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Sha'arei Tsedek

North London Reform Synagogue

NEW BEGINNINGS

September marks the start of a significant few months in our community's calendar: a time for reflecting and celebrating our past; investing in the present; and laying the foundations for the future.

In less than a month we will come together to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and reflect at Yom Kippur. This is not only a time to celebrate with family and friends but also a time for us, as a community, to celebrate our commitment and passion; our outstanding and brilliant teaching; and the good we do in the wider community. It is also a moment not simply to look back but an opportunity to look ahead and consider the community we aspire to be in the future.

Throughout the summer we have been planning some exciting new initiatives, activities and events that we hope will interest you. Here's an example of what's coming up.

Youth Club - *NEW*

In June we appointed Charley Katan as our new Youth Worker. Her first task is to establish a Youth Club for our younger members and teenagers. Kvutza, Youth Club will launch on Tuesday 6 September.

Youth Band - *NEW*

Kollot Rocks is a new band being formed, under the guidance of Louise Katin, to lead the music at our Friday Night services.

Adult Education Programme - *NEW*

November sees the launch of our Autumn/Winter 2016/17 Programme. This term will include some new editions and regular favourites.

Families with young children

From September we will be extending our Mishpacha activities to include Friday afternoons in addition to Shabbat mornings and festival activities.

More details about all of the above can be found inside this issue of Kehillah and on our website.

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	B'nei Mitzvah Summer School		Erev Shabbat Service
	Erev Shabbat Service	Shabbat 17	Choral Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah Evie Sorsky Mishpacha Shabbat
Shabbat 3	Shabbat Morning Service, Torah Brunch, Blessing for Elul		
Sunday 4	Religion School starts	Sunday 18	Religion School with Parent & Carers Welcome Breakfast
Monday 5	Alonim starts	Wednesday 21	Council Meeting
	Dementia Club UK		
Tuesday 6	Youth Club launch event – <i>NEW</i>	Friday 23	B'nei Mitzvah Hang-out Time & Class
			Erev Shabbat Service
Friday 9	B'nei Mitzvah Class starts plus Chavurah supper	Saturday 24	Shabbat Morning Service
	Erev Shabbat Service		Selichot Study Session & Service
Shabbat 10	Shabbat Morning Service Special Kiddush in memory of Charles Fox and farewell to Antonia Reed	Sunday 25	Religion School
		Tuesday 27	Lunch & Chat
		Wednesday 28	Packing Group
Sunday 11	Religion School	Friday 30	B'nei Mitzvah Hang-out Time & Class
	Stone Setting of Eve Cohen, Mother of Marilyn Saponia		Erev Shabbat Service

September in focus

Shabbat 3 September

Torah Brunch, 11.30am

Our service and discussion group will be led by Eliana Stern and Charlotte Nagle. Both girls have recently received an achievement award from the **Jack Petchey Foundation**. After the service Rabbi Judith Levitt will present Eliana and Charlotte with their certificates. The Torah Brunch will be a discussion around Parashat R'eih.

Tuesday 6 September, 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Youth Club Launch Event – *NEW*

Kvutza will launch with a **free** taster session. Our younger members (7-10yrs) and teenagers (13-15yrs) are invited to drop in to meet Charley Katan, Youth Worker and the team and give the Club a try. Activities on the opening night will include an hour long immersive activity based around being part of a giant board game, led by Charley and other RSY-Netzer Madrichim. After this, we will be offering some refreshments and an opportunity to sign up for the Youth Club and learn about what's planned for **Kvutza** over the coming months. For more information please contact Charley Katan on 07852 770566.

Friday 9 September

B'nei Mitzvah Chavurah Meal

Our regular Erev Shabbat service will be followed by a special 'start-of-the-year' B'nei Mitzvah Class 'bring and share' Chavurah supper. For more information please contact Steve Levenson on E: steve.levenson@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk.

Shabbat 10 September

Remembering Charles Fox and farewell to Antonia Reed

During the service we will be saying goodbye to Antonia Reed, our dedicated Synagogue Administrator and wishing her well for the future. At the Kiddush, after the service, we will commemorate one of the founding members of our community, the late Charles Fox. We look forward to welcoming his family and friends to this Special Kiddush.

