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# NLPJC Newsletter

North London Progressive Jewish Community



## NLPJC events....

- **Family & Community Service**

Join us at 11am on 17<sup>th</sup> December for our **Family and Community Service**, for the whole community: "I love this service, though my own childhood is long past. I love the participation and the creative ways we get inside the Torah reading. The actual children participate beautifully."

- **New Adult Learning** see pg 5

- **Social Action ~ How Do You Do Yours?**

Last year, NLPJC reached a turning point when we decided to become active in North London Citizens. Before this time, we felt that so many of us were already so engaged in social action that we did not have the space in our own lives or the capacity to take on broad based community organizing. In this **community discussion**, we will draw together the experiences we have in our own lives, aside from our involvement in NLPJC, and ask what we can learn from each other's experiences. **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February** at 10am at the Community Rooms, and join us for a **pot luck lunch** after the Shabbat service ~ please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

- **Tu B'Shevat Seder**

At a time when we feel most alienated from the earth, as we huddle indoors for warmth, we will celebrate the New Year for Trees. This festival asks us to connect, through the Tu B'Shevat Seder, to the ever renewing cycle of the creation. **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm** at the Community Rooms. Please bring a vegetarian dish & seasonal fruit to share.

- **As Winter Draws In**

Please be aware of any neighbours you have who may not be able to get out and about in the cold and the snow. Check on them and see if they are ok. If the adverse weather affects you or anyone else in our community, please get in touch with Rabbi Shulamit on 0207 403 3779

- **Celebrating 10 Years**

Next year we will be celebrating 10 years since the beginning of NLPJC. We are planning a civic service and party in May – announcements coming soon...!

See our website at [www.nlpjc.org.uk](http://www.nlpjc.org.uk)



### Mazel Tov to Esther

Hobbs and Rachel Skair, who celebrated their bat mitzvah together on 19<sup>th</sup> November at NLPJC.

Esther and Rachel would like to thank everyone for their generosity in donating to their chosen tzedakah charity 'Water Aid', which helps provide safe wells and drinking water for people in some of the world's poorest countries. The girls have raised nearly £1,000. There is still time for people to donate, if you'd like to.

<http://www.justgiving.com/esther-rachel>

## Chanukah Party

**Tuesday 20th December 4pm to 7pm**

We've got something for everyone: get creative with candle making and chanukkiot making, gamble the night away with dreidel and chocolate coins, grab a doughnut and then join in with songs and music making before listening to our story teller in residence, Robin Samson, give his own version of the Chanukah story.



PLEASE BRING your own Chanukkiot to light in the evening when Rabbi Shulamit leads prayers and we sing more Chanukah songs. PLEASE ALSO BRING latkes or some other vegetarian food contribution too. *Venue: The Community Rooms*

## Coming Together at Sukkot



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# NLPJC ~ Celebrating 10 Years: In The Beginning

I have always had a vision for NLPJC and ten years ago when I was *Kallat Bereshit* at Simchat Torah in 2002, these were some of the words I shared with our new small community. I think they have stood the test of time and are just as relevant now as I hope they will be for the future. We have progressed so much during the last ten years but I hope the foundations laid at the beginning will continue to propel us forward into the future:

"In the beginning God created heaven and earth".

I have wanted to be part of an alternative Jewish community for a long time, and now feel I am living my vision. Our new community has got off to an excellent start, and hopefully will succeed, thrive and be different. So, what is my vision?

**Involvement** – everyone sharing tasks within their capabilities. It's not just a few families or individuals doing everything while everyone else is being passive. Each person will be welcomed, encouraged to participate, have their say, help the community evolve. The HHD services have been a good example of this in action. Many people were involved and joined in.

**Intergenerational involvement** - Older people caring for younger and young people sharing with elders. The extended family is common in many British Jewish families, but we need this for our new community too, especially as many adults and children do not have ready contact with their own relatives. We will welcome individuals wherever they are in their life cycle, and whatever their lifestyles.

