



## THE UNEXPECTED JOY OF REOPENING

*Rabbi Halafta ben Dosa, from Kfar Hananya, said "When ten people sit together, immersed in Torah, the Divine presence is steeped in their midst, as it says in Psalms (82:1), 'God stands in the assembly of God.'" Pirkei Avot 3:6*

A few weeks ago, we made the decision to begin taking the Torah out of the ark again. For the first time in about fifteen months, I stood in awe as we began the Torah service and opened the ark, revealing the brilliance of lighting reflecting off the freshly polished and repaired Torah adornments. As a rabbi, I've held a Torah on my own at various points this past year. But standing in the community, honouring the Torah as part of a Shabbat service, was incredibly moving – my eyes welled up on account of this religious beauty, which we have missed for far too long. All these emotions were compounded by hearing the weekly Parsha read not out of a Chumash, but from the Torah itself.

We've now been taking out and reading from the Torah for several weeks, and it's just as beautiful as it was that first time. Each week, I know that for so many people present at the service, it is in fact their first time seeing the Torah since before the pandemic struck. Of course, I wish more of you could have this experience right away, but we are still limited in service attendance due to lockdown measures. That being said, it will be that much more welcome

when we do reopen fully, come 19 July.

Virtually all of my colleagues have been discussing lately what they think synagogue life will look like after the pandemic restrictions lift. Many worry that their congregants have become used to praying at home, and therefore will have less of a reason to return to in-person services. I can't help but think they are mistaken. Yes, many people attend services in person for the prayer experience itself, but I believe most of us come to synagogue to be moved (emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually) and to connect (with others, ourselves, and the Divine). You can certainly have some of these needs met online or at home, but the most important needs – being moved spiritually and connecting to others – simply can't be replicated elsewhere in the same way.

For a couple of months now, we've been able to gather with friends in our gardens, at a park, or elsewhere outdoors, but there's a difference between seeing a few select people and seeing your larger community. There are plenty of people we may not think to call or visit on our own, but we are quite glad when we have a chance to see them at synagogue and hear what has been happening with them. Such

encounters remind us that we are part of something much larger than ourselves, our families, and our circle of friends: we are part of a loving and supportive community. And it's the sense of belonging which has been at the heart of the Belsize experience since our community's founding.

I want to invite you to join us for services in person as soon as you are able and feel comfortable doing so. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised by how much you've missed the experience of celebrating our heritage with others. And when you find yourself feeling moved by the experience, I want you to try to hold on to the feeling – as we should never take such everyday blessings for granted again.

**Rabbi Gabriel Botnick**



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## SYNAGOGUE SNAPSHOTS



**NAME:** Leah Hurst  
**JOB TITLE:** Head of Legal and Business Affairs at the Royal Opera House

### What's your favourite thing about your work?

I have been a lawyer for many years mainly working in-house, first as a property lawyer and, since 2011, in the voluntary sector. Prior to the Opera House, I worked for Save the Children, The British Council and The Old Vic Theatre. I have always enjoyed the variety of working in-house where you have to deal with everything that comes up and where finding a solution is as important as knowing the legal position. Having been a regular attendee of both ballet and opera at Covent Garden, I had often thought that the most perfect job would be Head of Legal there and was absolutely delighted to be offered the job in 2019. I have many favourite things about the job – there's the Opera House itself, which is the most amazing building. We put on 40 productions a year and at any one time five or six will be in rotation, rehearsing and performing, so there is always something to listen to or see. I love seeing how we go from planning a season or commissioning new work to seeing that show on the stage and how my work helps that. We also have an extensive learning and participation programme and seeing young children exploring ballet or opera in the foyer or seeing older children experiencing a show for the first time at a schools' matinee is pretty special too.

### What is the hardest part of your job?

Covid has been really difficult for the performing arts sector as a whole and navigating this unfamiliar landscape over the last year or so has been hard. Initially my team went from five to one, with only a small core of staff remaining at work during much of 2020. The sheer volume and variety of what comes up can sometimes be hard to manage. In any week I could be dealing with our Culture Recovery Fund government loan, licensing music for digital streaming, brand licences for the items we sell in the shop and the repairs to the beautiful ceiling in the auditorium.

### If you could do any other job for one day, what would you choose?

The daughter of one of my assistants once described his job as the Prime Minister of Ballerinas – that sounds like a job I would like to have for a day.

