

The Newsletter of



# Liverpool Reform Synagogue

September 2019 / Tishrei 5780



**Council members would like to extend their best wishes to the congregation and wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. Shana Tova.**

Welcome to the New Year edition of the Liverpool Reform Synagogue Newsletter for 5780 which we hope you will find interesting, entertaining, informative and useful.

Inside you will find a mixture of news and regular columns on a wide range of topics including events which have taken place in recent months and news of our congregants. Thanks to those of you who have contributed to this issue as these contributions are essential to the newsletter's ongoing success.

Special contributions in this issue include High Holy Day Messages from Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner, Marie van der Zyl and Rabbi Warren Elf and an interesting and informative article from Susie Gordon.

Also in this issue members are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to learn through Leo Baeck College and online.

Those preparing to go to university will find the information provided by Maya Skaarbrevik, Progressive Students Fieldworker between Reform Judaism and Liberal Judaism essential reading. A link has been provided to the Progressive Jewish Students 'Get Ready for University' booklet. There is also information regarding the 'High Holy Day Ticket Scheme' which enables students and young people to attend services in participating synagogues free of charge.

**Please let us know if there are any topics you would like to see covered in the future. We would welcome your contributions so please contact one of the committee members if you would like to include an article or notice of forthcoming events in the next issue.**

## For The Sins We Have Committed by Rabbi Warren Elf

*When the Holy One, ever to be praised, created the first human beings, God walked them round the trees of the Garden of Eden and said to them: look at what I have made, how beautiful they are, how superb! I have created what I have created for you; take care not to destroy or ruin my world, for if you do so there will be no one to put it back together.*

*(Kohelet Rabbah 7.13)*

Recently Simone and I spent a few days in the Lake District, staying in Ambleside and sampling the beauty of the local countryside. The weather was mixed, with our first and last days being very wet but with the two days in between being great for walking and enjoying nature and the views.

One thing that we were very pleasantly surprised about was how little litter there was anywhere, in the towns and villages and especially in the countryside. On one of our walks, in the Langdales, we sat for a few minutes to enjoy the beauty and scenery, and to our surprise we saw a paper bag left between two of the rocks where we were sitting.

We were annoyed by the inconsiderate behaviour of whoever left it and I decided to pick it up and take it back to put in a litter bin. As I reached down to take it I saw another plastic bag there with an empty juice bottle inside it. Both bags were soaking wet but it seemed wrong to leave them there, partly because of the litter aspect and partly because they were a potential danger to animals. So I picked them up and carried them for the half hour or more until we were back at the car park and could find a bin.

This reminded me of the litter pick undertaken recently by different faith communities together in Manchester as an agreed action after the recent 'Our Faith, Our Planet, Our Actions' conference and how important it is for us to take responsibility for our local environment and our world. There are so many initiatives at present making us aware of the harm we are doing to our world and its environment through pollution, litter, plastic waste and in so many other ways.

As we approach the High Holydays this year and consider the things we have done wrong and how we can change our lives for the better and to be better people, I wonder whether we can take responsibility as a community as well. We have the annual Kol Nidre or High Holyday Appeal and raise money for some excellent causes but the Yamim Noraim are also about changing our actions and acting to make a positive change.

Whether we agree with those who warn about global warming and climate change and the way our world and its actions are exacerbating these problems or not, there are plenty of things we could do as a community to ensure we take more care to look after our world.

There are many ways to start this process as a synagogue. We could look at our waste and better recycling or energy use, how we source our food and so many other things. We can explore and adopt an action plan rooted in Jewish tradition that both generates love and responsibility for the natural world and equips all of us with the spiritual resilience to become effective advocates for proper care of our world.

Perhaps I need to communicate community values around food, energy and climate from the pulpit, and we can explore them through communal study and discussion. Could we even explore becoming an eco-synagogue and what that might mean?

Without a healthy planet, there will be no Jewish community. We can, and we must, shift our consciousness and our actions. We need to embrace the evolving nature of Judaism to ensure the survival of a world in which we and our tradition can live — our Jewish and human continuity depends on it and we owe it to our children and grandchildren to act now before it is too late.

I wish you a good, healthy and sweet New Year, one where we can all make positive changes for the year ahead and for our collective future.