**Learning** - I would like our community to become an exciting place for Jewish learning, whether history, culture, literature, music, ethics, Hebrew, study sessions,

Torah, Midrash, Talmud, learning about other Jewish communities worldwide, arts, crafts and dance - so we can feel confident with our own identity - where we have come from and how we have reached this time and place in existence. Our history goes back a very long way and we know we have a rich body of knowledge to experience, explore and learn about.

Although, rightly, there is often emphasis on the sadder, difficult experiences our ancestors had to face - death, persecution and hatred, for most part, Jews, like everyone else, actually lived their ordinary lives as best they could - had joys and sorrows, were born, lived and died, lived reasonably peaceably with their neighbours.

**We need to be a light unto the nations** - as a community I sincerely hope we will become an influence for good in Inner north London - Hackney, Haringey and Islington. To contribute to the life of the larger community and to help create a better place for all. Tikkun Olam. As individuals and as a strong Jewish community, I hope we will be ensuring that we play our part, however small, to make our world, our locality a more peaceful, pleasant place - to support the widow, the orphan and the oppressed, and all the other modern equivalents, to create a social climate where everyone will recognise that we are all made in God's image and we can live in peace together under our own fig trees.

**To be progressive** - to love and consider our heritage and traditions but to be forward thinking and adaptable. To keep what is worth preserving but to adapt to new circumstances, ideas and opportunities, for committed members, for those new to Judaism and for those who are trying to explore a different kind of Judaism from what they have known before.

**Enjoyment** - we need to enjoy life together and share celebrations as a community as much as we can. This will not only bring joy and happiness but will also encourage participation and even attract new members! Let's celebrate often with lively kiddushes and bring family and friends along too!

**Place of spirituality, prayer & God** Finally to achieve all the parts of the vision I have suggested so far, we need to be prepared, in tune, and be open to others. I think we need to be a community that prays together regularly and often. I hope we want to be connected to a force and power greater than each individual functioning alone in isolation. I sincerely believe that praying, singing praise together, emotionally experiencing now, prayers and aspirations of those who have lived before us, will help us in our daily lives.

Rabbi Charles Middlesborough, from ULPS, gave a sermon at NLPS, where he said that many Jews had lost God and were embarrassed to talk about experiencing God, as it was not rational or scientific. He suggested however that many young people were searching for new opportunities for spirituality and a relationship with the Almighty and personal *Shekinah*.

"God created heaven and earth" a beautiful, poetical allegorical statement - and our new community has an exciting time ahead helping to make inner north London and our personal lives more fulfilled and whole - to be part of creation..... Shalom!!

**Jackie Richards**  
Former chair of NLPJC

In 2002, when the long established North London Progressive Synagogue (NLPS) was about to close, and most of its members were planning to go in all directions – to Southgate, Finchley, Barkingside or the West End - a small group of us, young or not so young members, decided we wanted to stay in the Hackney/Islington/Haringey areas, and set up a new inner city community. Marjorie Monnickendam from NLPS approached Aaron Goldstein from ULPS (now Liberal Judaism) and interested people were invited to some planning meetings. A preliminary service was held in Hackney, and then we planned our High Holyday services at Jewish Care in Stamford Hill. With assistance from ULPS and Roberta Harris who had sometimes led services at NLPS, and members of the old NLPS choir and others, we managed very successful services for Yom Tovim, and more people felt confident to join with us to form the basis of a new community. Jackie Richards and I were given opportunities to give announcements at NLPS inviting NLPS members to join and some NLPS officers joined us.

Rabbi Aaron Goldstein encouraged and helped and with his assistance we started regular services on alternate Shabbats at Simon Marks School, while we looked for more permanent accommodation. We received two Sefer Torah, prayer books and other equipment from NLPS which were essential for us and gratefully received. However, although initially the Trustees were supportive and kind and we kept them informed, as reality took hold it became painful for some at NLPS that their old community and synagogue was going to cease. Despite doubts from some

that we would be able to manage and sustain a new community, the doubters were later surprised and delighted that we had developed our innovative community, and that there is still a progressive community in inner North London.

