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# NLPJC Newsletter

North London Progressive Jewish Community



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## NLPJC events....

### • Bar Mitzvah

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November we will be joining NLPJC member Joshua Joseph to celebrate his bar mitzvah. Our usual Shabbat events will all be held at Southgate Progressive Synagogue that morning, and the service will be led by Rabbi Howard of Southgate. Everyone is welcome. SPS, 75 Chase Road, N14 4QY

### • Mitzvah Day

To celebrate Mitzvah Day on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November we have chosen to support the Praxis Supermarket voucher exchange scheme for destitute asylum seekers, and ask you all to join us in this support. The way it works is you buy supermarket vouchers (Asda, Tesco or Sainsbury's) through Praxis, so enabling the asylum seekers to receive the cash you've paid instead of the supermarket vouchers they would normally be given. They are then free to shop at their local markets, where food from different cultures is available and often cheaper than elsewhere, and you are free to spend your vouchers at your supermarkets, so it doesn't actually cost you anything more than you would have spent anyway. You can do this as a one-off, occasionally or can set up a regular standing order. Go to [www.praxis.org.uk](http://www.praxis.org.uk) to register. Details will also be posted on our email thread before Mitzvah day.

### • November Speaker

Join us on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November for our Erev Shabbat Service at 7.15pm, Pot luck supper at 8pm followed by speaker from Wahat-al-Salam ~ Neve Shalom, one of our chosen Yom Kippur charities this year. Neve Shalom is a village near Jerusalem jointly established by Jewish and Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel, that is engaged in educational work for peace, equality and understanding between the two peoples. [www.nswas.org/](http://www.nswas.org/)  
Venue: the Community Rooms (see Calendar on back page)  
Please bring vegetarian food & drink to share.

## Nothing new under the sun

As I write this, the world continues to collapse financially, and explanations that have permeated the media for weeks continue to elude my comprehension. So for those who like simple summaries, what we are being told is this – it's really quite basic:

If you lend money you don't have to people who can't pay it back, you might find that even rich people run out of money, which cannot be allowed. To prevent this, you need to borrow more money that you don't have from other people who also don't have it, so that the people to whom you lend it can lend it to each other. Then you tell everyone that they are in for a very hard time, which enables you to say you have been open and honest while still allowing you to say that you have solved the problem, provided of course that everyone else does what you do. Got it now?

Something else which intrigues me is that we can talk about recession while we are in it, but boom is something we only discover

afterwards. Did you really notice how easy it was for us all until a few weeks ago? I have to say that in my case, the recent prosperity that we all enjoyed and now read about was disguised so subtly as to be almost indistinguishable from the usual tough business of making ends meet and getting on with life.

So what is the Jewish response to this absurdity? The answer lies in the early sections of the Torah, which we are reading in these first few weeks of the Jewish year. Contrary to popular understanding, especially of those who enjoy pointing out the odd few discrepancies between the Biblical and scientific versions of the origins of the universe, these early stories are not intended as an explanation of how the world was formed, but of why the world was formed. Not how but why. That is the Jewish response.

God created the universe, because, as it says clearly in Genesis 1:31, in God's opinion it was a very good thing to do. We are part of that creation,

and our task is to be in charge of it (Gen 1:27-28) and to look after it (Gen 2:15). So what we Jews have been trying to tell the world for millennia is that the whole universe is on loan. We don't own it, we never did. Furthermore, ever since we left the Garden of Eden we have known that if we are to pay God back, we are in for a very hard time.

Kohelet, which we read on Succoth, told us that there is nothing new under the sun. He was right, and what the world faces now is surely no more than it has ever faced, in Jewish terms. Everything is borrowed, life is hard, and the Messianic time when all this will end does not appear to be on the agenda for the foreseeable future. What do Jews do about this? We shrug our shoulders and carry on with the tough task to the best of our ability. As Kohelet concludes, "The end of the matter, all things having been heard, is: Love God and keep God's commandments. That is the essence of being human."