## High Holy Day Message from Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner



Is the earth orbiting more quickly, time passing us by at an ever more rapid pace? Or is it just a perception we are left with by the seemingly increasing rate of change in the world around us? Certainly it feels as though we are living through some of the most rapid developments in human history. Compared with even ten or twenty years ago, our experience is so fundamentally different in terms of our technology, our politics and our understanding of the world around us including the real and tangible threat of climate change. The pace can be disorientating.

Judaism's hardwired for change. This year we've seen change due to the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the increasing influence of global technology companies. Important elements of our lives are augmented by computerised helpers. We may feel controlled by what our phones and computers indicate that we should be doing at any given moment.

The task for this coming year is to reaffirm the *mitzvot*, values and actions which are important to us when there is so much to draw our attention away from them. We've had enormous changes before - industrialisation, immigrations, world wars and we have kept Judaism vibrant and relevant. This is not a coincidence - Judaism is built exactly to adapt to changing situations. We've morphed from tribe to nation, from scattered to independent State, from priesthood to rabbis. There's no question in my mind as to our capacity to embrace what is good about new technologies and to use our Judaism to challenge and adapt ourselves in response to opportunities evoking a vast mixture of emotions.

The High Holiday period offers us the moment in time to step away from the pressures of this rapidly moving world and focus back on these questions of what really matters to us. We must account for ourselves - take responsibility back - and plan ahead for a year where we remain true to the values we reflect on at this moment. It's our annual reboot which refreshes our identity, our memories, our capacities and our plans.

When the Enlightenment arrived a couple of centuries ago, it also raised questions of how to maintain the connection between Jews and the values behind our practices. One response to this challenge was the *Mussar* (ethics) movement - one which focused on moral and ethical underpinnings of a Jewish life. Some have seen the revival of this focus on values and ethics as an answer to our own modern context. Perhaps we do indeed need an updating of *Pirkei Avot* - the Ethics of our Fathers - for ourselves today. Maybe even a *Pirkei Imahot* - the Ethics of our Mothers; to add the voices that were not heard in the past, that we need more and more today. I want to suggest three foundational values for us as we enter 5780 and beyond.

The first value is *Arevut* - *Kol Yisrael Aravim zeh b'zeh* - all of us are *arevim* for each other. This does not just mean that we are "responsible" for one another, but much more. We must be each other's "guarantors". Within our community, we not only have a stake in the success of one another, but our behaviour guarantees the behaviour of others, setting a constant example. Within the Reform Judaism community, we take this commitment to each other seriously at all stages of life. For the older members of our communities, we have focused on tackling the crisis of loneliness - which harms the quality of life and health of so many - through our Communities that Care initiatives. For the youngest members of our communities, we have ensured the maximum number of young people can gain positive Jewish experiences through our youth movement RSY-Netzer. Approximately one-fifth of the young people engaged with RSY-Netzer would not be able to participate because of physical disabilities, welfare needs or

mental health challenges were it not for the specific support our professional welfare structures can provide.

The second value we should focus on is *chachnasat orchim* - welcoming and hosting others. When it seems in person connections between people are being severed in favour of a digital life, forming in person bonds through hospitality becomes ever more important. Up and down the country, Reform Jewish communities are hosting Friday night dinners, lunches and events in homes - showing how real Judaism lives in the whole world, not just inside the confines of the synagogue. We must not just welcome each other, though. At a time where our concerns about anti-Semitism remain significant, the correct response to our feelings of vulnerability is *davka*, particularly, to open the door and show the world what our community is really all about. Our synagogues welcome in countless school visits every year, letting children and teachers experience our community first-hand, not to mention the amazing interfaith projects so many Reform synagogues are creating with our neighbours. We extend our support to those in need of safety, with Reform Jews being some of the loudest voices in support of refugees in recent years.