Early on we decided that we needed a rabbi and administrative support rather than a building - the care and maintenance would have absorbed too much of our time and energy and we did not have sufficient skills to lead services. Initially, David Schneider and Gail Cohen successfully led the community with the support of a small team, then after they had moved on, Jackie and Roberta were encouraged to lead the community and became joint-co-ordinators and a good team of committed people formed a strong steering committee. We settled down happily at St. Mary's, which really suited all our needs - and (then student) Rabbi Shulamit was placed with us in her final year and later agreed to become our part-time rabbi. We felt we had all we needed for the next ten years! We registered as a charity, joined Liberal Judaism and appointed an excellent administrator, Julia Chalfen. We had all we needed to build and grow our Community and that is what we have continued to do. Early on, Jackie slipped in the snow and broke her collar bone so during her recovery spent time collating everyone's ideas and produced our first, innovative development / business plan which gave us vision and purpose and acted as a foundation for the future.

**Michael Ellman**  
Former Secretary of NLPJC

# I have a Dream

I wanted the community we founded to be multi-generational, to attract local people from the area to join those of us in Stamford Hill who wanted to continue to meet together to pray, study, eat and celebrate together.

We wanted a living, breathing community, where everyone possible was involved in what we did, came to services or other events and played a part in making it a success. I dreamed of a building of our own within 10 years, a Rabbi, a thriving cheder and more people my own age. I came from a congregation where most people were over 75 years old and not interested in anything we did, whether social, religious or educational.

We had a beautiful sanctuary in a building that was never filled, a choir that most people did not hear and I ran a library that was

very little-used. I wanted to keep the musical traditions alive in the new community, and have the books in the library appreciated and borrowed.

So for 10 years on, I dreamed of a community of young and old, learning and praying together, sharing food and festivals. I wanted space for a library, offices, religion school classes and prayer space, with facilities for a choir. I dreamed of an inspirational Rabbi who would lead us and get to know people and their special skills and abilities and encourage them to contribute to the community in any way they could.

Needless to say, many of these dreams have been fulfilled, though not the building or the library yet. What I didn't dream of, but we have nevertheless achieved, is of attracting so many new people to Judaism and lots of Jews who had not been to a synagogue for years.

Alison Turner  
Founder member & archivist



## The Next 10 Years

When the founders of our 'mother' synagogue, North London Progressive, staged their first public meeting in Stoke Newington Library in April 1921, I wonder how they envisaged the future? They couldn't know that their own fledgling synagogue would become one of the biggest and most influential Liberal communities, but that in time this would dwindle as the Jewish population moved elsewhere, both east wards and towards the north west.

But now we are back. At this point, after ten years work, we are truly here. And our 'here' is a very close fit with the ways that inner city Jewish people's lives are now.

Right at this moment, things are working well, but we are bursting at the seams, with so many different activities taking place on a Shabbat morning. In ten years, at our current rate, we will be meeting somewhere else. I am not so sure it will be our own bricks and mortar, as we value more our flexibility and on-going sense of creativity. Actually I would like to see us spilling out of a defined unique space, partnering up with other local activities and communities.

We could be the founders of the first non-denominational Yeshiva, leading the

way in serious study beyond the usual categories of Jewish religious organisations. It could even rotate between the many excellent local coffee shops. Anyone and everyone would want to come.

In the interests of social inclusivity, religious services for the entire community would not always be at our usual venue, but also in residential homes for people who are disabled or elderly. Goodness knows what our cheder will be like, as recent growth has been so rapid. But in a year or two we will start to see the results of our work with parents of boys, balancing out the genders in each age group. I would like to see us developing a really good social life for our young people, with leadership by LJY- Netzer, our youth movement. The programmes they offer stimulate, support and challenge young people, and give them a real youth-led progressive framework, at a time when young people need to hear the message from their peers, and not from adults.