Saturday 24 September

Selichot Service

Please join us for the beautiful night-time Selichot service which introduces the themes, both spiritual and musical, of the approaching Days of Awe.

Services and Related Events in September

Erev Shabbat Service—Fridays at 6.45pm

Shabbat Morning Service—Saturdays at 10.30am

Mishpacha Erev Shabbat

Friday 2 September, 4.00pm – 4.45pm

Our Erev Shabbat activity aims to give our younger members a wonderful and exciting Shabbat experience. It's a special time where we meet and listen to stories, sing songs and bring in Shabbat together.

Torah Brunch

Shabbat 3 September

Our Torah Brunch discussion will follow a shortened Shabbat Morning service and will be led by Eliana Stern and Charlotte Nagle.

Special Memorial Kiddush and farewell to Antonia Reed

Shabbat 10 September

Mishpacha Shabbat

Saturday 17 September, 10.30am – 11.30am

Our Shabbat activity aims to give our youngest members the opportunity to join us once a month on a Saturday morning. We sing songs and read our special Torah scroll or festival story; do craft activities around the week Torah reading or festival; cooking and games and finish with a yummy Kiddush.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazel tov to: Evie Sorsky and her family on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah.

Goodbye to:

Antonia Reed, Synagogue Administrator

Condolences to:

Student Rabbi Naomi Goldman on the loss of her father Malcolm Goldman, father to her sisters Ruth and Debbie Goldman and husband of Marian Goldman
Pamela Hartog on the death of her husband Jeff Hartog, father of Lucy Whiter, Kate Thomas & Kim Hartog and brother of Susan Silverman
Sharon Crego, David Rome and Beverley on the loss of their father, Ben Rome

Introducing:

Lara Pront, Temporary Administrator
Charley Katan, Youth Leader

Community News

Introducing Charley Katan, Youth Worker

Charley joins our community as the new Youth Worker. She grew up in Finchley, North London, attended Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls in Aldenham and is currently studying English Literature at University College London. Over the past year she has been on Shnat Netzer in Israel with Netzer Olami where she has gained valuable leadership skills and an in depth knowledge about Reform Judaism, Zionism and Tikkun Olam. For more information about Charley and her plans for Youth Club please visit the website.

Families with young children

From this month we will be extending our Mishpacha activities to include Friday afternoons in addition to Shabbat mornings and festival activities. Activities will be led by either Esther Lee or Deborah Woolf with the involvement of the children and parents.

Days of Awe Charities

This year we are proud to be supporting the following worthy causes: **Rainbow Trust Children's Charity; Yachad; Hagar Jewish-Arab Education for Equality and Hand in Hand.** For more information and to donate please visit www.stnl.rs/appeal.

Youth Band – *NEW*

Kollot Rocks, a new band to lead the music on Friday nights, launches this September. We are seeking young singers and musicians to join the band. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining please email Louise Katin at louise.katin@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk.

Cascade Summer Fete and Bake Off

More than 80 members and guests entered the Cascade bake-off challenge in July. The entries were judged by **The Jewish Princess**, Tracey Fine and Nicole Freeman of the **The Kids' Kitchen** and three in-house judges Rabbi Colin Eimer, Richard Woolf and Leslie Gold. The Fete and Bake-Off Event raised almost £600 for our Religion School. The money will be spent on new resources for the school, including IT Equipment, software and a new Hebrew Reading Scheme.

Would you like to sponsor a Kiddush or Torah Brunch?

What better way for you to celebrate a special birthday, anniversary or a remembrance than by sponsoring or co-sponsoring a Kiddush or Torah Brunch. Please contact the Office on E: info@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk or telephone on T: 020 8445 3400 for more information.

Groups, Activities and Regular Events

Dementia Club UK

Monday 5 September, 2-4pm. As well as enjoying our usual refreshments, chats and exercises, we will be welcoming the loanian Clarinet Quartet as our guest entertainment. Looking forward to seeing you at the Cafe.

Contact: Lynda Staal or Gilda Rabin

E: volunteers@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk T: 020 8445 3400

Five-A-Side Football

New players welcome, weekly game.

