

Holocaust memorial services throughout Cornwall

Pat Lipert

Jewish people who died in the Holocaust were not forgotten by several university, civic and church groups, who held services Thursday through Sunday, 26-29th of January at various locations in Cornwall. Some members of Kehillat Kernow attended and participated in these important services of remembrance. Several events to educate, commemorate and celebrate the survival of those who experienced genocide were organised by the Devon and Cornwall Police liaising with Cornwall County Council, Falmouth University, the University of Exeter and Truro Cathedral.

Members of the Redruth Baptist Church and Friends of Israel held services led by Pat Lipert of Kehillat Kernow, and Andrew Chapple, elder of RBC. Chairman Jeremy Jacobson, vice-chairman Adam Feldman, secretary Rachel Brown and KK member Roger Chatfield participated in the service.

On Wednesday, 25th of January, Adam Feldman participated in services at Penryn Tremough campus, home to 5000 students and staff at the Cornwall wing of the University of Exeter and Penryn sector of Falmouth University. An exhibition of man's inhumanity to man was



We remember-Some of the people who participated in and organised services at the Redruth Baptist Church are (from left to right), Andrew Chapple, Elder RBC; Adam Feldman, vice-chairman of KK; Jeremy Jacobson, chairman of KK; Gillian and Michael Saldivar of RBC.

displayed and a candle lighting service held to remember victims of genocide from WW II on in order to send out a message of hope, peace and inclusiveness from that Cornish seat of learning.

On Friday, 28th of January, Jeremy Jacobson attended services at Truro Cathedral. The County Council with the Diversity Team of Devon and Cornwall Constabulary mounted an exhibition describing the eight stages leading to genocide: classification, symbolisation, dehumanisation, organisation, polarisation, preparation, extermination and denial. Guided tours were given by Colin Gameson, the Police Diversity Officer. A ceremony followed which included candle lighting, readings and prayers from several communities. Jeremy read from the KK Yom HaShoah booklet starting with the murder of Abel by Cain and ending with the memorial prayer, "God full of compassion..." On Sunday, from 3pm-9pm, a service attended by over 80 people, a discussion supper and film, Return to the Hiding Place (2013), previously known as War of Resistance (2011), took place at the Redruth Baptist Church. Members of Kehillat Kernow were asked to lead the service. Gillian and Michael Saldivar helped to organise the event with Baptist Elder, Andrew Chapple.

Andrew Chapple opened the service by giving his feelings about the Holocaust and Christian guilt in not having done more for Jewish vic-

tims, along with prose and poetic selections. Pat Lipert then led the service in which she discussed the Jewish commandment to remember (Zachor), and referred to philosopher and Christian theologian Paul Tillich, himself a refugee from Nazi Germany, whose comments in Rabbi Albert Friedlander's book, Out of the Whirlwind, were cited. The service started on the theme of hope in the darkest of times, an integral part of Judaism and for those swept up in the genocide.

Using the Kehillat Kernow booklet, Yom Ha'Shoah, members of the congregation and others who came from various parts of Cornwall, participated in the Jewish service along with KK members. The last part of the service included a visual and vocal rendition of the song Never Again, various psalm readings and blessings.

After the service, a myriad of discussions took place in the church and at the supper which followed. The film, attended by Jacobson and Feldman, proved to be a moving culmination of the day's events. It told the factual, harrowing story of Hans Poley's World War II encounter with Corrie ten Boom, his involvement with the Dutch resistance and the wartime harbouring of Jewish refugees.

Various educational programmes in a number of schools took place throughout the county, including a number of visits to schools by KK member Liz Berg.

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Chairman's remarks

Jeremy Jacobson

In the summer of 2013, I arrived in Cornwall from Algeria, together with Mai, two children and two cats. Naturally, one of the first things I did was to apply to join Kehillat Kernow.

Little did I think at the time that, one year later, I would be invited to join the Council as Communications and Events Officer. Even less did I think that, two years on, I would become Chairman. It is easy to come out with

pat phrases on such occasions, such as, "My predecessor will be hard act to follow," or "I am honoured and humbled." Yet they are both true for me. While I would not dream of comparing my abilities to those of the great leaders of Torah or Tanach, I wonder if Joshua was as hesitant to follow Moses, Elisha to follow Elijah, as I am to follow Harvey. Then, to be entrusted with the leadership of this our still quite new community of varied and extraordinary individuals spread across this beautiful peninsula, washed and salted by the sea, where history and folklore ooze out of every pore. It is indeed an honour and I am humbled, humbled and challenged.

