closeness of loss.

I travelled, not as a tourist but as a pilgrim of sorts. We weren't searching for scenery or sun; we were following the trail of devastation left on 7 October 2023, when Hamas gunmen stormed across the border from Gaza. I told myself I needed to see, to bear witness. Yet the further south we drove, the more I wondered if my heart could carry it.

Smooth now, freshly laid, Road 232 looked like any other road. Yet beneath that surface lay 80 kilometres of horror. They call it the "Highway of Blood". As our bus rolled along, I pictured ambushes, bullet-riddled cars, people trapped inside. It felt obscene to travel calmly where so many had fought for their lives.



The further south we went, the more the fighting still going on in Gaza could be heard and seen. I felt caught between two times: the silence of the massacre and the violence of the present. And then we arrived at the Nova music festival site.

As soon as I stepped off the bus, my chest tightened. Tears came unbidden. The open field stretched endlessly, scattered with photographs, names, belongings, fragments of lives frozen in time. Faces smiled at me from placards:



young people who had come to dance, to celebrate life, only to meet unimaginable cruelty. I walked slowly, afraid to miss anyone. Each memorial was more than a photograph; it was a life cut short.

The stories were unbearable. The ambulance that became a coffin when struck by a rocket-propelled grenade. The yellow rubbish container turned into a death trap. The policemen who fought until their last bullet. I kept wiping

my face, but the tears did not stop. And still, we moved on, to the mass of burnt-out vehicles carefully gathered together.

I thought I had no more tears left, but I was wrong. Row after row of charred cars stood like gravestones. The first I saw was the ambulance from Nova, burnt and skeletal, yet still speaking louder than words. Others bore bullet holes, shattered glass, twisted frames, mute witnesses to a day when help never came.

Amongst them were written these stories of courage. Ben Bin-yamin Shimoni escaped but returned again and again to rescue strangers until he was killed. Ori Danino refused to save himself, searching instead for people he had only just met. Even in captivity he fought, not for himself, but for others. Their courage humbled me.

Amid the rust and ash, beauty had found a way. A trail of red poppies spilled from a car skeleton, leading to a memorial stone



marked “Yizkor” - Remembrance. Above it, the Israeli flag rippled, fragile but steadfast. Pain and beauty. Death and defiance. Somehow, they coexisted in that place.

As we left, a mosaic caught my eye: Am Yisrael Chai - the people of Israel live. It was not a slogan. It was a vow.

When I returned north, people asked how the trip was. I couldn’t answer. How do you explain walking through a landscape of ghosts? How do you describe a silence that shouts louder than sound?

What I know is this: I came home with more than sorrow. I came home with a responsibility to remember, to tell, to ensure the names, the faces, the stories are not lost.

For the full article, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/visit-south>



OCTOBER EVENTS DIARY

EVERY SUNDAY

Children's Choir at 9:30 am

Group meets before cheder. For any further details, contact **Julia** at juliashumway@gmail.com or on 07707 223946.

EVERY MONDAY (STARTING ON 20 OCTOBER 2025)

Exploring Judaism at 6:30 pm (Adults)

Contact Rabbi Rene at rabbi@maidshul.org for more details.

Three levels of Hebrew at 7:30 pm (Adults)

Adult Education: "History of the French Jewish Community" at 8:30 pm

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 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

POST YOM KIPPUR SOFA SHABBAT

Friday 3 October at 7:30 pm

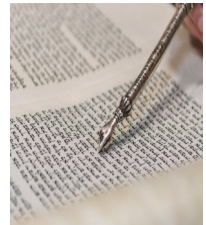
A service that will be held online only to wind down after the intensity of Yom Kippur. A regular Shabbat from the comfort of your homes, and a time to absorb the lessons of the Day of Awe. The link is detailed on page 3.

TORAH BREAKFAST

Saturday 4 October at 9:15 am

Discussion Group

Join us before the Shabbat service on 4 October for an in-depth discussion of the portion Haazinu – Deuteronomy 32:1. Coffee and tea are available. No RSVP is necessary.



KINDERLECH SHABBAT

Saturday 4 October at 11 am

3 to 7 year olds

The Kinderlach Shabbat Service is specially for children in the 3 to 7 age group. Siblings and parents are welcome to join! Please contact **Julia Shumway** at juliashumway@gmail.com for more information.



ISRAELI DANCING

Thursday 9 & 23 October 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

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SUNDAY 5TH
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AND CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES**

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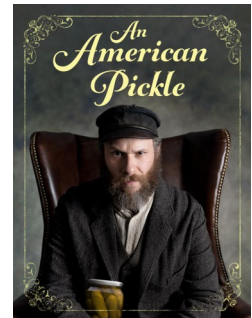
Sunday 5 October at 7:30 pm

An American Pickle

Herschel Greenbaum and wife, Sarah, emigrate to America in 1919 and 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



TIDDLERS' SERVICE

Friday 10 October 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.



ELLIE BORTHWICK

Saturday 11 October at 10:30 am

Bat Mitzvah

Hi, I'm Ellie Borthwick. I live in Amersham with my mum, dad and younger brother Zac. I go to Chesham Grammar School, where my favourite subjects are Maths, Art and Critical Thinking.