The growing number of activities and participation will need an ever stronger organising group. The main challenge will be to manage these different activities, and to make sure they also connect

together. Doing this without a building of our own will put the emphasis on people and our skills if we are going to make it work.

Nobody will feel that the community is mainly for 'someone else'. A proper community, with enough people who are in the same situation as you, but many who are not. Because everyone needs both. A place we can all look forward to ageing in.

When synagogues run into difficulties, it can be because of unavoidable demographic realities. And if a synagogue is no longer relevant, it can cling on like a museum, tended by the loving few. We must stay close to our task.

Having grown longer roots, our focus will be less inward. We will be the multiplicity of Jewish voices that society needs to hear. Not just a single progressive voice, and seen as on the fringe. Our strong commitment to articulating Progressive Judaism will give rise to a range of voices, with a lot of different things to say, and to do. I really believe that our task at this time is to be a focus for people to discover and create their own Jewish identities, but that must be just a start. We are also here to change the world.

Rabbi Shulamit Ambalu

## My Hopes

- ❖ I hope I get to mark many more years with our community "One season following another laden with happiness and tears" (and maybe we need a bit more schmaltz as well...)
- ❖ I want us to grow our cheders, so that we have many more bnei mitzvot as wonderful as the ones we had in November
- ❖ I hope that more of the terrific people who join us get involved in running our organisation and its events
- ❖ I think that more people who come to our services and events should join us, because essentially we depend on our membership, and I hope they all thrive and prosper so that we do too
- ❖ I think that we can reach out to many more communities in north London and hope that London Citizens will help us do that
- ❖ I believe that we could see our banner out on so many more occasions, with the people to hold it and march with it. Because, unfortunately, we will need to be marching quite a lot.

Sue Lukes Education Chair

### Thinking of joining us?

Why not do it now ~ our new membership year starts in January. You can contact our administrator, Julia Chalfen, at [nlpjc@liberaljudaism.org](mailto:nlpjc@liberaljudaism.org) for a membership pack or phone Rabbi Shulamit Ambalu on 020 7403 3779 to discuss membership options.

### A Generous Bequest

We would like to send a very big thank you to our late member Sadie Cohen's family. Sadie very generously left a bequest to NLPJC in her will for £1,000, an important donation towards the financial sustainability, and the growth of the community.

# My Jewish Journey by Vicky Millan

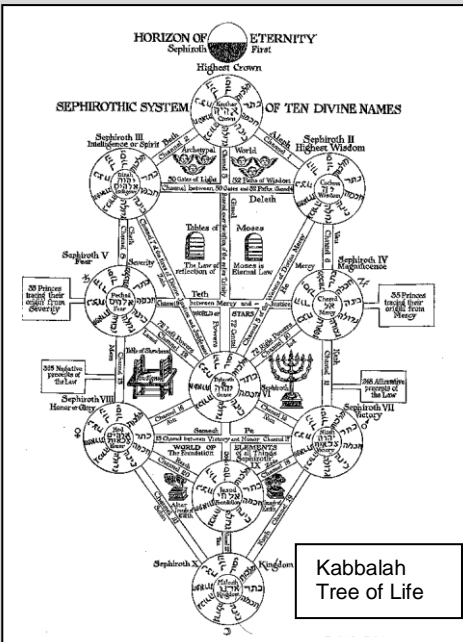
*The purpose of birth is learning  
The purpose of learning is to grasp the Divine.  
The purpose of apprehending the Divine  
Is to maintain the endurance of one who  
Apprehends with the joy of apprehending*  
Kabbalist Abraham Abulafia

The problem for me is where do I begin the story of my Jewish journey? Regardless of my baptism and confirmation, throughout my childhood and life, I was always aware of a God and moreover a God who had a plan for me.

