

Standing together to remember

Pat Lipert

From Jerusalem to Auschwitz, from many places around the world and down to Cornwall, people stood together in prayer, ceremony and reverence to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau to mark 2020 National Holocaust Day.

While the official day is the 27th of January each year in England, exhibits, lectures, candle lighting ceremonies, documentaries, videos, marches and religious service were held before and after that date representing all religions, races, creeds and governments.

In Cornwall, a series of events took place in which members of Kehillat Kernow participated.

The first event in which our shul took part was held at 6:30pm at the Redruth Baptist Church on Sunday, the 26th of January. An evening service led by Elder Andrew Chapple, included prayers for the community and readings by members of the church. This was followed by the section of the service led by the KK Jewish Community which included poetic contributions from KK Chairman, Jeremy Jacobson and Pat Lipert and the prayer highlighting God's compassion, "El malei rachamim..." delivered by Vice-Chairman, Adam Feldman.

Following the service, a film, "Nickie's

Children," was shown which illustrated the contribution that Sir Nicholas Winton made to save 669 children from annihilation when the Nazis invaded what was then Czechoslovakia. England was the only country to agree to take in children which is now known as the Kindertransport. Winton's contribution to this herculean effort was only revealed 50 years after the event, but since then thousands of offspring from those children he saved continue to do volunteer work around the world in order to save more children from devastation.

On the 27th of January, a candle lighting ceremony took place at Truro Cathedral at 1pm where representatives from various groups in the greater community who had suffered persecution by the Nazis and through to the present day, for reasons of religion, sexual preference and various forms of disability as well as local government officials and notably, the head of the Devon and Cornwall Police Diversity Team, addressed the congregation.

"Standing Together," to combat prejudice and persecution was the theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day and it couldn't have been more appropriate in these often threatening times when hatred, increased anti-Semitism and violence against humanity is a world issue.

The exhibition at Truro Cathedral was



Memorial prayers-Murray Brown leads the congregation in Truro Cathedral on HMD by reciting the memorial prayer, 'el malei rachamim,' "God full of compassion," and Kaddish.[Photo by RC]

sponsored by the Devon and Cornwall Police which highlighted the plights of various groups within our community who are working to protect the more vulnerable in our society. Booths were set up along the aisle of the Cathedral with visuals, literature and videos and were manned by members of these individual organisations. Murray Brown and Cynthia Hollingsworth of Kehillat Kernow occupied the booth representing our Jewish community.

In addition an exhibition of works by the Jewish refugee, artist... *Continued on page 2* ➔

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Circle of love-Rev. Andrew Yates, Chairman of the Cornwall Faith Forum, joins members of various religious communities in the Field of Peace at Dor Kemmyn to remember and honour those who came before us and who died in a circumstances.

Chairman's remarks

Jeremy Jacobson

At a recent Cornwall Faith Forum executive meeting, I asked for two items to be placed on the agenda. The first was the future of Holocaust Memorial Day. The second was 'Difficult subjects.'



The reason for the former was that we had just marked HMD 2020. This year there were many activities nationally and internationally due to it being 75 years since the liberation of

Auschwitz. Here in Cornwall, exhibitions were organised in Truro Cathedral by the Police Diversity Unit and by different civic and faith communities, including our own. An exhibition of paintings by Albert Reuss was also held together with a talk on the artist by Susan Soyinko. There also was candle lighting in the Cathedral together with readings and prayers. Elsewhere, college workshops were delivered and again, we participated in a joint service with the Redruth Baptist Church followed by a film about Nicholas Winton.

All good, but there was something missing and that was a common purpose. Most of the events were organised in isolation from one another without any over-all coordination. The result of our discussion at the CFF meeting was that the Executive Director and I should write to Cornwall Council requesting that next year, they appoint an HMD Co-ordinator who can work with representatives from the different groups to plan a more coherent programme and ensure that this is better disseminated. Let us see what happens.