The final value which seems so critical right now is the correct use of our power of speech, of avoiding *lashon ha'ra* - negative and hateful speech. Right now, social media has provided the platform for anonymous hate to spread at turbo-charged virus pace. Individuals feel emboldened to say things they would never say in person. When you're surprised, shocked by the language try asking one simple question: "*would you say it to my face?*" Even more importantly, we must face up to those who feel emboldened to bring such hateful speech into our societal discourse - especially when those people are in positions of power and use those positions to amplify hatred, rather than do good. We must not enter the fray of division and intolerance which has spread, sometimes with violent consequences. Reform Judaism will continue to set high standards for engaging respectfully, responding constructively and calling out hate wherever we see it. Within our communities, the value of constructive engagement is a value which is alive and real; perceptible to any person entering the doors.

The precious period of time around Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur gives us a rare chance to pause the rapid pace of our lives and take back control for ourselves. We must identify the values which matter to us, and ensure we are reminded of those every day. The judgement our liturgy discusses is as much about whether we take responsibility for ourselves and not get swept away by life, as it is the specifics of what we may do. May the coming year be one of intention and thoughtfulness, where we write the story of our lives with deliberation. May we all as Reform Jews bring to life the values we all hold dear.

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## Message from the President

Last year, my Rosh Hashanah message told of the way the Jewish community came together to proclaim in a loud and firm voice, “Enough is Enough” on antisemitism in the Labour Party.

Since then, the antisemitism crisis has not gone away. However, our campaign against those who pursue this most ancient form of racism has had great successes, notably the suspension of serial offenders including Chris Williamson and Peter Willsman and the expulsion of Jackie Walker.

There is understandable anxiety in our community about the way racists within Labour have been emboldened to express their disgraceful views by the indifference, and at times the collusion, of the party’s leadership. However, as I have been saying since I assumed the presidency of this great organisation in 2018, there is another story to be told.

This is the story of a longstanding community that has lived peacefully in the UK for centuries; a community which, since we were allowed back into this country by Oliver Cromwell, has had the freedom to practice our religion and live a truly Jewish life within a respectful society.

In return, our community has contributed great things, in the arts, in society, in business and in politics and science. We have produced major figures from Abba Eban to Amy Winehouse, from Isaiah Berlin to Mark Ronson. With the prevailing conditions of freedom and respect our community has flourished over the past centuries, and despite worries over the revival of mainstream antisemitism, most of us lead happy Jewish lives.

However, there is a reason that the Board of Deputies has existed since 1760; that is to protect those hard-won freedoms and to ensure that the Jewish community in all its forms and denominations, continues to flourish.

At the Board of Deputies, we are in constant campaign mode, challenging Labour antisemitism through advocacy in the media, and to those in Labour and outside who support us and can make a difference.

Of course, Labour’s antisemitism problem is not the only problem with which we are grappling. Brexit is an issue of enormous national significance, and it will impact on British Jews. We have been working with the Government to ensure that Jewish interests are safeguarded in all circumstances.

The Board of Deputies played a prominent role in campaigning for the terrorist group Hizballah to be banned in its entirety. The Government listened and responded last autumn by ending the artificial distinction between Hizballah’s political and military wings.

We continue to confront and challenge divisive and unhelpful boycotts of Israel. Through our Invest in Peace projects, where we bring Israelis and Palestinians to speak to interfaith audiences, we show that there are better ways to address and resolve differences over the conflict.



We made a significant intervention into the Government's legislation on organ donation. As we moved from an opt-in to an opt-out system, we acted to ensure that Jews of all denominations were protected. We also obtained compromises from the Department for Education on relationships and sex education that will allow all parts of our community to teach according to their ethos.

We work to educate non-Jewish children and adults throughout the UK on the Jewish way of life. One way we do this is through our mobile exhibition, the Jewish Living Experience which is visited by thousands of children and adults.

We ensure high standard of religious education in schools through our Pikuach inspection service – 'the Jewish Ofsted' which is accredited by the Department for Education.

Our honorary officers and staff reach out to local councillors at Local Councillors Seminars across the UK, to ensure that they understand and are sympathetic to Jewish concerns.

Through Milah UK, for which the Board of Deputies provides the secretariat, we campaign for the right of every Jewish boy to be circumcised according to Jewish law.

Our contribution to UK Jewish life is crucial. We will continue to represent you in the coming year to ensure we continue to live freely and safely as Jews as we have done here for centuries.

May this Rosh Hashanah bring you, your families and all of Am Yisrael health, strength and peace.