I love sport and enjoy representing my school in netball, hockey and rounders. Trampolining is my biggest passion, competing at both regional and national levels. This year, I hope to qualify for the English Trampoline Championships.

To relax, I love baking, reading and listening to music, as well as spending time with family and friends.

I would like to thank Tony and my parents for all their help leading up to my Bat Mitzvah.



SHUL THEATRE GROUP

Sunday 12 & 19 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 and for more
information, contact **Mike Consden**, 07503
228375 or email mikeconsden@aol.com



REGULAR CO-WORKING DAYS

**Monday 13 October at 9:30 am
(Unhosted)**

Swap your kitchen table for a more sociable working day, as we transform the shul lobby into the place to co-work and connect!

Our shul workspace will be offering tea, coffee, quiet areas to concentrate or chat with your new work neighbour. Come for an hour, for lunch or the day, it's up to you.

If these activities are of interest or if you would like to volunteer to help run them, please contact **Kate** at katesaffman@yahoo.co.uk or **Jo** at jo.berman@maidshul.org



BACKGAMMON

Wednesday 15 October at 2 pm

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



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Friday 17 October 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.



SHAI PELEG'S BAR MITZVAH

Saturday 18 October at 10:30 am

Bar Mitzvah

Hello, my name is Shai Peleg. I was born in Israel and moved to the UK two years ago. I live in Wokingham with my mum, dad, younger brother and younger sister.

I go to St. Crispin's school, where my favourite subjects are Maths and Music. In my spare time, I like to play the piano, build LEGOs and perform magic tricks. I am interested in airplanes and thinking about becoming a pilot when I grow up.

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



THE FORUM DISCUSSION GROUP

Sunday 19 October at 10:15 am

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 19 October 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



**Let the office
know!**

admin@maidshul.org

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

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



UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday 6th November at 7:30pm at the Norden Farm Centre for the Arts. Tickets are £17 but Norden Farm are offering us them for £15.50, just use the code – DRAMA15.

2019. Jewish Essex. One funeral. Two twins. And a 80-year-old ex-gangster with a plan that's absolutely meshugge. Malcolm Spivak's had enough. He corners twins Dan and Lauren, fresh from their grandfather's funeral, with a proposition: help him kidnap Jeremy Corbyn. Yes, really. What follows is a chaotic Jewish heist comedy that blends madcap comedy and biting political satire.

Following two sell-out runs, Nick Cassenbaum's and Emma Jude Harris's play, tears through antisemitism in the diaspora, the dangers of collective hysteria, and how far you can throw a jar of chraine from a moving vehicle.

Eco Shabbat

10.30AM

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SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

10 AM TO 1 PM



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We are very excited to
announce the return of

COLD
BUFFET

£25 per
person

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 15th November | 7.00pm | Maidenhead Synagogue
Fundraising appeal for Magen David Adom

Each table seats one team of eight people - form
your own or we can help match you up!

The closing date for registration is 5pm on
Wednesday 5th November 2025.

We regret that tickets will not be sold on the night.

Wine and soft drinks available for purchase.

To register for the quiz, please visit
mdauk.org/maidenhead

For any queries, please contact Brian Kriefman
on bkriefman@aol.com or call 0208 201 5900

We look forward to seeing you on the night!

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WITH A DIFFERENCE**

**10.30AM
SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER**

**THIS IS ONE OF MAIDENHEAD SHUL'S 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



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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OCTOBER 2025 DIARY

Every Wednesday	11:30 AM	Wednesday Social
Every Thursday	10:00 AM	Mothers & Bumps/Babies/Toddlers Ganon: 2 ½–5 years old
Every Friday	7:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Service (Except 17th October; please see below)
Every Saturday	10:30 AM	Shabbat Service
Every Sunday	9:30 AM	Children's Choir
	10:00 AM	Cheder

Wednesday	1st	7:30 PM	Kol Nidre
Thursday	2nd	10:30 AM	Yom Kippur
Friday	3rd	7:30 PM	Post Yom Kippur Sofa Shabbat
Saturday	4th	9:15 AM	Torah Breakfast
		11:00 AM	Kinderlech Shabbat
Sunday	5th	Afternoon	October 7th Commemoration (London)
		7:30 PM	Film Evening
Monday	6th	7:30 PM	Erev Sukkot Service
Tuesday	7th	10:30 AM	Sukkot Morning Service
Thursday	9th	7:00 PM	Israeli Dancing
Friday	10th	4:30 PM	Tiddlers' Service
Saturday	11th	10:30 AM	Ellie Borthwick Bat Mitzvah
Sunday	12th	2:00 PM	Shul Theatre Group
Monday	13th	9:00 AM	Unhosted Co-Working Day
		7:30 PM	Erev Simchat Torah Service
Tuesday	14th	10:30 AM	Simchat Torah Service
Wednesday	15th	2:00 PM	Backgammon
Friday	17th	6:30 PM	Friday Night Service
		7:30 PM	Friday Night Dinner
Saturday	18th	10:30 AM	Shai Peleg's Bar Mitzvah
Sunday	19th	10:15 AM	The Forum Discussion Group
		1:00 PM	GCSE / A-Level Revision Group
		2:00 PM	Shul Theatre Group
Thursday	23rd	7:00 PM	Israeli Dancing