As for 'Difficult subjects,' this grew out of my experience this year of HMD. You will have noticed how many programmes there were on television and radio dedicated to the Holocaust. I watched and listened to quite a few. This coincided with my coming to the end of Simon Schama's *The Story of the Jews* - 1000 BCE - 1492 CE. The combined horror and sadness which I experience each year during HMD and Yom HaShoah was accompanied this time with a disturbing sense of anger. As I considered the episodes over two thousand years, many narrated in Schama's book, some in grisly detail, when the followers of Jesus persecuted, mocked, cheated, falsely accused and bore false witness against, beat, robbed, burned, hanged, gassed and shot the very people Jesus was born into and whose faith he followed, I burned with rage. However, the vast number of people we live among today are not those people. The members of the CFF are certainly not. One of the keys to the Faith Forum's success is that we search for beliefs, ethics and practices that we share across our different faiths. This has been fine so far, but I now think that we need to begin to explore our differences, what marks us apart and also

Pesach and services at home this year

Pat Lipert

Due to the unforeseen Covid-19 epidemic, Pesach seders will occur in the safety of our individual homes this year and the communal seder which was to be held on the 8th of April in The Barn at Trelissick Gardens has been cancelled. Those of you who sent your cheques to Anne Hearle, the coordinator of this event, will find them returned to you. This sad decision has been made after many consultations with RJ and medical advice from the UK government along with our local medical advisors. All of you will have already received notification of various cancellations related to KK activities via your emails.

In addition, the bi-monthly Shabbat services held at Three Bridges School, have also been

cancelled until further notice. All KK members will be notified by our Chairman Jeremy Jacobson when services and planned KK activities will resume. This will depend on how soon the virus abates and when it is both prudent and safe to gather together again in social groups. Clearly, the health and well-being of all of our members, particularly those more elderly or vulnerable, are our top priority. If you have access to a computer and the internet, many on-line services can be seen on Shabbat along with a variety of Jewish learning sites. This can be a time for reflection and personal renewal as we enjoy the quiet comfort of our own homes and the intimacy of preparing and sharing our Pesach festival with those within our family group. All good wishes and blessings for a happy and healthy Passover.

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Continued from front page ...Albert Reuss, was on view and shown in the cathedral from the 9th of January to the 7th of February. The biographer of Reuss, KK member Susan Soyinko, delivered a talk following the Evensong service on the 27th of January.

The following week, a ceremony at Dor Kemmyn Peace Field Penmount in Truro was held on Sunday, the 2nd of February by members of the Cornwall Faith Forum and led by chairman of the Cornwall Faith Forum, Rev. Andrew Yates. Prayers and readings were read by various inter-faith members. Chairman of KK, Jeremy Jacobson, read from Simon Schama's book, *The Story of the Jews*, which described the expulsion of the Jews from Spain during the Inquisition in the late 15th century which paralleled similar scenes of Holocaust refugees forced from their homes five centuries later. Kaddish was then recited.

Various school visits, lectures, and ceremonies, both secular and religious, were held throughout the South-west during the week. To mark Yom HaShoah, members of Kehillat Kernow will hold a special service commemorating the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust and will include the members of the Cornwall Faith Forum and the greater community. Details of that service will be sent out closer to the date.



Precious communal treasure-An antique Yad was purchased by the community and presented to Pat and Leslie Lipert with an inscribed medallion for their service to the community. The Yad will be used in communal services. [Photo by AF]

to discuss difficult subjects. These might include Israel and the Palestinians, fundamentalism and extremism, the persecution of minorities in many countries today, including Muslims, Christians Baha'i, gender and sexuality, and the forceful and inescapable influence the past has on our feelings and attitudes today-including my rage. We need to discuss these topics with the same respect for one another we have shown until now. By doing so we should actually expand

what we have in common. Besides, we cannot shut our eyes to the extremist attitudes that exist in societies today. One of the ways we may confront, or at least defuse these, is by developing our dialogic skills with one another and then using these in conversation with the large number of waverers in our world, those whose opinions and feelings can be swayed for good or ill, depending partly on the eloquence of the speakers, those of good faith and those of bad. Let us help the good win.

Robust AGM participation

Pat Lipert

A good number of new and established members attended the November 17th AGM 5780 meeting this year giving fresh input and decisive plans for the coming year.



Food for thought-No respectable Jewish meeting can happen without some gastronomic reward at the end. The light buffet with additional discussions was just the right end to a very productive meeting.

Chairman Jeremy Jacobson opened the meeting by welcoming all who attended and reported on this past year's events. Jacobson began his remarks by stressing the importance of friendship within communal and institutional relationships to allow us to become more sympathetic and understanding of "qualities, views, habits and practices of another person," so that "the differences alienating us" turn into appreciation. He added that we need as a community to strive to "be lagoyim (a light to the nations) and tikkun olam (repairing the world)... to engage with the wider community." Chairman Jacobson then cited how important activities related to National Holocaust Memorial Days, cooperation with Redruth

Baptist Church, Truro Cathedral, the Islamic Community Centre, the Interfaith Forum and various educational institutions encourage this greater engagement were. Also mentioned were the various outreach activities done by our community in schools, Cornish Jewish

cemeteries, with European Heritage Week, the Film-Fact-Fiction and Food Club and tree plantings for Peace at Dor Kemyn. The chairman then went on to mention various visits, festivals, religious and organisational activities within the community done throughout the year which have kept us thriving. The need for more member involvement and participation was vital to keep the community relevant, surviving and expanding. Specific

thanks also were given to members of the KK community.