I was brought up in a non-religious family in Edinburgh. My parents valued education and for them, faith had no place in education and accordingly I was sent to a prestigious girl's school in Edinburgh. At 18 I gained a diploma in medical administration and worked in a hospital in Edinburgh specialising in what was known in those days as 'the psychiatry of mental handicap.' This experience was one big eye opener to me when I found myself working on wards which cared for the profoundly mentally handicapped children. Where was God in all this? Moreover, why did God allow this to happen? I worked there for a few years and then I moved into General Practice which looked after the single homeless in Edinburgh. Again this raised the question where was God in all this? If you asked any of our patients, they would have been quite adamant that God could certainly be found in a can of Carlsberg Special!

After six years of study I had attained my Open University degree and had now reached a set of crossroads. I made the decision that I wanted to dedicate my entire life to God. This was no light decision and I had to prepare myself properly for this. I applied and was accepted to New College in Edinburgh, the faculty of Divinity of Edinburgh University. I studied for the bachelor of Divinity degree where I learned the skills of exegesis of scripture, studied systematic theology, and acquainted myself with Church history and undertook placements in pastoral theology e.g. a hospice and various hospitals. I graduated with my BD degree but I encountered my first set of problems; I was a Roman Catholic with a degree in Protestant Reformed Theology! Roman Catholics tend to be more liturgically focused whilst through my theological training I became more interested in analysing scripture. More

importantly it would raise the question of who was Jesus and how was the canon of scripture known as the 'New Testament' constructed. I would be opening myself up to some shocking revelations which would shatter my Christian faith but point me in the direction of Judaism.



I then went off to St. Andrew's College in Bearsden (at that time the National Catholic Teacher Training College) and graduated with a PGCE. I taught religious education in an inner city school in Manchester for three years. It was then that I decided to join a Roman Catholic religious order and this I did. I worked in the States for a while educating single homeless African American men in Baltimore. I then returned to Britain to teach in London and I subsequently left the order.

However, I still held my faith and I began to ask some hard questions to myself. The New Testament gave me the impression of being a chronological book ie we read about the life of Jesus, then encounter a brief history of the Christian Church and end up looking at some of Paul's letters which chart the problems faced by the early Christian communities. This is not the case. Paul's letters were written well before the Gospels ever appeared. In fact Paul was dead before the first Gospels were ever written. Paul never met Jesus and bases his whole theology on a vision he had of a 'christ figure' he met on the road to Damascus. So, the New Testament was not

a chronological book, and my confidence in it was beginning to decline.

This raised the further question within me of who exactly was Jesus? A messiah or simply a teacher who became deified over time? I consulted the Gospels to find out. What did Jesus really believe and what was his message to the people of his day? It is quite clear that Jesus was advocating the importance of Torah observance to his immediate audience. But what about this messiah business? The best thing I could do to hang on to what little faith I had was to survey the *Tanakh* and other sources of literature to establish if Jesus did in fact fulfil the Messianic Prophecies - if an individual fails to fulfil one of the following conditions, he cannot be 'The Messiah.'

The messiah will first of all be the greatest prophet in history, second only to Moses (Targum 11:2; Maimonides – Yad Teshuva 9:2). Prophecy can only exist in Israel when the land is inhabited by a majority of world Jewry, a situation which has not existed since 300BCE, during the time of Ezra, when the majority of Jews refused to move from Babylon to Israel. Prophecy ended upon the death of the last prophets – Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Jesus appeared on the scene approximately 350 years after prophecy had ended. Moreover, the messiah must be a descendant on his father's side from King David (see Genesis 49:10).

According to the Christian claim that Jesus was the product of a virgin birth, he had no father. Finally, according to Jewish sources, the Messiah will be born of human parents and possess normal physical attributes like other people. He will not be a demi-god and nor will he possess supernatural qualities.