Rabbi Cliff Cohen



NLPJC's very own 'Yentl and the B sharps' with maestro Peter Bergamin at Simchat Torah

## Chanukah Party

We will be celebrating Chanukah on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at the Community Rooms.**

**3.30pm** Children's party, with craft activities, games, stories, doughnuts and latkes, and we hope to learn some Israeli dancing....

**6pm.** Chanukah evening service.

**7pm** Potluck Supper and Celebrations

Please bring vegetarian food and drink to share

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# A wonderful service

We wanted to say thank you to all at NLPJC who were involved in organising the Rosh Hashanah service.

The service was the best one I have ever been to. From the start we were welcomed on arrival by Jackie Richards, Rhiannon Beswick, Peter Bergamin and co who made us all feel a part of the place and community. Rabbi Shulamit set the tone of the service from the start letting us know how it would be run while keeping it at a devotional and inclusive level where those with no knowledge of the service could join in and those with a need to pray could succeed. Her excellent running of the service meant that we could all follow the proceedings while keeping to the spirit of the event. There was a real feeling of prayer, a feature often sadly lacking in many other services we have attended. She seemed to create the space for all our needs. Dr Annette was wonderful as cantor leading us all in praise. When she leyned the Torah shouting to Abraham, she made it all come alive, into the present, so that suddenly the story had resonance. The person who blew the shofar

[Mollie Carl] was terrific. This was the first time I could worry about the effect on those listening rather than on the person blowing. Previously, I have witnessed people going blue in the face and the congregation wrapped in concern as to whether the person blowing the shofar would manage to get through all the sounds or need resuscitation. What a pleasure to hear it played so effortlessly and sound like an instrument. We would also like to thank Hannah Forbes who organised the Kiddush, the lunch and sorted everyone out into the correct places of prayer or children's cheder, without any drama or fuss so that we could all enjoy the service. We hope she also had time to enjoy this wonderful service. Mark Turner too was great as warden keeping all those on aliyah ready to go up at the right moment, which takes a lot of concentration and multitasking as he was part of the congregation at the same time as being part of the organisation of the service. Again, we would like to thank you all, I'm sure there are some we have omitted and we are sorry about that as you all contributed so much to make for the most wonderful service.

Strangely, I was rather looking forward to Yom Kippur. Unfortunately, life overtook this event and I had to spend the day (also my birthday- not the first time on Yom Kippur, which may indicate someone is trying to tell me something) visiting a seriously ill friend in an Intensive Care Unit. While the chaplain in charge of the hospital prayer room was very accommodating, I can't say using the prayer room was nearly as wonderful as the NLPJC community. Thank you all for being NLPJC. Wishing you all Shana Tova.

SH Cedar

## HHD CHARITY APPEAL

Many thanks to all who have donated so generously to this year's appeal. We have so far collected £1,119 to divide amongst our 3 chosen charities: Wahat-al-Salam ~ Neve Shalom, Hackney Migrant Centre and The Smile Train.

It is not too late to send in a donation if you would like to do so: please send in a cheque by **30<sup>th</sup> November** made out to NLPJC to PO Box 42702, London N19 5WR, marked HHD Appeal on the back. Thank you

# The God Delusion Debate

Answer these questions: Is it rational to believe in God? Can one be deeply religious and not believe in God? Does religious belief damage the health of society by breeding intolerance?

These questions arise out of the writings of Richard Dawkins and the discussions/debates/ furious screaming matches he has engendered with his views on religion. Similarly, many of us know the companion booklet "God, Doubt and Dawkins" written by various members of the Reform community in an answer to Dawkins.

Kol Chai Synagogue decided to take on the issues and schedule a panel discussion with people speaking from different points of view. On Sunday 13 July, approximately 100 people sat in the shul hall, waiting for fireworks.

The panel discussion consisted of the Moderator, Steve Levinson, a journalist and economics correspondent, on the "pro-God" side, Michael Hilton Rabbi of Kol Chai and Daniel Smith, Senior Minister of Edgware and District Reform and on the "non God" or "anti God" side, Norman Bacrac Editor of the Ethical Record and Laura Miller, Humanist Jewish Celebrant and founder member of the London Jewish Humanist Community.