### How did you come to be a member of Belsize Square?

My parents joined Belsize in 1971 at the suggestion of Eric Moonman and I have just never left. Interestingly, I do still sometimes get asked if I joined the shul because of my husband Adam.

### What's your favourite festival?

I think it's probably Pesach – my parents lived in the US for many years but Pesach was always a festival we spent together. Many years ago my Dad made his own Haggadah which over the years has become the Polonsky Hurst Haggadah and we usually have a big crowd of family and friends over for the seder.

### Where do you like to sit in shul?

When I was younger it was in the choir loft as I was a member of the youth choir for many years. On the High Holydays I'm usually at the very front in the Children's Services as, along with Karen Sanders, I have spent many years helping Dilys organise those. On a normal shabbat it's usually the right hand side near the back. Having just been made a warden (in 2020, although we haven't been in shul since) I suspect I will be nearer the front!

**NAME:** Richard Pollins  
**JOB TITLE:** Head of Planning/Programme Editor, ITV News, London



### What's your favourite thing about your work?

I love creating a programme that goes out in people's homes each night. It's a privilege to attempt to reflect the news stories that matter to Londoners in an engaging way. There's still a buzz from having an idea and seeing it on my screen.

### What is the hardest part of your job?

Juggling egos and strong opinions of contributors and colleagues.

### If you could do any other job for one day, what would you choose?

I'd like to manage Spurs and take the generous severance packages that seem to be on offer!

### How did you come to be a member of Belsize Square?

It's in my genes - I was born into the community. 4th generation. I'm proud to have such a long connection but do remember sitting in car on way to Cheder counting how many synagogues we were going past to get to ours!

### What's your favourite festival?

Always loved Rosh Hashanah and even Yom Kippur. Love the family meals, love seeing and hearing Belsize at its best. Of all the festivals - it's the most reflective and the time I feel most Jewish.

### Where do you like to sit in shul?

On the left-hand side. Not sure why, I think my grandparents always did. Ask my mum. No assigned seats of course but don't sit in ours!



# THE STORY BEHIND 'SAVED BY A STRANGER'

**Peter Summerfield BEM**

In May of this year, my family's last-minute escape from Nazi Germany was depicted by the BBC as an episode in a programme entitled 'Saved By A Stranger', made by a company called Blink Films. The idea behind the series was to portray individuals or groups who were helped to overcome often insurmountable difficulties by a person or persons hardly known or entirely unknown to them. Our own story centred round the crucial loan of a sum of money by the non-Jewish caretaker of the apartment block where we lived, which saved the lives of our family one week before the outbreak of the Second World War.

The participation in the programme of my twin brother, George, and myself began with Blink Films making it known that they were looking for a Holocaust story in which a Jewish person was helped by someone from a different background. Our grandson, Harry Sassoon, learnt of this and arranged for us to be contacted by Blink. There followed extensive interviews on Zoom in which we gave a full account of our childhood in Berlin, and our subsequent traumatic escape.

The main focus of the BBC interest in our story came from the fact that we saved our lives by changing our departure plans at the last moment. We had finally received consent to emigrate from Germany and immigrate to the United States and had purchased tickets to sail by boat from Hamburg first to the UK and then, after a short stay, to the United States. The boat from Hamburg never left but, most fortunately, my parents were persuaded by our grandmother to leave four days earlier by train through Holland. This required payment for new rail tickets but our parents had been forced to give up all their money and valuables as a condition of permission to leave and such contents of our household effects as we were permitted to take were already in a container in Hamburg and later plundered. It was at this point that our father approached our caretaker

for a loan to meet the cost of the revised fares and he immediately agreed. It was only because of this loan that we were able to leave the evening of that same day with just two cases, which were then stolen at the border between Germany and Holland. We arrived in London on 27 August 1939, four days before the outbreak of war, with only our hand luggage. Thankfully, the charity now known as World Jewish Relief came to our immediate aid.

The caretaker had always been friendly and had disapproved of the fact that his two sons, roughly our age and our best friends, were suddenly forbidden to play with us because we were Jewish. He had also helped my father to avoid capture on Kristallnacht by hiding him in the basement. After the war, we obviously repaid the loan and even sent food parcels from our own rations but once the family moved from Berlin, we had lost contact. Blink now offered to use their agents in Germany to try and find any surviving family members as we were keen to re-establish contact and, once again, to emphasise how grateful we were for the help given.