Who and what are we? We are talented teachers, artists, doctors, lawyers, craftsmen, therapists, chefs, farmers, students, and entrepreneurs. We are Jews and friends of Jews. Under the inspired, dedicated and gentle hand of Harvey, this disparate group has become a community with shared values and a common purpose. My role, as I see it, is to help the community in the next steps of development.

What will be our life, our love and our success? For me they will be realised in a future which we all share, to which we all contribute our own special skills and experience. Most of the effort needs to be ours, but we are not alone. There are organisations to which we can turn for support and which we, in turn, can support. Perhaps most importantly there is the Movement for Reform Judaism, which provides resources, advice, education and the opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences with other communities. There is the Board of Deputies, which, in a sense, gives us backbone, a solid support in the wider world of politics and national, and international affairs. There are special individuals, such as Elkan Levy and David Jacobs, who came, saw and were gently conquered, so that they wanted to come again. There are Jews, not yet discovered or not yet here whom we must attract and make our own. And then there are other faith communities. It is vital in this latest iteration of nationalism, of identities increasingly defined by borders, by tribal features and by the sense of the other as alien and threatening, that we Jews be a light unto the nations. We must reach out and emphatically say, "Yes, we human beings are not all the same. We differ in a myriad of ways, but we are united in one basic, essential thing: our humanity."

Hannah and David Jacobs return

Pat Lipert

By the time you read this, Hannah and David Jacobs will have just left our community after a weekend of Jewish learning, services and celebration. Still working in an advisory capacity for the Movement for Reform Judaism of which we are affiliated, David and Hannah spent Friday night and Saturday with us to celebrate Shabbat Vayikra.

On Friday night, special Shabbat services were held at Estelle Moses' house with many members of the community attending. Estelle not only hosted the services but provided a sumptuous and elegant Shabbat Friday night dinner. Anyone who has been lucky enough to be a recipient of Estelle's hospitality knows how very special she makes any visitation. On Saturday morning, services at Three Bridges School were held followed by Kiddush. Shabbat Vayikra services were led by Liz Berg and David Jacobs with their typical erudite insights into

the opening parsha of Vayikra.

Both David and Hannah continue to be 'hands on' advisors and loyal friends of our community despite the fact that they are meant to be retired. Having them with us makes a Shabbat weekend even more special. Thank you David and Hannah.



Work of art-New Torah mantle created by KK member Anne Hearle dedicated to former chairman Harvey Kurzfeld for his many years of service can now be seen at every Shabbat service.

Pesach is almost here

Pat Lipert

By now you have already made arrangements to get your Matzah for Pesach and are thinking about where you can get some fresh horseradish for those fishballs. Many have been cooking away to provide yet another wonderful meal for our communal seder.

Seder night on Erev Pesach is Monday the 10th of April at 6:30pm at the Barn in Trellisick Gardens in Feock, Truro. Ample, accessible parking is available just outside the building and directions can be obtained by calling Anne Hearle (01736-731686) or Leslie Lipert (01736-762675). Tickets for the event should have already been obtained through Anne Hearle as information about the Communal Pesach Seder would have been mailed to you in early March. This most popular and special service is organised by David and Anne Hearle. Hag Sameach!

Ponsharden Cemeteries update

Heritage England's Historic Building and Monuments Commission for England has offered a management agreement to provide up to £13,100 to fund a Conservation Management Plan (CMP), which is expected to be ready mid-June.

At present it looks like around £250,000 is required in order to facilitate and harmonise the repairs to the Jewish and Dissenters cemeteries. So far, just over £35,000 (excluding the CMP), has been collected or promised and the remainder will be sought from the Heritage Lottery Fund the CMP is to hand.

As a new feature for our newsletter, we will be highlighting a particular quote on the subject of Jews from a variety of sources. This first quote, found in 'Jewish Renaissance,' concerns one of the first Zionist books by George Eliot, Daniel Deronda, courtesy of Jeremy Jacobson.

Jewishly speaking...