*Marie van der Zyl*

**Marie van der Zyl**  
President

***Learning from Ruth: Life after Conversion***  
**by Susie Gordon**

At the springtime festival of Shavuot, we read from the Book of Ruth, and hear how Naomi's devoted daughter-in-law pledged her loyalty to Judaism and the Jewish people. *Wherever you go, I will go, Ruth promises Naomi. Wherever you live, I will live; your people will be my people, and your G-d will be my G-d.*

This year, Shavuot coincided with the completion of my own conversion to Judaism and my acceptance as a member of the Shul. It was a culmination of a journey that had begun many years ago for me, from tracing my ancestry to coming to the Shul for the first time. It was also just the start of what will be a lifelong journey of the heart and mind.

While Ruth's story of loyalty has resonances for everyone, converts like myself hold her in particularly high esteem. For me she is a paragon of devotion, who is willing – unlike her sister-in-law Orpah – to commit her life to Judaism despite not knowing what the future will hold. My own decision to convert came at a time of flux in my personal circumstances, and has not been without its challenges. However, following Ruth's example, I have never doubted this decision.

On Shavuot this year, as a fully-fledged convert, I was able to read the Haftorah for the first time in Shul – the passage from the Book of Ruth that contains her legendary pledge to Naomi. Surrounded by members of the congregation who have become friends and family to me, it was a highly poignant moment, and one that I will never forget.

## TIKKUN OLAM DAY



Tikkun Olam Day was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> July. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. There was an amazing BBQ, stalls with various items for sale, a tombola, outdoor games and a bake-off cake competition. Money raised was donated to Liverpool Cares.



The winner of the adult section of the bake off was Sharon Becker and the winner of the children's section was Sammy Becker.

## GAMES NIGHT

'A games night was held in the Hall on 23rd March which was enjoyed by approximately 30 children & adults who attended. Beverley Stevenson lead Havdalah and this was followed by games which were tried & swapped around the tables. Joel Ross was the Question Master for the Quiz and the table consisting of 'young adults' beat off the competition from the older quizzers. Well done them 👍 A big thank you to Andrew Patrick for bringing along a selection of board games from the large collection he has amassed over the years.'



## Northern Chagigah



# Northern Chagigah 1-3 November 2019 The Hawkhill, Easingwold

REFORM JUDAISM



*"Im ein ani li mi li?"* If I am not for myself who will be for me?

Looking after ourselves, each other and the environment is the theme for our weekend away together in the beautiful North Yorkshire countryside

**Bookings now open!**

Questions? Get in touch with [Sarita@rjuk.org](mailto:Sarita@rjuk.org) or 020 8349 5716

Find session descriptions and booking details at:

[www.reformjudaism.org.uk/events/northern-chagigah/](http://www.reformjudaism.org.uk/events/northern-chagigah/)

## New courses! Lehrhaus Autumn 2019 at Leo Baeck College and ONLINE!

This coming year sees the return of many exciting courses plus the addition of on-line learning opportunities to enable even more people to study with us. We are also delighted to offer Modern Hebrew Ulpan classes as part of the Lehrhaus. For more information please go to our website: [lbc.ac.uk/study-with-us/additional-learning-opportunities/lehrhaus](http://lbc.ac.uk/study-with-us/additional-learning-opportunities/lehrhaus)

As an incentive, all returning *Lehrhaus* students will enjoy a 10% discount on any course (excluding Ulpan) and a 20% discount if signing up for more than one course in the semester.

Please click on this link: [www.lbc.ac.uk/lehrhaus](http://www.lbc.ac.uk/lehrhaus) for details and information about all our courses.

If you have any questions, please contact Jarek: [Lehrhaus@lbc.ac.uk](mailto:Lehrhaus@lbc.ac.uk), +44 20 8349 5600.

## Invitation from Brighton and Hove?

Are you considering spending some time in Brighton & Hove, maybe on holiday or on business?

Mike Lyons is the founding editor of the website 'Brighton & Hove Online Jewish Community.' and has kindly extended this invitation to our members.

If you are visiting Brighton and Hove please view our website 'Brighton & Hove Online Jewish Community' at <https://yofi29.wixsite.com/bhjc>

You are very welcome to join in with any of our services, lunches, dinners, functions, club events etc during your stay.