The filming was carried out over six sessions of 2-3 hours each by a crew of six. The location was either my own home, my brother's flat or, on the last

occasion, Bentley Priory in Stanmore. On each occasion, the presenter and well-known TV personality, Anita Rani, spent time with us and filmed with us, allowing us to tell our story. We found her to have tremendous charm and empathy. Everything was carried out under strict Covid regulations and that of course prevented us from meeting up with the sole family survivor, namely the caretaker's son, Rolf Schaedler. We were only gradually informed of any progress made in the search for family members and were sad to learn of the death of the caretaker and the younger of the two sons.

The reunion was carefully filmed in such a way that we really felt that we were physically together. It was really exciting, after 82 years, to see our childhood friend again and it was very emotional for everyone. We told Rolf how proud he and his family should be that his father had been instrumental in saving not only our family at that time but all subsequent members who had been born since. We spoke in German as Rolf's knowledge of English was minimal, our wives joined us and we all had an interesting conversation that was filmed in real time. Rolf revealed that his father had been a plumber who was employed on one occasion in a Concentration Camp. When he

complained about the treatment of Jewish prisoners, he himself was sent to a Concentration Camp for a period of time as a punishment from which Rolf told us he never really recovered and which contributed to his early death. Since our reunion, George and I are in frequent touch with Rolf and are even hoping to meet in Berlin next year for Rolf's 90th Birthday.

The programme has been reaching a very wide television audience and George and I feel happy to think that perhaps it made a small contribution to the unending fight to eliminate racial hatred and intolerance.

The programme is still available for anyone who'd like to watch on BBC iPlayer and is episode number 4.



*George and Peter Summerfield with presenter Anita Rani*



## MY JEWISH ROOTS: A BAT MITZVAH PROJECT

Young Belsize member Ruby Keve celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in June 2021. In the preceding months, she worked on a unique project to commemorate the occasion.

'I wanted my Bat Mitzvah to feel meaningful and to make sure I wasn't just going through the motions, learning my parsha and having a big party (though obviously I was looking forward to that part too!). I felt it was important to spend some time exploring the stories of people in my own family as well as some of the treasured elderly members of the Belsize Square community. Those generations lived in such a different world to me, I wanted to know where they came from, what they went through and what shaped them as people, and as Jews.'

Having interviewed six senior members of our community, including her grandparents, Ruby created a beautiful website telling their stories. You can view it at [myjewishroots.online](http://myjewishroots.online).



*Linda Wantman, Ruby's grandmother and one of her interviewees*

## BIRTHDAY HONOURS



Congratulations to Belsize member David Myers, who has been honoured by the award of the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the Queen's 2021 Birthday Honours List for his services to renal patients. David is a kidney transplant recipient, having spent eight years on dialysis before receiving his first transplant at the Royal Free Hospital in 1998. That kidney lasted him almost 20 years, to 2017, when he received a further transplant in a pooled living-donor exchange in which his wife Martha donated a kidney to a stranger so that three operations could be successfully completed.

David has made an enormous contribution to improving the lives of kidney patients over many years. He is chair of the Royal Free Organ Donation Committee and life president of the Royal Free Hospital Kidney Patients Association. For many years he has worked with the National Kidney Federation on behalf of his fellow patients, promoting organ donation and in particular living kidney donation. He has also completed three terms as a governor of the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust.

## PAUL HELLER'S ONLINE LITURGY SERIES

### David Horwell

An enthusiastic group of Belsize members and guests have been enjoying Cantor Paul Heller's new enterprise this year – a series of weekly educational sessions, Zoomed live on Tuesday evenings.

They started in January with eight sessions taking us through the history of music in Jewish worship, going back to biblical times and forward to the present century. These were followed by his Siddur Workshop, four sessions on the history, development and structure of Jewish services, and then four sessions devoted to the Amidah, which is, as we learned, the pivotal

feature of prayer in our services.

Every session had been meticulously researched and prepared by Paul, with illustrations and sound clips, and participants also received weekly emailed documents with expanded versions of the texts.

The Zoom format meant that the

group members, which included participants in Germany and South America, could ask questions and participate in discussion at the end of each session.