In a letter to Harriet Beecher Stowe, after the publication of Daniel Deronda, George Eliot wrote:

But towards the Hebrew we western people, who have been reared in Christianity, have a peculiar debt, and, whether we acknowledge it or not, a peculiar thoroughness of fellowship in religious and moral sentiment. Can anything be more disgusting than to hear people called 'educated' making small jokes about eating ham, and showing themselves empty of any real knowledge as to the relation of their social and religious life to the history of the people they think themselves witty in insulting? They hardly know that Christ was a Jew.

Do you have a favourite quote on the subject of Jews? Send in your selection for the next newsletter to: editor@kehillatkernow.com

Bagels and bon ami

Pat Lipert

The first film/nosh/ cultural event of the season took place on Saturday, the 28th of January at Malpas Village Hall in Truro from 6:45-10pm. If you weren't there, you missed something very special.

About 17 members of all ages gathered together in the kitchen-dining room of this very well appointed venue over coffee where Adam and Melanie Feldman had prepared all the makings for homemade bagels. Most of us had never made a bagel before and so the experience of kneading and rolling the dough and making the crucial hole in the middle, was great fun. Once we had made enough bagels to go around several times, the trays were left to rise, and we all went into the 'movie house' section of the hall to view, Batteries Not Included,' with Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn.

Now you may think this is not a very overt 'Jew-

ish' film, but the truth of it is (ask Jeremy), it was very Jewish, indeed. As explained by our chairman, the miniature flying saucers come to the rescue of the beleaguered residents of a dilapidated building in New York which the 'bad guys' acting as storm troopers try to destroy. As Jeremy said, "[They] come to perform tikkun olam...not only to repair the damage but to make the world a better place." Family values and Jewish responses to various events in the film clearly make this Steven Spielberg production a film filled with Yiddishkeit. Popcorn was passed around; the adults sat on chairs whilst the children, many in the pyjamas, lolled about on duvets, in and out of sleeping bags, and fluffy cushions. By the time the happy ending was about to happen, we could smell the bagels cooking in the oven.



Where's the hole?-Mai Jacobson, Rachel Brown, Roger Chatfield and Adam Feldman learning how to turn a bagel into a work of art.

After the film, we re-entered the dining area and, lo and behold, heneini, a feast had been prepared-all kinds of bagel fillings, salads and fruits. And golden hot bagels in piles on trays appeared before us.

As all good Jewish people do, we ate, laughed, and talked with gusto. L'chaim!

Many thanks to Melanie and Adam Feldman who worked so hard organising this and made it a very heart-warming evening.



Popcorn instantaneously-Pat Lipert and Melanie Feldman watch with delight as the popcorn magically soars into a bowl to add to the pleasure of watching the upcoming movie.



Finished product-Enjoying the fruit of their labours, Wilf Rockley, Babs Colman, Nicola Willis and Bonnie Rockley, tuck into some freshly baked bagels.



Gastronomic rewards-KK's younger generation enjoy the best part of any cooking enterprise: the feast which follows. From left to right are: Sophia, Hannah, Isaac and Jemima.



Pre-dinner kibitzing-Karen and Gerry Myers enjoy a quick chat while it seems that Isaac, Jeremy and Wilf are in the background getting things organised.

All will be revealed...

Pat Lipert

Ever wonder why some letters in Hebrew are larger than others, or smaller? What do those dots in the middle of letters mean? Why do some letters vaguely resemble a picture of something? And is the translation you are reading in your siddur or Torah actually what the words are saying in Hebrew?

A basic course in Biblical Hebrew not only gives answers to these mysteries but also is great fun in the process. Through a study of Hebrew, cultural, liturgical and social orders are revealed as well as learning what some of the words mean.

Wouldn't it be nice to know what you are saying when you are repeating the Shema every day or The Amidah, the Standing Prayer. Sure, there are the fine translations in your prayer books, but if you look at the Hebrew words, their order, and the many possible ways these words can be interpreted, it becomes ever so much more meaningful. It's rather like solving a crossword puzzle or unpeeling layer upon layer of a gigantic onion. Each new discovery opens up worlds of insight into the minds of our people from the very beginning, not to mention, the hand of HaShem in all of this.

First let's talk about translations. Some are better, more accurate than others but transla-



Joy of learning-Mai Jacobson and Pat Lipert enjoy a humorous exchange in Hebrew during one of the weekly lessons in Biblical Hebrew.