Contact: Neil Woolfson E: neil.woolfson@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk

T: 07947 421949

Income Generation Group

Contact: Andy Kelmanson E: andy.kelmanson@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk.

Kollot Rocks, Youth Band

Contact: Louise Katin E: louise.katin@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk

Kvutza, Youth Club

Tuesday 6 September, 5-6.30pm Launch event

Contact: Charley Katan E: charley.katan@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk

T: 07852 770566

Lunch & Chat

Tuesday 27 September at 12.45 pm.

£6 for a two-course meal and soft drinks followed by tea or coffee.

This group is open to older members of the community.

Contact Janet Renton or Susan Strudwick via the Synagogue Office.

E: info@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk or 020 8445 3400

Mishpacha, Families with young children

Friday 2 September, 4–4.45pm—Mishpacha Erev Shabbat

Shabbat 17 September, 10.30–11.30am, Mishpacha Shabbat

Contact: Esther Lee/Deborah Woolf

E: childrensservices@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk

Packing Group

Wednesday 28 September. Join us from 10.00 am to pack and send the next issue of Kehillah. Refreshments and conversation provided.

Contact: info@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk / 020 8445 3400

Useful contacts at Shaarei-Tsedek

Alonim Kindergarten: info@alonim.co.uk

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General Admin: info@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk

Volunteering: volunteers@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk

Youth Band: louise.katan@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk

Children's Education, B'nei Mitzvah and Adult Education Programme

Alonim Kindergarten

Term begins Monday 5 September.

Alonim Parent/Carer Baby Group— Messy Play Sessions

Term begins Tuesday 6 September, 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm. Term time only.
Suitable for children 1yr+ 1.30 pm—2.30 pm £60 for 10 sessions.

Religion School

Sundays 9:30 am-12:30 pm.
Term begins Sunday 4 September.

**If you wish to enrol for Alonim or Religion School please contact
Roz Levenson, Head Teacher on roz.levenson@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk**

B'nei Mitzvah Preparation Group

Friday from 5.00pm. Hang-Out Time 4.30pm.
Summer School Friday 2 September.
Term starts Friday 9 September.

For more information E: steve.levenson@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk

Adult Education Programme 2016/17

New term begins 15 November. Programme booklet will be available with
the next issue of Kehillah and on our website.

For more information E: judith.levitt@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk

Council

Appointment of Treasurer

Adam Joelson was appointed as Treasurer at the July Council meeting
further to the resignation of Brian Ingle.

Next Council Meeting

Wednesday 21 September at 7.30pm. All members welcome. Please let us
know in advance so we can ensure enough papers and seats are supplied.
If there is a specific issue you would like discussed, please contact the
Admin Team on 020 8445 3400 or info@shaarei-tsedek.org.uk.

Chair of Council Surgeries

Richard Woolf, Chair is available to meet with members to discuss any
matters of concern or suggestions they may have. Please contact the
Admin Team if you would like to arrange a time and date to meet with him.

Dates for your diary—What's coming up

Chavruta Study Day, Shabbat 8 October

This year's Study Day will look at Jewish understandings of peace as embodied in a variety of texts.

Mitzvah Day, Sunday 27 November

This year one of the charities we will be supporting is Mary's Meals 'The Backpack Project. More details of how we will be getting involved will follow in the October issue of Kehillah. In the meantime please contact the Office if you are interested in volunteering on Mitzvah Day.

Adult Education Programme 2016/17— Our Autumn/Winter programme launches on 15 November with some exciting new editions and regular favourites.

Details for all of the above events/activities and more can be found on our website

Jewish Joint Burial Society Woodland Cemetery

The JJBS Woodland Cemetery at Cheshunt is now fully operational with its attractive ohel (prayer hall) providing a quiet area for funeral services. The Woodland Cemetery provides an alternative to a conventional cemetery – with the graves marked by a small plaque rather than a large tombstone, and then surrounded by trees. In addition there are



separate areas where Jewish people can be buried with their non-Jewish partners either in the woodland environment or with a simple vertical stone in the section which has been laid out with a lawn environment. For further information about a Woodland burial visit www.jjbs.org.uk or speak to Rabbi Baaden or Rabbi Levitt.

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