## House Committee / Shul Clean Up Synagogue Council

Quite a few years have passed since the Shul building was altered and upgraded. It reached the position where urgent attention was needed to help bring it back into good order. A start has been made by the volunteers with cleaning, sorting, throwing out rubbish or unwanted things in both the Kitchen & Cheder Room.

The next area for attention is the outside. A good start was made on 1st September with the volunteers helping to clear the overgrown area on the kitchen side of the kitchen and clearing part of the unused land that belongs to the Shul at the bottom of the garden. A lot more work needs to be done on this section of land and we are awaiting a decision from the City Council on what work we are allowed to do on the trees.

The Synagogue Council will be looking at how any necessary building, maintenance and / or security work can be funded. As well as using funds from subscriptions this will probably involve working with the Social Committee to consider putting on 'money raising events' specifically for this purpose.

If anyone has any specific building work skills such as plumbing, electrical, joinery etc. please let us know if you would be willing to help in order to keep costs down.

The Synagogue Council is very grateful to those who volunteered to help and, thanks to their hard work over the last couple of weeks, the building is starting to look so much better already.

We would ask **everyone** to respect the work undertaken. If you use the kitchen please put things back in the correct places (labels have been placed on cupboards & drawers) and do not leave left over food etc. in the kitchen, especially after a Kiddush, Cheder, Youth Club or hire of the hall. Any items deemed as 'should not be in the kitchen' **will be** thrown away.

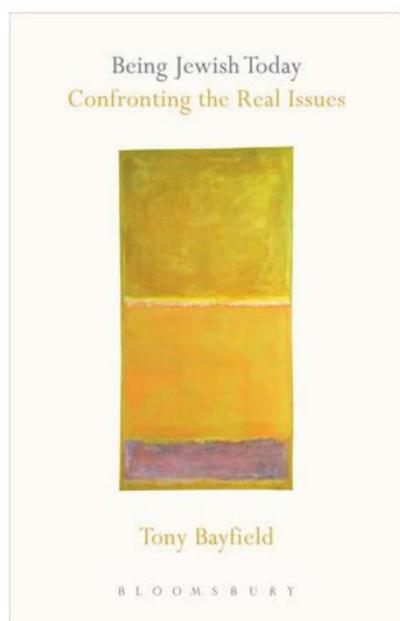
### Kashrut Rules

Further to the recent problem in the wider community with regard to Kashrut, this seemed an appropriate time to issue the following gentle reminder of the Kashrut rules in force at our Shul.

- We have a dairy, vegetarian, fish kitchen. NO meat or poultry products are allowed on the premises.
- All foods must be either kosher or vegetarian or parev (parev contains no milk or meat products).
- All dairy products must be kosher or vegetarian e.g. no cheese with rennet or yoghurt/mousse with gelatine.
- Any fish products must also comply with kashrut rules, e.g. must have fins and scales (tuna, salmon, cod etc.), but NO shellfish (prawns, crab etc.).
- Please remember Halal is NOT the same as kosher. Some halal products contain halal beef gelatine which is not permitted.
- Please also be aware that many sweets and chocolate products are not permitted because they contain gelatine or other meat derivatives.
- Please always check the list of ingredients on products. If you are buying vegetarian food products, look for the 'suitable for vegetarian' sign on the packaging.

This is not a comprehensive guide but hopefully you will find it useful.

If you need further guidance, please don't hesitate to ask someone such as Annette, Nina, or Simone (Rabbi Elf's wife). We are sure they would be happy to advise you. There is also a guidance book on 'kosher nosh' that is kept in the kitchen.



## **Being Jewish Today** ***Confronting the Real*** ***Issues***

By Tony Bayfield

**Published by Bloomsbury Continuum**  
**on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**Hardback: £18.99**

Rabbi Tony Bayfield breaks new ground in exploring the meaning of Jewish identity and its relationship to Jewish tradition and belief. *Being Jewish Today* gives an account of both the journey of a particular British Jew and the journey of millions of women and men through today's perplexing and difficult world. With honesty and integrity. The rigorous questions he asks of his Jewishness, Judaism and the Jewish God are substantially the same as those asked by people of all faiths and none.