Paul will continue his programme in October with eight sessions under the title 'How Do We Pray'. Those who participated earlier in the year will certainly want to return for those sessions, but I hope that the group will also acquire new members – the talks are interesting and accessible, and will certainly enhance anyone's experience of their Judaism and of our services.





# NEWS FROM ABERNEIN MANSIONS

## Dear Fellow Members

I am riding this month's article as we come out from the coldest and wettest May in loving memory. I am hopeful that June will, as the song goes "bust up all over." We could all do with sun sunshine on our lives right now. The Indian deviant of the coroner virus seems to be uprising, which could put a thread to the lifted restrictions. I have my fingers crossed that there will not be another lock up.

As Rabbi Altschuler makes his way back across the Pound, won person he will not come into contact with in his Florid congregation is our retired New York lawyer son, Melvyn. He can't be buzzard to get off his sun launcher to call his only mother, so I can't imagine he would bless a synagogue with his presents. The last we hurt from him was when he sent a photograph of himself by his infinitesimal pool. I hardly recognised him. He was the same size and colour as Mrs Klopstick's clothes wardrobe, which is dark mahockney. I personally don't envy him his live there. At any moment a harry kane could arrive which could wipe everything away, even if you do button up the windows.

Of course, when you read this article it will be very much in the passed. At the moment we are preparing to watch

via Belsize Alive the inducting ceremony of our new Rabbi Botnick, the fifth since we began. It will be performed by our Rabbi Americas, Rabbi Mariner. Everyone is very excited about this and we have already set up the big screen in our communal launch.

This whole event could have been over shattered by a castratophe. Miss Hertha Nassbein, who makes the best café cakes, which are to die for, decided she would make a big won for the advent. She insisted that she chooses the ingredients herself. Once outside, her carer, who suffers from a cute hey fever, had a schneezing attack and not only let go of the wheel share, but gave it a push by accident. This sent Miss Nassbein hurling down the pavement of Finchley Road. Mrs Klopstick, who was jogging on the other side, immediately chased after the out from control share. At won point it weird off the pavement into the road facing the on going traffic. Mrs K caught up just in time to steer it away from colliding with a 113 bus. The share continued down the rump by the side of the O2 Center and ended up in Sainsbury's car park. At this point Miss Nassbein woke up and quite irksomely said "But I wanted to go to Waitrose."

With the best of intentions

Fritz Klopstick

ASK  
FRITZ

Mrs Erich Winterhosen from Belsize Lane has asked me if I can help her husband. He is struggling to get to sleep every night and his tossing and turning is disturbing her sleep too.

My advice is to buy him The History of Russia in Russian. Mrs Klopstick reads this every night and she drops off like a log in seconds. She has never got past page won, because she can't read Russian.



## BSS Cheder is BACK!

Caroline Loison, Head of Cheder and Youth

After 18 months of online sessions, BSS Cheder finally returned to the Synagogue building on Sunday 6 June.

While our online activities have been amazing, it has been wonderful to be back in person. Watching pupils arrive with great big grins on their faces to meet up with friends they haven't seen for more than a year, chatting to parents about the pros and cons of home-schooling, sharing

lockdown experiences and observing my amazing team of teachers and teaching assistants arriving at the Shul to deliver even more exciting and creative lessons than they were able to do over Zoom are just a few of the things that I have enjoyed since our return.

We have put in place various measures to make sure BSS Cheder is as Covid-secure as possible and everyone is getting used to the 'new

normal' including social distancing, disinfecting resources and sanitising hands regularly. We are all looking forward to a whole Cheder family picnic on the Hampstead Heath Extension in a couple of weeks to mark the end of yet another challenging year.

If you would like to join our Cheder, please get in touch ([caroline@synagogue.org.uk](mailto:caroline@synagogue.org.uk)) for more information.