Innovative plans for a community include: Chanukkah party, a robust Purim Party, more ritual notice and services for Shehmini Atzeret and Simcha Torah (and it falls on a regularly scheduled Shabbat service this year), and a separate service to honour those who died in the Holocaust for Yom HaShoah on April 21st. All these new additions to our festival and religious calendar have been put in place or have already happened.

The Chanukkah party on the 28th (7th night) of December was a major success with a banner turnout at The Liperts' house who hosted the event. Four generations of Jews were in attendance making it a truly festive and moving night for everyone. All members contributed to the party buffet after the service for Chanukkah. In addition, the Liperts were honoured with a medalion attached to an

antique Yad purchased for the community for their years of service to the community. If you were unable to attend, see the picture page in this issue.

On Sunday, March 7th at 2pm at the Malpas Village Hall, a robust Pre-Purim party was held where a reading of the Book of Esther took place (rattles and costumes were a prerequisite). The Hammentachen loomed large along with assorted treats for young and old. It was a perfect party for many children and adults. See next newsletter for proof! In addition to our popular communal Seder on the 8th of April at Trelissick Gardens in Feock, a Pesach Matzah Picnic and walk is planned following the Shabbat Chol HaMoed service on April 11th.

Whilst the community participated in National Holocaust Day January 26/27 (see main article in this newsletter), a separate KK observance will take place for Yom HaShoah which is Tuesday, the 21st of April. Details of when and where this will take place will be forthcoming from Chairman Jeremy Jacobson to all members. It is hoped that a service can take place on the premises of the University in Penryn and the interfaith community will also participate and attend. One of our members, Cynthia Hollinsworth, will give a personal talk as the child of a survivor.

On Saturday, October 10th, at 10:30am at Three Bridges School, Shehmini Atzeret and Simchah Torah will take place and special observances led by Rachel Chatfield and other Sh'liach Tsibburim will be held. You can be sure our Torah scrolls will be rolled out and paraded in exuberant fashion on this most special of festivals.

May next year's AGM, to be held on Sunday, 15 November in Rosudgeon, be just as productive. In addition to all these events, the AGM meeting members also made amendments to the Constitution regarding numbers to serve on the KK Council (six-10 members) and re-elected all current Council members. Reports by the Chairman, Treasurer and Librarian were given. Following the meeting, a buffet luncheon was served by hosts, Pat and Leslie Lipert.

Jewishly speaking...

Once Rabbi Chanoch Teller was traveling with 16 of his 18 offspring...while changing planes in Frankfurt, R. Teller noticed a German woman gaping.

"Are all of these your children?" the woman asked. "From one wife?"

"Yes, God has blessed me with all these children," the rabbi replied.

"Haven't you heard about the population problem?" the woman sniffed.

"How many more children do you want to have?"

Rabbi Teller paused and looked the woman in the eye: "About six million," he said.

-Lynn Vincent, American writer Submitted by Chairman Jeremy Jacobson

Do you have a favourite quote on the subject of Jews? Send in your selection for the next newsletter by email.



Let's get to work-Various KK members begin plans for the coming year with much input and good ideas for special events on offer.

The 'Ayes' have it

Pat Lipert

From September to January of this year, members of Kehillat Kernow were treated to the debuts of four new service leaders who conducted services for Shabbat morning. Each one brought a fresh outlook for the parashot and conducted the liturgy with zest, professionalism, love of congregation and heart-felt motivation.

This was no easy task even if it was a labour of love. None of our members had ever conducted a service before but all were regular Shabbat attendees through the years. Their first initiation into leading a service was a result of a workshop conducted this summer by Pat Lipert and followed up by many in the group who enrolled in the Reform Judaism's on-line six-week course of how to lead a Shabbat service.

In short, they took up the challenge, did their homework, and the results were four Shabbat mornings filled with canavanah and a responsive congregation. What could be better than that? In a community that must rely on lay leaders to conduct the services, the addition of these four new leaders, representing a new generation for KK, it is a very welcome addition to our community



Lech Lecha-Chairman Jeremy Jacobson delivers his drusha in classic and thoughtful style before a rapt congregation.