Book and movie night

The second movie-book night will be Saturday, 20 May at 6:30 pm at Malpas Village Hall in Truro. "The Chosen" directed by Jeremy Kagan is the film based on Chaim Potok's book, The Chosen. The idea is to read the book before, so that a pot-luck dinner after the viewing can be followed by a discussion. Everyone is asked to contribute a dish and something to drink.

We Believe in Israel conference

Murray Brown, KK member, attended the Southwest "We Believe in Israel Conference" in February. Issues about supporting Israel trade, opposing boycotts, and improving collaboration between pro-Israel groups from the Christian community were addressed. Some apprehension was raised about Christian Pro-Zionist groups in terms of possible intention towards converting Jews to Christianity if greater collaboration occurred.

Brit Millah news

If anyone has need of a 'bris' (a religious or non-religious circumcision) for a newborn baby boy, contact Bonnie Rockley on 01209 714555. The doctor is excellent and is willing to travel if necessary

tions also reveal a particular religious position as well. A very Orthodox translation of the episode of Dinah, Leah and Jacob's daughter, might not explicitly indicate what actually happened in those fields around Shechem. A very liberal translation might give a more fanciful interpretation. A moderate translation might assume a certain intellectual pre-knowledge of the incident. The Tikkun might give a very literal translation but skirt some of the specific detail. By looking at the original text (Torah), it allows you to decide which view, which translation makes more sense.

Letters, which are enlarged or made smaller, or spellings which are changed in Torah allude to several possible meanings and imply things about our various patriarchs or other personages in The Torah by the conscious insertion of a peculiarity. It's not about a 'mistake' in Torah; it's been written there to convey a particular message or instruction in terms of getting the exact word right when reading the text.

In the Chayei Sarah (The Death of Sarah) parashah, in the second verse when Abraham is eulogising and mourning the death of his wife, the letter "caf" is written smaller. The letter "caf" has the numerical value of 20. This indicates that Sarah died twenty years earlier than she should have, not at 147, but 127. She is the first matriarch to be buried in the Cave of Machpelah. Jacob, her grandson, was the last patriarch to be buried in the Cave of Machpelah. He died at age 147, and the lives of both these parallel in many ways. Both Sarah and Jacob's names were changed by God (from Sarai to Sarah, from Jacob to Israel).

Further along in the same parashah, when Abraham is purchasing the field in which the Cave of Machpelah is located, Ephron of Zohar offers

the area of land to Abraham for free. Later, when Ephron accepts the 400 shekels for the land from Abraham, his name is shortened in the Torah by one letter to show that his original offer was insincere. The numerical value of his shortened name is 400 corresponding to the 400 shekels Abraham paid for the burial land and the Cave of Machpelah to indicate Ephron's lowliness. It is only by looking closely at the Hebrew that these added bits of information come to light.

“Translations often reveal a particular religious position”

The shapes of letters have pictorial significance. The Gimmel (letter "g" sound), is the shape of a camel; the Caf (letter hard "c" sound), is the shape of the open palm of the hand; the Shin (letter "sh" or "s" sound) is the shape of a tooth.

The dot (called a daghesh) is placed inside letters for grammatical reasons and also affects pronunciation (unless the letter is a Vet (V), Haf (Hard "H" or "C" sound), or Fay (F). The Ashkenazi Hebrew speakers, for example, pronounce the "T" sound, the Hebrew letter Tav with a dot in the middle as a "T" sound; if the dot is not there, they pronounce it as an "s" sound. The word for names in Hebrew, Shemot, is pronounced Shemos in Askenazi Hebrew in pointed text, that is text where the vowels are inserted. Sephardi Hebrew, the Hebrew spoken in Israel, does not do this.

So clearly, studying Hebrew offers all kinds of insights into historical, religious and cultural traditions, as well as the joys and challenges of learning a new language.

A good place to start learning as little or as much as you like would be to purchase copies of two books: Signs and Wonders by R. Jonathan Romain for complete beginners, or Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way (various editors).

Jacobson supports Israel

Jeremy Jacobson

ED. On 9 November, Chairman Jeremy Jacobson sent a letter to MP for Truro and Falmouth, Sarah Newton, concerning the debate scheduled in Westminster Hall on 16 November about the Centenary of the Balfour Declaration, using notes and articles written by numerous bodies and individuals. The following is a reprint of his letter:

RE: The centenary of the Balfour Declaration

Dear Ms Sarah Newton MP,
Caroline Ansell MP has secured a 90-minute debate in Westminster Hall at 9:30am on Wednesday 16 November to mark and celebrate the Centenary of the Balfour Declaration.