In the event, the atmosphere was friendly and differing opinions were stated with no raised voices or punches thrown. The four panellists were asked to begin by stating their views on God and his/her existence. Rabbi Michael felt that to follow a religion is not necessarily the same as believing in God, and that atheism is just as much a system of belief as is religion. Rabbi Dan quoted Spinoza that God is pure reason, or pure mind. He went so far as to say that using Spinoza's views, the laws of Physics would be God, that God is a metaphor and can be defined in different ways. Norman Bacrac spoke of the need for rationality in living, and that a belief in God takes away from the need for a rational life. Laura Miller stressed that in Humanist belief, since we cannot know for certain whether God exists, we have to live our lives as if we are responsible for ourselves and for each other. Whereas religion calls for

people to find the answers beyond themselves, Humanism calls for people to find the answers from within themselves.

And so the discussion went. Some of the questions asked: *Is it rational to believe in God?*

**Rabbis:** Real decisions not necessarily based on rationality in the purest sense. There is such a thing for example as "emotional intelligence". Apart from philosophical proof, there are other ways of understanding.

**Bacrac and Laura:** No, but then early Man needed something to explain bad harvests, floods etc. Before any scientific knowledge, nothing in life was understandable and religion was needed. It isn't needed now.

*Does Richard Dawkins' dismissal of religion ignore the positive benefits it has on followers in providing a sense of community, comfort and an opportunity for inspection?*

**Rabbis:** Yes. Religion fulfils a deeply felt need for people to communicate and live together with some purpose. In particular being bound by the "mitzvot" as a Jew is important, and these were given by God.

**Bacrac and Laura:** One can have a sense of community without religion. In Humanism one can follow the Jewish year in a secular manner, remaining strongly Jewish culturally and not be "religious." We could argue that the more religious one becomes (ie, the ultra-orthodox) the more irrational one becomes.

Other questions included:

Is Richard Dawkins attacking a form of religion Reform Jews do not uphold? Do you agree with Albert Einstein's view that "The word God is nothing more than the product of human weakness." How much faith do you need to be a good Jew?

The panel discussion went on for over two hours, after which refreshments were served while the audience milled around and argued back and forth with the panellists. As is normal in these Jewish occasions, no one seemed to stop talking until the cars were in gear and driving out of the car park. Everyone agreed, however, that it had been a stimulating and exciting evening.

Laura Miller



## Sukkot and Simchat Torah at NLPJC



Thanks to Hackney town hall who again donated the Palm fronds for our Sukkah, and to Cal Marcus, Prince Balwah and Robin Samson for the beautiful construction. The black and white print doesn't do it justice!

The younger members of our home grown band, *Yentl and the B sharps*, playing at Simchat Torah.

## Shalom from Washington DC

D'rishat Shalom to NLPJC from Hill Havurah in Washington, DC, USA!

I first learned of NLPJC through your Education Chair and Fundraising Coordinator, Sue Lukes, whose description of her adult Bat Mitzvah at NLPJC first piqued my interest in your community. Her granddaughter's introduction to our rich Jewish heritage through NLPJC also got my attention. Sue and I have been internet correspondents for years because of our shared legacy as children of Holocaust survivors, but we have yet to meet in person. Even in the cyberspace, the stars can align to bring kindred spirits -- and perhaps even kindred communities -- together.

Just as I've tracked NLPJC's growth from afar, Sue has followed the development of Hill Havurah, which started a few years ago as a sorry little almost-minyan in a neighborhood living room. Our Havurah has now blossomed into a vibrant, supportive, egalitarian community of very diverse individuals and families of every configuration. Most of us reside in the quaint Historic District surrounding the US Capitol building, where institutional Judaism hasn't followed our urban gentrification, leaving us to create our own version of a congregation. We are run by volunteers, in sanctuaries borrowed from other faiths, on a shoe-string budget, and led by lay leaders like me who lack formal credentials but not good intentions.