I am going to stop here. I think it is quite obvious now as to why I approached NLPJC for conversion. For me, Judaism is a much more intellectually coherent faith and I am a very practical person so the mitzvot would appeal to my spirituality. I am much more relaxed and at home in Judaism and feel a much happier and settled person spiritually. However, life goes on and I am pleased to say that I am now a student at the London School of Jewish Studies, a fantastic place with some wonderful lectures, where I continue to build on the knowledge of Judaism that I acquired through NLPJC.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in the community for their help and support over the past years in making my Jewish journey a possibility.

## Exciting New Adult Learning ~ Tuesdays in January

**Practical Progressive Halachah,**  
A two session mini-course  
7.30 to 9pm on 10th and 17th January

Some progressive Jews believe that *halachah*, or Jewish 'law' is no longer relevant to them. Others feel that the *halachah* is always changing, and has a role to play in shaping our lives. We will look in depth at *halachic* texts concerning Shabbat. We will study them in Hebrew, though translations will be provided

**If you Don't Believe in God**  
A two session mini course  
7.30 to 9pm on 24th and 31st January

In these two sessions we will discover the writing of one of the most challenging Jewish thinkers of all time, Baruch Spinoza, and one of the most up to date, Art Green. Both Spinoza and Green have the potential to change the way you think about God, the universe, and everything.

Venue:  
The Community  
Rooms



**Cost for each 2 week course:**  
Members £20 / £10 concs  
Non-Members: £30 / £15 concs.  
**Please sign up in advance**, by 1st January latest, at [nlpjc@liberaljudaism.org](mailto:nlpjc@liberaljudaism.org) or by phone at 020 7403 3779

# Who Is Missing?

Next week sees the first Annual Assembly of **North London Citizens**. We are one of the founding member organisations, and since the beginning of the year we have involved ourselves in listening within our own community, joining others to identify our common concerns, and a couple of us have taken part in some really excellent community organiser training.

But I can't decide if we are doing really well, or if we are hitting a problem. On the one hand we must be one of the smallest organisations ever to take part in the UK. We have just over a hundred adult members, and many people are in the

busiest times of their lives. We could consider it a triumph that we have done so much. Yet on the other, I have the feeling that we haven't found our focus. There is so much that we could offer, but the real work seems to come from the usual small group of dedicated individuals.

I am delighted to see that one of our members will be on the panel of the final public meeting of the Citizen's enquiry into the Tottenham riots. Another is on the steering committee of the group co-ordinating the North London Chapter. A few of us will even take part in a public blowing of the shofar, an ancient call to action, as part of the Annual Assembly on the 29th November. Perhaps people feel they have the most to offer as individuals. It

could also be that we are still building the vital structures within our own community. But each member organisation must have something particular to offer.

Ours may not be a pressing set of needs, but something that grows out of history and experience. If we were to partner up with a local community of recent arrivals, with people who, like our own (great) grandparents also struggled to put roots down here, would that compel you to get involved? To do something new? To be part of something different? I cannot be sure how we are doing. On the one hand it looks ok, but on the other, something is missing. Or someone. Is it you?

Rabbi Shulamit Ambalu

## HHD CHARITY APPEAL

This year we have collected £1,280 to divide between our 2 chosen charities: Music In Detention and NLPJC – many thanks to all of you who have, once again, donated so generously to this year's appeal.

## HACKNEY NIGHT SHELTER

A reminder that the winter shelter is running again this year at St. Mary's from January to March, and they need volunteers. If you would like to help in anyway, please email Janice at [night\\_shelter\\_volunteering@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:night_shelter_volunteering@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 07718 765139



Celebrations at the joint Bat mitzvah of Esther Hobbs & Rachel Sklair on 19<sup>th</sup> November ~ **Mazel Tov!**



**Mazel Tov** to our members Krisztina Kovacs and Jeremy Rubel (above) who were married on August 28<sup>th</sup> in Budapest, and to Elizabeth Gorel and Dave Shane (below), who were married on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Community Rooms.