As my MP I'd like you to attend the debate, celebrate our country's historic contribution to the modern state of Israel and also celebrate the contribution that this tiny country on the south eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea has made to our world. Let me tell you why you should participate in this important debate.

As you know, on 2 November 1917 Britain's Foreign Secretary, Arthur James Balfour, sent a letter to Walter Rothschild for onward transmission to the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland.

The letter became known as the Balfour Declaration.

Its importance cannot be exaggerated because for the first time, a major global power recognised that the Jewish people had a right to re-establish a national home in their ancient homeland.

The right to self-determination.

That right is a cardinal principle in modern international law.

Many nations achieved that right before Israel was born in 1948 and many have done so afterwards.

However, few nations have come through the trauma of tiny Israel.

Attacked in 1948, attacked in 1967, attacked

in 1973, Israel has faced and does face an existential threat every single day. But despite all of this Israel has thrived and it is the only democracy in the Middle East. Israel's a place where:

- women enjoy equality;
- the LGBT community flourishes;
- the media is unfettered and critical;
- an independent judiciary protects the powerless from the powerful;
- where trade unions are well organised and strong;
- educational excellence and scientific innovation are pursued;
- Christians, Jews, Muslims and all religious minorities are free to practise their
- a welfare state supports the poor and marginalized;
- and, yes, it is a fully functioning, vibrant, participatory democracy.

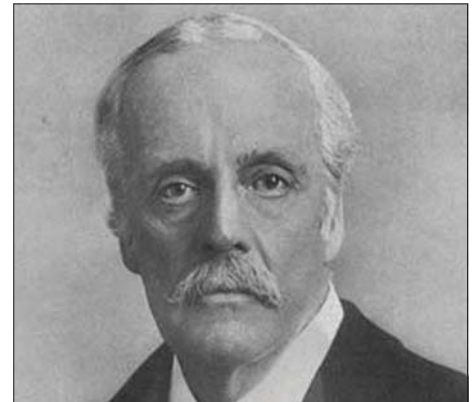
But the story doesn't end there. Israel has made a vast contribution for the good of mankind.

- Israel invented drip irrigation, a technology now used across the world in arid
- Israel's contribution to mathematics, robotics, chemistry, physics, optics, medicine and computer science are world-renowned.

- Israid and MASHAV make an enormous contribution to the welfare and humanitarian support of people in need.

- It may surprise you to learn that one of the first things that many Muslim Syrian refugees saw as they emerged from small dinghies on the island of Lesbos after perilous journeys, were aid workers with Israel emblems on their shirts Israel doesn't recognise creed, colour or background-it recognises people, our fellow human beings, who need help and support.

And finally, Israel is one of Britain's most important trading partners. The mobile phones and computers that you use for Parliamentary business use Israeli technology and around a sixth of your constituents who will pick up an NHS prescription today will



Foreign Office,
November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object. It being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country"

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation

History in the making-The crucial letter sent by Lord Balfour to Sir Walter Rothschild which advocated the enactment of a Jewish homeland which culminated in the State of Israel.

find that it was made by Teva Pharmaceuticals, headquartered in Tel Aviv.

I am proud that the kernel for all this was the Balfour Declaration, which led to the self-determination of the Jewish people in Israel.

And I am also proud that a recent poll confirms that the majority of the British public agree with the British policy in 1917 to support the creation of a Jewish homeland, as expressed in the Balfour Declaration.

Please confirm to me that you will notify the Speakers Office that you wish to participate in this important debate and confirm that you will commemorate the Balfour Declaration and celebrate Israel's important contribution to our world.

This letter has also been copied to the Foreign Secretary.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Jacobson

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[ED. MP Sarah Newton did respond to Jeremy's letter. When you next see Jeremy, I am sure he will be happy to let you know what she said.]



Order, Order! -Jeremy Jacobson, new chairman of Kehillat Kernow holds his first Council meeting. From left to right are: Leslie Lipert, Pat Lipert, Anne Hearle, Jeremy Jacobson, Anthony Fagin, Bonnie Rockley and Adam Feldman.