Drawing on key religious and secular thinkers who contribute to the force of his argument, Bayfield's masterful, challenging and urgent book will appeal to all Jews, whether religious or cultural, and to anyone curious about the nature of Judaism and religion today.

**Rabbi Tony Bayfield** is a graduate of Magdalene College Cambridge and Leo Baeck College, London. He has been both Head and President of the Movement for Reform Judaism. He also has a Lambeth doctorate for a body of published work in the world of theology and Christian Jewish relations. He has a CBE for services to Reform Judaism and was awarded the Inter Faith Gold Medallion. This is his sixth book.

*Use code **BJT2019** for **30% off***  
*when you pre-order at [www.bloomsbury.com](http://www.bloomsbury.com)*

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**LRS Members can order copies with a special discount of 30%.**

Liverpool Reform Synagogue

# Family Services



will be taking place on

Shabbat 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Shabbat 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (Sukkot Special)

Shabbat 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

Shabbat 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019 (pre-Chanukah special)

all starting at 10.45 a.m.

All families of all ages are welcome to join us.

Contact Rabbi Warren or Bev or Vivi for more details

or just come and join us!

## **Job Description/Person Specification/Terms**

### **(Intern) Researcher/Co-Writer**

Accountable to:	Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner
Contract Period:	1 October – 31 <sup>st</sup> December on a self-employed basis
Salary:	£10.55 per hour (London Living Wage)
Hours:	5 hours per week (flexible)
Deadline:	9 <sup>th</sup> September 2019

#### **Background/Purpose**

To support the office of the Senior Rabbi to Reform Judaism by researching, writing and proactively seeking opportunities to impact on public debate on topics relevant to Reform Judaism, British Jews and social justice.

#### **Job Role**

To pro-actively seek opportunities for the Senior Rabbi and/or Reform Judaism to contribute to public debate.

To draft articles on behalf of the Senior Rabbi

To help prepare the Senior Rabbi for her television, radio, and other public or media appearances

To carry out ad hoc research tasks as guided by the Senior Rabbi and her Director of Public Affairs.

Proactively follow current affairs and regularly check media sources (including social media), in order to update the Senior Rabbi of news developments/interesting articles, especially where relevant to Israel and/or the Jewish Community.

#### **Person Specification**

A genuine interest and involvement in the Progressive Jewish Community/Israel

Ability to work on a completely confidential basis

Be an efficient self-starter and motivated to finish the task

Someone who is happy to work independently

Excellent written and verbal communication skills

To apply, please submit a cv, cover letter together with an op. ed. – in the name of the Senior Rabbi – for the Jewish Chronicle on **‘What interventions should British Jewry prioritise to positively impact on the future of our communities’**. (Not more than 400 words)

**Applications by email to:** [gshulman@rjuk.org](mailto:gshulman@rjuk.org)

**Closing date:** 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## **NEWS**

### **Bar Mitzvah**

Jamie Hampton celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The service was led by Rabbi Warren Elf. Family and friends together with members of the community came together to share Jamie's special day.

### **Engagement**

The congregation wish Susie Gordon and Maor Yavetz 'Mazeltov' on their engagement.

### **Heartfelt Condolences**

The congregation wish the family of Harvey Harrison heartfelt condolences and a Long Life.

The congregation wish Richard Bradley and his family heartfelt condolences and a Long Life on the death of his brother Alderman Alan Bradley.

### **Family Services**

Family Services continue and are always very well attended. Planned dates are outlined in the poster above and will be confirmed via e-mail.

### **Erev Shabbat Chavurah Suppers led by Martin Herr**

The aim is to hold the Erev Shabbat Chavurah Supper on the first Friday of each month. Unfortunately, this is not always possible, therefore we will always let you know via the Shul email address if one is to be held in a specific month.

To remind you, they consist of sitting round the table, singing some Shabbat songs followed by Kiddush, eating, chatting and benching after the meal.

We start at 6.30pm when everyone helps to prepare the room and put the food out. All that we ask is that if you come along please bring a dish either kosher/non-meat or vegetarian (sweet or savoury) to share on the night.

### **Thanks for contributions**

Special thanks to Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner, Marie van der Zyl, Rabbi Warren Elf, Maya Skaarbrevik and Susie Gordon for their contributions to this newsletter.