Vayetze-KK member John Adelson is the picture of joy as he stands warmly wrapped in his tallit by the Aron following an insightful Shabbat service.

ensuring continuity for the future. The first brave soul to take the plunge was our Chairman, Jeremy Jacobson (always leading us by example), with Shabbat Lech Lecha on the 11th of Cheshvan on the 9th of November, who provided astute insight into the parsha and brought gravitas and humility, charm and erudition to the service. The second Sh'liach Tsibbur was Jenni-Zaidi Cohen, whose teaching skills and particular love of the parsha at hand, Hayyei Sarah, on the 25th of Cheshvan, the 23rd of November went smoothly and provided a refreshing feminist touch to the service.

was by John Adelson, a newer member of the community who has come to us from Maidenhead Synagogue, after having moved down to Cornwall. John's service, Vayetze on the 9th of Kislev, the 7th of December, demonstrated his years of Jewish practise and mature handling of the liturgy.

The fourth and final addition took place on

the 18th of January when Rachel Brown mastered the first parsha of Shemot called Shemot on the 21st of Tevet. She integrated many fine additions to the service, some from personal experience and some from the service course she had recently taken. Her husband (they married on the 29th of February), Roger Chatfield, delivered a fine, innovative and well researched derusha. When service leaders prepare to begin the service they are about to lead, they always pray that they will do honour to the Torah. That was certainly the case with these four precious members of our community. As a congregation, we couldn't have asked for more and so much appreciate all they did to make this possible. Excelsior! How proud we are of each of you.

[Note: This article was not so humbly submitted by a not so impartial member of the community who has been kvelling ever since.]



Shemot-Rachel Chatfield's husband, Roger, raises the Torah while Rachel expertly leads the congregation in a highly polished Torah service.



Hayyei Sarah-KK member Jennie-Zaidi Cohn looks extremely happy as she stands by the Ark of the Torah, after delivering her maiden service.

Update on conservation project at Ponsharden

Anthony Fagin

Conservation work is now gathering pace at the two historic 18th century cemeteries, the Jewish Cemetery and the Dissenters' Burying Ground that lie side by side above Falmouth Road in Ponsharden outside Falmouth. A Steering Group of Friends of the Ponsharden Cemeteries meets periodically to oversee implementation of the Conservation Management Plan. Its membership comprises representatives of Falmouth Town Council, Historic England, Friends of the Dissenters' Burying Ground and Kehillat Kernow (on behalf of BOD Heritage Ltd, owners of the Jewish Cemetery) together with a professional Project Manager. A small Working Group engaged with day-to-day activities, reports to the Steering Group and meets more frequently. The Project Manager is responsible for organising the necessary tendering processes, programming and budgetary arrangements and the selection and appointment of specialist consultants (conservation architects, engineers, quantity surveyors and restorationist expert in historic monument masonry).

The Falmouth Town Council Parks Department have cleared overgrown vegetation from perimeter walls to enable a laser survey of walls, embankment and cemetery entrances to be completed. This will form the basis of plans for repair and consolidation of parts of the wall which overhang Falmouth Road and are in a dangerous condition as well as original entrances. One of the disadvantages of the current on-site arrangements is access to the Jewish Cemetery via the Dissenters' Burying Ground through a gap in a Cornish hedge which entails stepping across a number of graves.

Avoiding this in the future requires opening of a new access, but the only point along the common boundary hedge where this could be done is over or through an artificial mound in the northwest corner of the Dissenters' Cemetery which has intrigued archaeologists for many years. An application was submitted to Historic England for Scheduled Monument consent for this mound to be professionally investigated by a consultant archaeologist directing a team of volunteers. Consent was obtained and three trenches were opened by volunteers (local as well as BSc (Hons) Archaeology students from Truro College). The dig revealed that the mound comprises construction spoil possibly produced at the time the original boundary wall and entrance to the Dissenters' Burying Ground were being built. Subject to obtaining necessary consents, the way is now clear for plans to be drawn up for a new access route between the two cemeteries.



Grandpa!-Brian Yule of the Roseland Peninsula stands proudly behind his great, great, great, great grandfather's tombstone, Zender Falmouth, after discovering with members of his family recently, how closely connected our present Cornish residents are connected to a founding father of the Jewish community. [Photo by AF]

To investigate the most appropriate methods of repairing headstones, three samples headstones of differing stone types and condition have been removed for trials. Also, a sustained effort is underway to identify all the headstones, including those no longer in their original positions through use of metal plates. The last burial in the Jewish Cemetery took place in 1913 when Nathan Vos was laid to rest. His elegant, ornate headstone sadly has been smashed to pieces along with several others but luckily Vos's great, great grandson has photos from 2006 so reproduction is possible.