Editorial

How is UN Security Council Resolution 2334 delegitimising settlements different from all other Israel-bashing UN resolutions since the state's inception in 1948? It is the first time in 40 years a similar resolution has been passed by the 14-member UN Security Council condemning Israeli policy under the guise of keeping a two-state solution open according to former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry or Prime Minister Theresa May. While most reports were keen on blaming the Obama administration, it has become clear the British government was largely responsible in getting the resolution passed. It is shameful politicking, two-faced underhandedness at its worst. No one could have been less surprised than Israelis; the U.S. has abstained on UNSC votes in the past, though not in the past eight years. It is the holding out of the hands of friendship, including reciprocal trade, financial and military aid and agreements with member states of the Security Council, and the back-handed response this resolution exhibited that caused such an angry response from Israel. The resolution has no legally binding clauses according to former legal advisor to the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rabbie Sabel. Its wording encourages Palestinian negotiators to take as fact that East Jerusalem is part of occupied Palestinian territory, which it isn't. It encourages more applications to accuse Israel of war crimes at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, when the settlement issue has no criminality; it is a case of one country establishing over which areas it has sovereignty within its borders. It promoted a peace convention initiated by France without the consent of the very state it was debating.

Both former Secretary Generals, Kofi Anan and Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, have said: "Supporters of Israel feel it is harshly judged by standards which are not applied to its enemies and this too often is true. [Anan]" while "decades of political manoeuvring have created a disproportionate number of resolutions, reports and committees against Israel' [Ki-moon]." One need only recall the recent Unesco's World Heritage Committee resolution which denied any Jewish connection to Jerusalem, or the UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein's scathing comparison of Israel to Iran, Syria and North Korea, and later the UN Commission on the Status of Women declaring that the only nation worthy of condemnation for its record on women's rights was Israel. No other country merited any such distinction.

Friday 27th of January was National Holocaust Memorial Day with several events in Cornwall by various non-Jewish civic, church and university groups to remember the tragedy. Anti-Semitism is rising in alarming proportions.

We have over 100 members in our Jewish community. Shamefully, only six of us managed to participate in one or two of them. Where were the rest of you?

Book Review: Judas by Amos Oz

Pat Lipert

This is Amos Oz's first novel in ten years but it has taken him a lifetime to write this minor masterpiece written by a man who as one reviewer said, 'is at the height of his powers.' The setting is Jerusalem, winter of 1959-60, a city surrounded by barbed wire during Jordanian occupation, merely ten years after the State of Israel was established. It is a time of uncertainty; the wounds of conflict and prospects for the future state are raw in Israelis' minds, all of whom have different views about which course to take for the survival of everyone. The three protagonists represent these different views; the fourth is Judas Iscariot. The possibility for change, for dreams to be realised are examined through the conversations of these highly developed characters in a small, house on Rabbi Elbaz Lane "down the slope of Sha'arei Hessed, towards the Valley of the Cross."

Oz has had a life-long fascination with Judas Iscariot since his youth when he began to read what was in The Gospels; he knew about Judaism but not about Jesus, whom he found to be warm, loving, human and compassionate but was mystified by what seemed a caricature of Judas, the traitor responsible for selling out Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, and who became an excuse for anti-Semitism and Jewish tsoris ever since. Oz uses the main character, Shmuel Ash, a university graduate student whose studies centre on the effect of the Jesus legacy and Judas' role to get across his view of this Biblical episode. Ash abandons his studies when his father's funds to support him decrease and when his girlfriend leaves him to marry a former boyfriend. Lost and not sure of where the truth lies about Judaism and Christianity, Israelis and Arabs, about statehood and political philosophy, he finds a job as a conversationalist/companion to a 70-year old invalid, Gershom Wald, for room and board in this sad, run-down house. Wald, a scholar, believes in Ben Gurion and the need for the State of Israel. He lives with his widowed 40-year old daughter-in-law, Atalia,

a woman embittered by the loss of her husband, Micha, who was brutally killed by Arabs in the '47 war for independence.