# Community News

## NEW MEMBERS

*We extend a cordial welcome to:*

Sam Percival  
Karen Bishko  
Sam Freeman  
Daniel Zeff & Burcu Ozcelik with children Noah & Gabriel  
Melanie and Daniel Cattle  
Julio Hernandez Guerrero  
Lydia Frenkel

## BIRTHS

*Congratulations and mazal tov to:*

Paula & John Abramson on the birth of their grandson  
Zachary Moses Droznika  
Natasha & Simon Buchler on the birth of their son Milo and to  
grandparents Pearl & Graham Aaronson

## B'NEI MITZVAH

*Mazal tov to:*

Max, son of Zoya & Jonathan Charles, who celebrates his  
Bar Mitzvah on 3 July

## Tisha B'Av Programme and Service Saturday 17th July 2021

**A joint event with the New London Synagogue**

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## ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE OF THE CHEVRA KADISHA Sunday 18 July at 11.30am

**Liberal Jewish Cemetery, Pound Lane, NW10 2HP**

**Annual Service of the Chevra Kadisha on Tisha B'Av.**

The Service will be conducted by Rabbi Botnick & Cantor Heller and is an opportunity for members of the congregation and friends to observe the yahrzeit of dear ones who died during the Holocaust and whose date is unknown.

It is hoped that all who wish to pay tribute to the martyrs of their family will avail themselves of this Service. There will be a chance to visit the graves of family members buried at the Cemetery after the service.

## KEVER AVOT SERVICE

**Sunday 12 September at 12.00pm**  
**Edgwarebury Lane Cemetery**

Service to remember our family and friends buried there

## EDGWAREBURY CEMETERY UPDATE

The cemetery is introducing some additional security measures during their regular opening hours that particularly apply to the Belsize section of the site.

The gates to the Belsize Section will be locked during the day but can be opened for visitors when required. Visitors can call the cemetery office (020 8958 0090) ahead of their visit or from the car park on arrival and a member of staff will unlock the gates.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The copy deadline for the next issue of  
*Our Congregation* is 15 August 2021

## SERVICE TIMES

**Friday evenings at 6.45pm**

**Saturday mornings at 10.00am**

Please contact Adam Rynhold in the Synagogue office to  
book to attend services in person  
Or watch online via BelsizeLive at [synagogue.org.uk](http://synagogue.org.uk)

## Kikar Kids

**Saturdays 1 May, 5 June, 3 July, 7 August, 4 September**

Under-5s Service in the Crèche

Junior Service for 5-9-year-olds in the Library

11.30am – Kids Kiddush

Often followed by a potluck lunch

Please contact Frank Joseph on 020 7482 2555  
if you would like to bring along your favourite dish

## MITZVAH DAY 2021

Do you have unused small bottles of toiletries 'collected' from hotels or airlines? The summer holidays are fast approaching and if we're able to travel, our collections may grow again!

As with last year, one of the areas we will be supporting on Mitzvah Day is Homeless in Barnet.

Bring your collection to Belsize Square Synagogue on a Sunday between 9.30 and 11.30, on or before Sunday 21 November and we will ensure that the items are packaged and given to a homeless shelter, where they are very much needed.

## ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

All July meetings will take place on Zoom. For Zoom Meeting ID and Password please see weekly News From the Square.

### Sunday 4 July

**10.00 - 11.15** Rabbi Mariner – Lessons from the Parsha

**11.30 - 12.45** Professor Mary Fulbrook FBA, UCL Professor of German History and Author of Understanding Bystanders in Nazi Germany

### Sunday 11 July

**10.00 - 11.15** Rabbi Mariner – Lessons from the Parsha

**11.30 - 12.45** Dr Christine Schmidt, Deputy Director and Head of Research, The Wiener Holocaust Library – We Are All Witnesses: Eva Reichman and the Wiener Library Early Survivor Accounts

### Sunday 18 July

**10.00 - 11.15** Tisha B'Av – What can we learn from Kamsa and Bar Kamsa

**11.30 - 12.45** Luke Akehurst, Director of We Believe in Israel and Secretary of Labour First – Has Keir Starmer lived up to British Jewry's Expectations? (TBC)

### Sunday 25 July

**10.00 - 11.15** Rabbi Mariner – Lessons from the Parsha

**11.30 - 12.45** Dr Edie Friedman, Founder and Executive Director of JCore (Jewish Council for Racial Equality) – Black Lives Matter One Year On (TBC)

Sessions will recommence on 5 September.