## CHEDER NEWS



Cheder will start again in September 2019. Please refer to our website for further details.  
<http://www.lrshul.org/>

As a synagogue we aim to provide opportunities for our children and young people within a wide social and educational framework for their early and teenage years. These include activities that are person-centred, experience-oriented, and interactive.

We provide activities that both promote a learning and experiencing community, a culture of education, and content that engages, and includes Jewish education and a curriculum focusing on the lifestyle and the identity of being Jewish.

Our curriculum is designed around and based on Jewish values and the values of the Reform Movement, whilst also recognising that the young people are part of a wider British community.

Cheder takes place 10.30am – 12.00pm on the 2nd Sunday every month during term time (King David, Liverpool Term dates).

## YOUTH CLUB ACTIVITIES



The Youth Club continues to be held every Sunday from 7 – 9pm. There are activities including table tennis; tuck shop; arts and crafts; cinema nights; cookery; film and media editing; chill out; sports and PSP gaming. All young people age 11 – 18 years are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, or you would like to volunteer at the club then please feel free to contact Zarah or Steven on 0799 057 3652,

# Rosh Hashanah GREETINGS

## LIVERPOOL REFORM SYNAGOGUE

*“Best wishes for a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year to all the Liverpool Reform Synagogue Community”*

'The Synagogue Council wishes all members and friends a happy New Year and well over the fast'



Esther & Alan would like to wish all family and friends at the Shul a happy New Year and an easy fast'

"Shana Tova oom'tuka!!

A happy, healthy and sweet year to all the community at Liverpool Reform shul.  
Yomtov greetings from Shelley, Tali, Susie and Maor

Barbara and Jeff Becker would like to wish you all a happy and healthy new year and well over the fast. 'Shana Tovah' for 5780.

Helen and Murray Silver wish you all a sweet New Year and well over the Fast

Frankie Huskisson & family would like to wish the Council, members and all at LRS,  
Shanah Tovah U'Metukah.  
May 5780 bring us nothing but Joy.

Wishing Shana Tova um'tukah and an easy fast to all the Community,  
with very best wishes Charlotte, Paul, Hannah, Abbie, Max & Theo

## PREPARING TO GO TO UNIVERSITY?

**Maya Skaarbrevik**

I'm excited to get in contact again to let you know about my work as the Progressive Students Fieldworker between Reform Judaism and Liberal Judaism.

We (myself and Rabbi Daniel Lichman, our Student Chaplain) work with university students on campuses around the UK providing engaging and transformational Progressive Jewish experiences (read more here: <https://www.reformjudaism.org.uk/students/>). These come in the form of Shabbat dinners, educational events, our annual students retreat, 'Reconnect', and our leadership programme called 'Chizuk' (meaning emotional or spiritual support or encouragement). Many of the students that we engage with strengthen their Jewish identities and relationships as part of our ongoing support with them.

We would love to be able to continue meeting and supporting students while they are away at university. Many of our most impactful relationships with students come from a personal introduction by a Rabbi or lay person at the synagogue, enabling us to facilitate meaningful Jewish moments for that student at university. If you are a student or know of any students that you think would benefit from hearing from us directly, please get in contact so we can start a conversation with you.

Attached below is the poster sharing our work, and a booklet for sixth formers preparing for university.

Link to Booklet



Student Choveret  
5780.pdf

If you would like to organise a 1-2-1 meeting with myself or Rabbi Daniel Lichman, please do get in touch.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Maya Skaarbrevik



**Maya Skaarbrevik**  
Student Fieldworker



tel 020 8349 5661

# Progressive Jewish Students



WHAT IS  
PJS?



'Progressive Jewish Students'



@PJS\_UK

Progressive Jewish Students is **YOUR** Jewish home on campus. We create progressive (Reform/Liberal) Jewish environments on campuses across the UK. We work with JSoc's, Egalitarian Jewish groups and Bogrim (graduates) from RSY - Netzer and LJS - Netzer. We can't wait to see you on campus!

- Student Retreats
- Trips Abroad
- Lunch & Learns
- Friday Night Dinners
- Chizuk - Our Student Leadership Programme
- Campus Visits
- Connections to Progressive Communities



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## WHICH CAMPUSES DO WE VISIT?