Atalia's belief in men and their meaningless quest for violence and glory have been lost in the process. She is the daughter of the late Shealtiel Abravanel, who was a member of the Council of the Jewish Agency and Zionist Executive Committee, and an opponent of Ben-Gurion's wish for a Jewish state, a dreamer who believed Arab and Jew could live together in a stateless society. He is fired and branded a traitor for his pro-Arab views and has spent the rest of his life at 17 Rabbi Elbaz Lane, until his death. When Micha is killed, Abravanel, his daughter

and her father-in-law, Wald, move into the Abravanel house, though all three have diametrically opposed political views. By placing Ash in this claustrophobic environment, it provides the venue for endless conversations on their opposing views of life, of Israel, the nature of people, and the Jesus-Judas relationship. In the process, they learn to love one another, and therein develops Oz's point: Change and reconciliation are possible. The second theme involves the

nature of treachery and who is a traitor. All the characters in the novel in one way or another are guilty of betrayal.

Judas Iscariot is viewed through Ash as the one true Christian who believed so strongly Jesus was the Son of God, that he persuaded him to go to Jerusalem to be crucified, so that he could step down from the cross, and convince the world that peace, love and compassion were the paths people should follow. When Jesus dies on the cross, Iscariot hangs himself in a state of utter disillusion.

The idea that change or any view which veers from mainstream consensus is threatening to the point of treason, is highlighted. Oz who has been labelled a traitor at several points in his own life for presenting an opposing, more pacifist view, has examined in impeccable detail, the effect of advocating different possibilities.

This world best seller is well worth reading.



The tsedekah couple - Harvey and Jacqueline Kurzfield get ready for their yearly book fair to raise money for Cornwall hospices in memory of Kate Fagin (z'l). Over £500 pounds was raised.

Thank you Harvey!

On 3 December a luncheon to honour and celebrate Harvey Kurzfield's 16-years of leadership as chairman of Kehillat Kernow took place at Trevaski's Farm. Speeches highlighting his years of dedication, a specially commissioned Torah mantle and blessing delivered by younger members of our community were some of the ways we showed our appreciation. The event was organised by our new chairman, Jeremy Jacobson.



Todah rabah-Harvey Kurzfield accepts the Torah mantle made in his honour by Anne Hearle.



Community exchange-Jeremy and Mai Jacobson and Karen Myers catch up on the latest news prior to the luncheon.



Simcha time-Julian and Liz Berg having a joyful exchange following the luncheon.



The organisers-Adam Feldman and Jeremy Jacobson go over the itinerary for the post-luncheon speeches.



Well done-Harvey seems pleased with all the accolades of appreciation.



After-luncheon satisfaction-Estelle Moses and Maud Kelly seem very pleased with the way the programme is going to honour Harvey.



Serenading Harvey- The KK singers perform some Yiddisher favourites for Harvelah. From left to right are: Jemima, Melanie, Isaac, Adam, Jacqueline, Liz, Julie and Graham (in background).

Notices and diary

Mazel Tov:

- Adam and Melanie Feldman for organising and hosting Bagel and Movie night.
- Ronald Mole, husband of Leila Mole (z'l), for his generous contribution to KK.
- The six members of KK who participated in Holocaust Memorial Services in January.
- Murray Brown for winning the Sir Martin Gilbert and Lady Esther Gilbert scholarship to attend the Walk for Life in April at Auschwitz.
- The Rockley family on birth of Bonnie and Wilf's 13th grandchild, Ava Bella Rose, born on the 8th December to parents Leah and James. Also to Bonnie and Wilf who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on the 17th January.

Get Well Soon:

- Vera Collins

Condolences:

- To the Rachas and Brown family on the loss of Elaine who died 10 March in Israel.

Diary:

Apr 1 st	Va-yikra (Liz, David Jacobs), 5 Nisan, 10:30am, TBS
Apr 10 th	Erev Pesach, 1st Seder, Trelissick Gardens, Mon., 6:30pm
Apr 15 th	Shabbat Chol Ha-mo'ed Pesach (Harvey), 19 Nisan, 10:30am, TBS
Apr 29 th	Tazria-M'tzora (Pat), Shabbat Atzma'ut, 3 Iyar, 10:30am, TBS
May 2 nd	Yom Ha-Atzma'ut, Tues., no service.
May 13 th	Emor (Adam), 17 Iyar, 10:30am, TBS
May 14 th	Lag Ba-Omer, 18 Iyar, Sun., no service.
May 27 th	B'midbar (Liz), 2 Sivan, 10:30am, TBS