Our communities are alike in many ways. NLPJC and Hill Havurah share the same spiritual philosophy, though yours was surely

created with great forethought while ours was stumbled upon. The "*Who We Are*" tab of NLPJC's website could just as easily describe Hill Havurah, although our version would more accurately be titled, "*Who We Hope To Be When We Grow Up.*" NLPJC and Hill Havurah are fast-growing, innovative, creative alternatives to traditional Judaism. You have crèche and cheder. We have our Yavneh educational program and Tot Shabbat. Both our communities value the intimacy of potluck meals, the inspiration of joyous singing, the commitment to *Tikkun Olam* and social action, and more. We are each carving out a warm, vibrant, caring 'village' within the respective, bustling national capitols in which we live.

And yet our communities are also different. Hill Havurah still has a long way to go and our progress is limited by budgetary and time constraints that challenge our ability to continue

operating entirely on volunteer energy. There is talk here of hiring a rabbi, perhaps eventually obtaining our own building, becoming more deliberate about our growth and less resistant to institutional organization. We remain stubbornly unaffiliated for now, even at the cost of passing up the wealth of spiritual and emotional resources available through formal movements. We partner with other area Havurot and Minyanim, and we are always inspired by learning about communities such as NLPJC.

We hope you'll visit us at [www.hillhavurah.org](http://www.hillhavurah.org) and we wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous year.

B'Shalom,

Laurie Solnik for Hill Havurah  
Washington DC



Hill Havurah partnered with other area Havurot for Simchat Torah



# My Bat Mitzvah by Tal Friedler



Tal at her bat mitzvah on 26<sup>th</sup> July in Jerusalem

When I began this journey, for my bat mitzvah, it was only 7 months before we had to get our act together. Then, I just thought “cool, I’m going to have a giant party, based entirely on me! I’m gonna make tons of cash, get loads of jewellery, and be the centre of attention, for hours. What more can I ask for?” I knew that there was going to be some work involved, and I knew I was going to have to read in Hebrew, a language that I was still on the first steps of learning, having just cornered my Hebrew alphabet, but little did I know that I was going to have such a long portion, and such a little time to learn it (well the portion seemed long to me).

When I began to learn my portion, I was free to choose the bit I wanted. There was one very easy bit which I could have chosen but, knowing my mother, that was

impossible. Once we started the family effort of getting me to learn my portion, the new family catch-phrase became ‘hard is worth doing’. This meant that there was no excuse for anything— so I went for a harder (and if you read the translation of my portion – Mas’ei, Numbers 35: 9 to 25 – more bloodthirsty) option. I began to feel, after getting the same word wrong for the five

billionth time, that maybe having a big part wasn’t worth all this work. In my ideal world we could get things with hardly any effort but unfortunately we do not live in my ideal world and I worked very hard to make my portion, speech, and prayers perfect. I thought I’d be spending the time finding a dress! I felt anxious, which was worse than worry, because it is like the extreme form of worrying. Having the bat mitzvah in Israel meant that the anxiety was even greater because in England if I made a mistake, no one would understand me, but in Israel I’d be faced with a room full of people who could speak fluent Ivrit. At the bat mitzvah I was a bunch of nerves, although I was almost screaming with excitement. I had my make-up done and I was shaking in my brand new red

sandals. As a family we invited everyone in and then began the service. It seemed as though everything was going well, until I was called up. After reading my first part, my aunt read a prayer and gave me a warm squeeze to give me a bit of confidence and suddenly everything was going perfectly. Everyone clapped when I finished my part. Everyone loved me!!! (*Of course everyone loved me!*) Once I got to the end of my speech, where I said the ‘thank you’s’ in Hebrew, and got a pat on the back from my 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, my parents went up, and I got a heart warming speech from them, which very nearly reduced me to tears. Then Adam, my little brother, had his speech and we all ate. I felt like the whole thing had been a great success.