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## HIGH HOLY DAY TICKET SCHEME

Maya Skaarbrevik

I'm very pleased to share that the High Holy Day Ticket Scheme is now live and accepting applications from young adults. To sign up to the scheme please visit: <http://bit.ly/HHDtickets2019>

The deadline for young adults to complete the application and receive their ticket is Friday 20th September 2019.

Tickets will be posted to young adults in batches as applications are received, with the first batch being sent out in August.



# High Holy Day Ticket Scheme

The High Holy Day ticket scheme allows students and young people at participating Reform synagogues and Liberal synagogues the opportunity to attend the High Holy Day services free of charge.

To sign up to the scheme, please visit: <http://bit.ly/HHDtickets2019>

*Deadline for applications is the 20th September 2019*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Rosh Hashanah Morning 5780 (1 <sup>st</sup> Day)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Rosh Hashanah Morning 5780 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Day)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Kol Nidre
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Yom Kippur
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October a.m.	Decorating the Sukkah
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Erev Succoth
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Succoth
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Erev Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Chanukah (1 <sup>st</sup> Candle)
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Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Tu B'Shevat
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Erev Purim
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Purim
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Erev Pesach/1 <sup>st</sup> Seder Night
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Yom Ha'Shoah
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Yom Ha'Zikaron
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Erev Shavuot
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Shavuot

Times of services for the High Holy Days, Succoth & Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah are listed below and will be confirmed via e-mail prior to the date.

ROSH HASHANAH				
Date	Service	Start Time	Service Leader	Prayer Book
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> Night	6.30 pm	Student Rabbi Deborah Blausten	Days of Awe Machzor
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> Day	10.30 am		
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	10.30 am	Martin Herr	Family Friendly Service
YOM KIPPUR				
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Kol Nidre	7.00 pm	Student Rabbi Deborah Blausten	Days of Awe Machzor
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Morning	11:00 am		
	Afternoon			
	Additional			
	*Yiscor	5.00 pm		
	*Concluding			

\*Yiscor will start at approximately 5.00pm and the Concluding Service will end at approximately 7.00pm, followed by Havdalah

SUCCOTH				
Date	Service	Start Time	Service Leader	Prayer Book
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Evening Service	7.00 pm	Martin Herr	The Pilgrim Festival Machzor
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Morning Service	10.30 am	Rabbi Warren Elf	
SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH				
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Evening Service	7.00 pm	Martin Herr	The Pilgrim Festival Machzor
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Morning Service	10.30 am	Rabbi Warren Elf	

As in previous years, we will be using the Days of Awe Machzor for the High Holy Day Services and the Pilgrim Festival Machzor for Succoth & Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah.

Please remember to bring your own copies along to the services.

If you wish to purchase them please contact John Trotter Books via the Steinberg Centre, 80 East End Road, Finchley, London N3 2SY; the telephone number is 02083499484.

**We would like to welcome you to our services which are held each Shabbat**

**Erev Shabbat:** Approximately once per month we gather for our Shabbat Evening service and Chavurah Supper, starting at 6.30pm. Where possible this takes place on the first Friday of the month, but this may change from time to time. Dates will be published on the web site and members will be notified via e-mail.

**Shabbat Morning:** 10.30am.

The service ends at 12.30pm with a Kiddush where the congregation come together to share wine, challah and other foods.

**Liverpool Reform Synagogue Web Page**

The Web page has now been updated and can be accessed at <http://www.lrshul.org>  
The Web page will continue to be updated and new items of interest added on a regular basis. If you have any suggestions or wish to contribute to the web page please contact Stuart Becker at Email: [webmaster@lrshul.org](mailto:webmaster@lrshul.org)

**Guidance following the death of a member of the Liverpool Reform Synagogue**

Liverpool Reform Synagogue appreciates how difficult the death of a loved one can be and in order to assist members at this time a booklet has been developed which provides guidance and relevant important information. The booklet can be found on the LRS web page at <http://www.lrshul.org/death-and-mourning/>. Paper copies are also available in the synagogue.

**If you are in need of advice, please telephone Anna Cohen on 07729 562 174**

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