June 10 th	B'ha'a lot'cha (Harvey), 16 Sivan, 10:30am, TBS
June 24 th	Korach (Pat), 30 Sivan, Blessing for Tammuz, Shabbat Rosh Chodesh, 10:30am, TBS
July 8 th	Balak (Adam), 14 Tammuz, 10:30am, TBS
July 22 th	Mattot-Mas'ei (Liz), 28 Tammuz, Blessing for Av, 10:30am, TBS
Aug 1 st	9 Av, Tishah B'Av, Mon., no service
Aug 5 th	Va-etchannan (Harvey), 13 Av, Shabbat Nachamu, 10:30am, TBS
Aug 19 th	R'eih (Pat), 27 Av, Blessing for Elul, 10:30am, TBS
Sept 2 nd	Ki Teitzei (Adam), 11 Elul, 10:30am, TBS
Sept 16 th	Nitzavim-Va-yelech (Liz), 25 Elul, 10:30am, TBS
Sept 20 th	Erev Rosh HaShannah, 29 Elul, 6:30pm, Roselidden Farm.
Sept 21 st	Rosh HaShannah, 1 Tishri 5778, 10:30am, Roselidden Farm
Sept 22 nd	Rosh HaShannah, 2nd day, no service.
Sept 29 th	Erev Yom Kippur, Kol Nidrei, 9 Tishri, 7pm, Roselidden Farm
Sept 30 th	Yom Kippur, 10 Tishri, Roselidden Farm
Oct 5 th	Sukkot, 1st day, 15th Tishri, Thurs., no service
Oct 14 th	B'reishit (Liz), 24 Tishri, Blessing for Cheshvan, 10:30a, TBS

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Leslie's joke

Israeli-Arab Dog Fight

The Israelis and Arabs finally realised that if they continued fighting, they would some day destroy the world, so they decided to settle the whole dispute with a dogfight. Negotiators agreed that each country would take five years to develop the best fighting dog they could and the dog that won would earn its country the right to rule disputed areas. The losing side would lay down its arms.

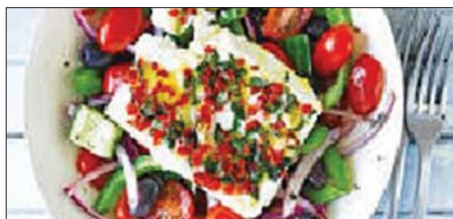


The Arabs found the biggest, meanest Dobermans and Rottweilers and bred them with the meanest Siberian wolves. They fed them the best foods, used steroids and trainers in their quest for a killing machine. They developed a dog that needed iron bars on its cage. After five years, the day of the big fight arrived. The Israelis showed up with a strange animal: a nine-foot-long Dachshund. Everyone felt sorry for the Israelis; no one thought they stood a chance. The cages were opened. The Dachshund waddled toward the centre of the ring. The Arab dog charged the giant wiener-dog. As he got to an inch of the Israeli dog, the Dachshund opened its jaws and swallowed the Arab beast in one bite. The Arabs approached the Israelis, shaking their heads in disbelief. "We do not understand. Our top scientists and breeders worked for five years to develop this killing machine." "Really?" the Israeli General replied. "For five years we've had a team of Jewish plastic surgeons in Beverly Hills working to make an alligator look like a Dachshund."

Baked feta salad

Melanie Feldman

This is derived from a recipe from 'A Modern Way to Eat' by Anna Jones. Baking a slab of feta cheese changes it into something unusual-firmer and more crumbly and very good with tomatoes. I have altered the lemon and oil dressing. Keep your block of feta in a slab. For a standard 200g slab, you will need 4 tsp of crumbly spices. Jones uses half crushed coriander seed, half finely grated lemon zest. I add a lot of



Cheesy delight-Nothing goes down better than a tangy, tasty salad which pleases all the senses.

coarsely ground black pepper. Crushed mustard seed or nigella seed would be good too. Press the spice and lemon into the surface and bake it in a hot oven for about 20-25 minutes. Most importantly, let it cool without fiddling. It is very soft when hot and will fall apart. Once cool, crumble it into chunks with your fingers. Scatter over a salad-a variety of different sized and coloured tomatoes with chives. You can also use watercress, tomato and shredded beetroot if you like.

Dressing: 1 part balsamic vinegar, 1 part pomegranate molasses, 2 parts oil. Yum!

SUDOKU

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