I think that I have benefited greatly from this experience; for one, I have learnt to read Hebrew, secondly, I’ve met people in my family I didn’t even know existed, and thirdly received a whole bunch of presents. But those aren’t the only reasons I think I benefited from my bat mitzvah. I think that, in years to come, I will think about my bat mitzvah, and be so proud of myself, and I will be able to channel that feeling into my children’s bat or bar mitzvahs.

## Understanding Liberal Judaism Adult Education Term 1 ~ Autumn 2008

### Our Adult Education Programme

continues on Tuesday evenings at the Community Rooms

Teacher: Rabbi Cliff Cohen

Contact for more details: 020 7403 3779 / [nljpc@liberaljudaism.org](mailto:nljpc@liberaljudaism.org)

Download & complete the application form  
at [www.nljpc.org.uk](http://www.nljpc.org.uk) ~ or just come along!

7pm- 8pm	<b>Hebrew Level 1</b>	For absolute beginners and rusty readers
7pm- 8pm	<b>Hebrew Level 2</b>	For Intermediates
8pm -9pm	<b>Hebrew Level 3</b>	For Advanced students
9pm- 10pm	<b>Faces of God</b>	The history and development of Liberal Judaism; Kashrut: how do we decide how to behave? Did those who wrote Torah, Talmud and Midrash have a sense of humour? And much more.....Knowledge of Hebrew not necessary.

Date	Faces of God Session Topic
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	What is Progressive Halachah?
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Progressive Practice: Kashrut
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Being a Progressive Jew in Stamford Hill
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Jewish Humour Part I
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Jewish Humour Part II
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Jewish Christmas

Sessions attended per week	NLPJC Members	Members Concs.	Non-Members	Non-Member Concs.
2 or 3	£80 / term	£40 / term	£120 / term	£60 / term
1	£40 / term	£20 / term	£60 / term	£30 / term

## NLPJC Members News

- ❖ A warm welcome to new member Amy Hordes
- ❖ Congratulations to the 100 club winners Alison Behr (September) and Rhiannon Beswick (October)

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*In the event of the death of an NLPJC member, please contact the Funeral Directors Martin Broad & Son 020 8441 6047 and Rabbi Cliff Cohen on 020 7403 3779.*

## Thinking of joining us ?

• If you’ve been thinking of joining us for a while...why not do it now? The membership year begins in January but we offer a pro-rata system for anyone joining throughout the year. You can contact our administrator, Julia Chalfen, at [nljpc@liberaljudaism.org](mailto:nljpc@liberaljudaism.org) for a membership pack or phone Rabbi Cliff Cohen on 020 7403 3779 to discuss membership options.

# CHEDER CORNER

## Looking back...



Cheder with recycling tree

Our Cheder year 2007-08 was a rich and varied one. We began with belief systems, and did a survey of what "Belief" meant to members of the congregation. We put together the results of the survey and decided how to display them.

We wrote our own Commandments, which included:

- ❖ Be kind to all living things.
- ❖ Respect everyone.
- ❖ Be nice to other people and animals because they are as good as you and just as important.
- ❖ Recycle and don't mistreat the earth.

We talked about mitzvot, what mitzvot means to Jews and what kinds of mitzvot we could do individually. One of the mitzvot we talked about was recycling and we made a Recycling Tree

which will be recycled this term.

Around the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the State of Israel, we discussed Israel and what we knew about it. In addition, we began looking at family Time Lines and drawing up our own, our family's and Israel's Time Line. This is apart from remembering all of the Jewish Holidays and looking weekly at one part of what "The Adults" were doing in the Service.

## And looking forward....

This year, 2008-09, the Cheder group will have two separate strands. The older students will be looking at mitzvot in some detail whilst the younger students will be following a somewhat changed Liberal Judaism curriculum on Heroes/Heroines.