**Presents ...**



**School is OUT and B<sup>2</sup> is IN!**

**Join us for a summer of fun events for ages 5 to 15**

**Everyone is welcome—Feel free to bring along your non-BSS friends :-)**

**Have a look at the events below, choose an appropriate one, two, three or more (!) for your age group and get in touch with**

**Caroline to book a place—[Caroline@Synagogue.org.uk](mailto:Caroline@Synagogue.org.uk)**



Event	What's it all about?	Age Group	Date & Time
Treasure Hunt/Dessert	A treasure hunt as we walk from BSS to Hansel and Gretel Dessert Lounge for an ice cream, chimney cake or other sweet treat as a reward	Years 1 to 4	Tuesday, 27th July from 2 - 4pm
Crazy/Foot golf	Play a round of Jungle safari crazy golf and a round of foot golf at "Lost Jungle London" in Edgware	Years 3 to 6	Thursday, 29th July from 1 - 4pm
Ninja Warrior	Navigate the new "Ninja Warrior" Course in Watford and see if you can "Beat the Wall"	Years 6 to 9	Tuesday, 3rd August from 1 - 3pm
Liquid Leisure	Bounce along on the incredible inflatable course on water in Windsor	Years 7 to 10	Thursday, 5th August from 12:45 - 5pm
Crazy/Foot golf	Play a round of Jungle safari crazy golf and a round of foot golf at "Lost Jungle London" in Edgware	Years 4 to 7	Tuesday, 10th August from 1 - 4pm
Ninja Warrior	Navigate the new "Ninja Warrior" Course in Watford and see if you can "Beat the Wall"	Years 7 to 10	Thursday, 12th August from 1 - 3pm
Games cafe	Join us at this amazing cafe to play a whole load of games - Board games, card games, logic games - You name it, they have it!	Years 1 to 4	Tuesday, 17th August from 2 - 4pm
Liquid Leisure	Bounce along on this amazing inflatable course on water in Windsor	Years 3 to 6	Thursday, 19th August from 12:45 - 5pm
Games cafe	Join us at this amazing cafe to play a whole load of games - Board games, card games, logic games - You name it, they have it!	Years 4 to 7	Tuesday, 24th August from 2 - 4pm
Rock-up	Join us to climb a whole load of weird and wacky walls	Years 6	Thursday, 26th August





## Joint Tisha B'Av Programme and Service Saturday 17 July from 9.30pm New London Synagogue

33 Abbey Road, London, NW8 0AT

The programme will include a discussion led by  
Rabbi Jeremy Gordon and Rabbi Gabriel Botnick

Followed by a Ma'ariv (evening) service, Havdalah, Kinnor and  
Eichah (the book of Lamentations), led by Chazan Stephen  
Cotsen, Cantor Paul Heller, Rabbi Jeremy Gordon and Rabbi  
Gabriel Botnick, joined by members of both congregations.

*Tisha B'Av, the ninth day of the month of Av, is the most  
significant day of communal mourning in the Jewish calendar.  
Although many disasters are said to have befallen the Jewish  
people on this day, the major commemoration is of the  
destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in 586  
B.C.E. and 70 C.E.*

Please contact New London Synagogue office to register  
Email: [office@newlondon.org.uk](mailto:office@newlondon.org.uk)

## HIGH HOLYDAYS 5782 / 2021

### SELICHOT

Saturday 28 August

Join us for our  
Selichot programme  
The spiritual introduction  
to the High Holydays

9.00pm – Rabbi Botnick will lead a shiur

10.00pm – Cantor Heller, Ben Wolf, Mike Cayton  
and the Professional Choir will lead our  
Choral Selichot Service.

## DATES AND SERVICES

### ROSH HASHANAH

1st Eve: Monday 6 September - Service at 6.45pm

1st Day: Tuesday 7 September - Service at 9.30am

2nd Eve: Tuesday 7 September - Service at 6.45pm

2nd Day: Wednesday 8 September - Service at 9.30am

### KOL NIDREI

Wednesday 15 September

Service at 7.15pm (fast commences at 7.00pm)

### YOM KIPPUR

Thursday 16 September

Service at 10.00am (fast ends at 8.03pm)

**Succot:** 19-21 September

**Shemini Atzeret:** 26-27 September

**Simchat Torah:** 27-28 September



## Tickets & Information

Members will shortly receive in the post a pack with all the  
information for our High Holyday Services arrangements.  
The pack will include tickets for each family member. The  
pack also includes application forms for non-members'  
tickets, prayer books and transport requirements or provision  
of volunteer help. Please contact the Synagogue Office if you  
would like to discuss any aspect of these arrangements.

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