## NLPJC Members News

### A warm welcome to new members:

- ❖ Katherine & Sean McKone & their daughters Anna & Eleanor
- ❖ Louise Fox
- ❖ Stephanie & Fabien Holler & their son David
- ❖ Jeanette Copperman & her daughter Anastasia
- ❖ Diane & Fabrice Lyczba & their sons David, Dan & Oren

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### Our 100 club winners

- ❖ Maria Egan, who kindly bought her 100 club number on behalf of NLPJC, so when she wins, we win! (September)
- ❖ Robin Samson (October)
- ❖ Alison Turner (November)

The winning total each month is £52 – why not join when you renew your membership next year?

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*In the event of the death of an NLPJC member, please contact the Funeral Directors M.M. Broad & Son on 020 8445 2797 and Rabbi Shulamit Ambalu on 020 7403 3779.*

## NLPJC 'Who's Who'

All officers and chair can be contacted at [nlpjc@liberaljudaism.org](mailto:nlpjc@liberaljudaism.org) or by post to PO Box 42702 London N19 5WR

**Rabbi** : Rabbi Shulamit Ambalu  
**Chair** : Claire Helman  
**Hon. Secretary** : Liz Reiner  
**Treasurer** : Hannah Forbes  
**Education Chair** : Sue Lukes  
**Head & Cheder Teacher** : Dr Laura Miller  
**Cheder / Jewish Studies Teacher**: Rachel Epton  
**Hebrew Teacher** : Vicky Millan  
**Volunteer Creche Worker** : Anna Sklair  
**Parent Representative**: Leila Baker  
**Prayers & Spirituality Co-ordinator**: Maria Egan  
**Senior Warden**: Joanna Ryam  
**Administrator** : Julia Chalfen  
**Fund-raising Coordinator**: Joanna Ryam  
**Membership Secretary** : Jackie Richards  
**Marketing & Promotion**: Claire Helman  
**Social Action Co-ordinator**: Dan Ozarow  
**Befriending Co-ordinator**: Sheila Melzak  
**Vacant Posts**:

**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.

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# NLPJC events calendar

## December 2011 – February 2012

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>
Tuesdays in Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Hebrew Fluency ~final week	<u>Montagu Centre</u>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10am / 10am 10.40am / 10.50am 11am	Torah Breakfast / Children's Hebrew Kol b'yachad service for children / Cheder & crèche Shabbat Service	
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am / 10am 11am	Torah Breakfast / Children's Hebrew FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICE (see front page)	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4 - 7pm	CHANUKAH PARTY (see front page)	
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Tuesdays in Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> / 24 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 – 9pm	Adult Learning Programme: 'Practical Progressive Halachah' / 'If you Don't believe in God' (see page 4)	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am / 10am 10.40am / 10.50am 11am	Torah Breakfast / Children's Hebrew Kol b'yachad service for children / Cheder & crèche Shabbat Service	
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10am / 10am 10.40am / 10.50am 11am	Torah Breakfast / Children's Hebrew Kol b'yachad service for children / Cheder (no crèche / toys available) Shabbat Service	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.15pm / 8pm	Erev Shabbat Service & Pot Luck Supper	
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Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am  10am 10.40am / 10.50am 11am 1pm	Community Discussion: "SOCIAL ACTION: HOW DO YOU DO YOURS?" (see front page) Children's Hebrew Kol b'yachad service for children / Cheder & crèche Shabbat Service followed by POT LUCK LUNCH (see front page)	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7pm	TU B'SHEVAT SEDER (see front page)	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am / 10am 10.40am / 10.50am 11am	Torah Breakfast / Children's Hebrew Kol b'yachad service for children / Cheder (no crèche / toys available) Shabbat Service	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.15pm / 8pm	Erev Shabbat Service & Pot Luck Supper	

Dates for your diary.....

PURIM SPIEL REHEARSAL ~ Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March during cheder  
 PURIM PARTY ~ Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm – 5pm at the Community Rooms  
 COOKERY WORKSHOP FUNDRAISER ~ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6pm (time tbc)  
 PESACH 2<sup>ND</sup> NIGHT SEDER ~ Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm at Defoe Road

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