As I said in the last NLPJC Newsletter, we would like suggestions about YOUR Jewish Heroes / Heroines, or ones you think the students should study. For both of these, we need your suggestions: what are the mitzvot you think students should study in depth? Which are the most important? Please email Laura or Sue with ideas to [nlpjc@liberaljudaism.org](mailto:nlpjc@liberaljudaism.org)

We also welcome our new Hebrew teacher, Peter Bergamin, who will be co-ordinating the Hebrew classes with parent volunteers.

## Children's Shabbat Services

Could the parent/carer of each child

who comes to the service please let Laura know the birthday of their child in advance of the month? We like to acknowledge each birthday, and have a little 'Kiddush' for each.

Also, if adults (or children) have special songs or stories they particularly enjoy, please let Laura know, so that we can perhaps include some of them.

If there are any other ideas members might have we would be happy to consider them.

Laura Miller  
Head Teacher

## Dates to remember 2008-09

November 15<sup>th</sup> Cheder, no crèche  
(at Southgate for Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Joseph)

December 6<sup>th</sup> Cheder & crèche

December 20<sup>th</sup> Cheder, no crèche

***NB: January 3<sup>rd</sup> NO Cheder / crèche***

January 17<sup>th</sup> Cheder & crèche

January 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>: trip to be discussed with parents as part of Cheder .

February 7<sup>th</sup> Cheder & crèche

March 7<sup>th</sup> Cheder & crèche

March 21<sup>st</sup> Cheder, no crèche

April 4<sup>th</sup> Cheder & crèche

April 18<sup>th</sup> Cheder, no crèche

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Cheder & crèche

May 16<sup>th</sup> Cheder, no crèche

June 6<sup>th</sup> Cheder & crèche

June 20<sup>th</sup> Cheder, no crèche

July 4<sup>th</sup> Cheder & crèche

July 18<sup>th</sup> Cheder, no crèche

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**Membership Secretary; Youth; Intergenerational**

If you are a member of NLPJC and are interested in joining one of the groups, or would like to fill one of the vacant roles, we would be delighted to hear from you.

NLPJC Newsletter is edited by Julia Chalfen. The deadline for the January/February issue is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please send articles for publication to: [nlpjc@liberaljudaism.org](mailto:nlpjc@liberaljudaism.org)

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# NLPJC events calendar

## November 2008 – January 2009

Most events are held at *the Community Rooms adjacent to St. Mary's Church, Spensley Walk, Stoke Newington Church Street, London N16 9ES*, unless otherwise stated

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	10am / 10am 10.40am / 10.50am 11am	Torah Breakfast / Children's Hebrew Kol b'yachad service for children / cheder & creche Shabbat Service	
Tuesdays 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7pm/8pm/9pm	Adult Education Programme ( <i>see page 4</i> )	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am 10.50am 11am	Children's Hebrew Cheder (no crèche) Shabbat Service with Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Joseph	NB: All at Southgate Progressive Synagogue, 75 Chase Rd, N14 4QY
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day!	Mitzvah Day: Voucher Scheme at Praxis <a href="http://www.praxis.org.uk">www.praxis.org.uk</a>	( <i>see front page</i> )
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.15pm / 8pm	Erev Shabbat Service / Supper & Neve Shalom speaker	( <i>see front page</i> )
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Tuesdays 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7pm/8pm/9pm	Adult Education Programme ( <i>see page 4</i> )	
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Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am / 10am 10.40am / 10.50am 11am	Torah Breakfast / Children's Hebrew Kol b'yachad service for children / cheder (no creche Shabbat Service but toys available)	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	3.30pm / 6pm/ 7pm	Chanukah Children's Party / Service / Supper & celebrations	
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<b><u>NB: No Service, Cheder or Crèche on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</u></b>			
Tuesdays 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7pm/8pm/9pm	Adult Education Programme ( <i>Spring term ~ programme tba</i> )	
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am / 10am 10.40am / 10.50am 11am	Torah Breakfast / Children's Hebrew Kol b'yachad service for children / cheder & creche Shabbat Service	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	7.15pm / 8pm	Erev Shabbat Service / Supper & Speaker (to be announced)	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> or 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Tbc	Cheder trip tbc	

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