A final snippet of genealogical news ends this update. Brian Yule from the Roseland Peninsula was aware that his great, great, great, great grandparents,

Samuel Harris and his wife, Judith Solomon, were buried in this cemetery but it was not until he re-visited the Jewish Cemetery in January with a copy of Keith Pearce's authoritative 'The Jews of Cornwall, a History,' did he realise the full extent of the family's connection with the Falmouth Cemetery. He uncovered the amazing fact that he and his family are direct lineal descendants of Zender Falmouth (Alexander Moses), who died in 1791 and who was instrumental in establishing the Falmouth Jewish Community and arranging appropriate marriages for young Jewish men who came to the community.

Thus it is that most members of Falmouth's resident community were connected by marriage to the family of Zender Falmouth, so that people descended from them such as the Yules, can trace their descent all the way back to the founder of the community. For one of these descendants to be living in Cornwall today is surely a unique distinction.

“ An artificial mound in the northwest corner of the Dissenters' Cemetery has intrigued archaeologists for many years ”

Herein lies a tale...

Pat and Leslie Lipert

One of the things members of Kehillat Cornwall and visitors to our community notice most when they purchase or see one of our many artefacts created by Leslie Lipert (the Mezzuzah, the Chanukiah, the KK candlesticks, the Kiddush cup, the logo on official KK stationery), is the centre of the Cornish shield.

of our own identity also gives our community a close identity with the history of Cornwall and, as long standing residents in the duchy, (Jews settled here in many small communities as early as the early 18th century), we take pride in that association. But what does that shield represent? The shield in other more elaborate versions is surrounded by waves, just as is Cornwall surrounded by water. Within the heart of this shield on a dark background (sable), can be found golden roundels (balls) or bezants. They are at the present time fifteen of these bezants arranged in an inverted triangle (earlier versions had different arrangements).

Their use goes back to the time of the early Crusades and before (13th century) when it became part of the Coat of Arms for Cornish royalty and later adapted by the duchy itself. The golden bezants on sable were already present as a border for the shield of Richard, made Count of Cornwall by his brother, Henry III in 1227.

The present Coat of Arms was officially granted to the duchy on April 5th, 1939.

The story goes, though not verified, that this symbol has a particular significance. King Edward III's eldest son, Edward 'the Black Prince,' made Duke of Cornwall in 1337 was captured by the Saracens during the Crusades. Cornishmen loyal to the crown, helped to raise the ransom of 15 golden coins (called bezants after Eastern Europe's Byzantium). The shield itself was thought to honour the Prince's ransom with the legend "one and all" to depict the joint effort by Cornishmen to save the Duke of Cornwall. Our relationship with the crown and subsequent Dukes of Cornwall have had its ups and downs in our history but happily, we are now cheerfully associated with the present Duke of Cornwall, Prince Charles and his duchy of Cornwall.

So, our artefacts are both Jewish and Cornish, connecting our past with our present and our future.



One and all-The phrase of loyal Cornishmen on the official seal of Cornwall with the familiar 15 bezants we see on all of our KK artefacts.

Festival of Lights extraordinaire

Cornish Jews representing four generations gathered at The Lipert's house to celebrate a grand communal seventh night of Chanukkah 2020. From homemade donuts to churros, from latkes to salmon, from dreidls to Chanukkah gelt, something to suit all taste buds, the communal lighting of several chanukkiot to mark this special festival, couldn't have been more merrier and meaningful from the moving service conducted by Adam Feldman to the heartfelt tributes by Mai and Jeremy Jacobson to honour the Liperts for their years of service with a very special community Yad. [Photos by Anthony Fagin]



Toasting the occasion-While KK member Stephanie Berry reads some Chanukkah reflections, members of the community toast the happy festival.



"We thank you for the wonders...and marvellous...deeds"-Chairman Jeremy Jacobson begins the 7th night of Chanukkah whilst his wife, Mai, recites the traditional Chanukkah blessings. Three other Chanukkiot were lit by others in the room at the same time.



Leading the service-Adam and Melanie Feldman conduct the Chanukkah service for the community gathered to celebrate this festival of lights.



Newest member-Ya'akov ben Sarah, son of Sharim and Noel, at two months old, seems more concerned with catching up on his nap during his first Chanukkah.



Todah Rabah!-Mai Jacobson delivers touching words of thanks both in Hebrew and English after her Husband's Jeremy's thoughtful remarks, as they honoured Pat and Leslie Lipert for their service to the community.



The service continues-Whilst Vice-Chairman Adam Feldman conducts the service, KK Tony Ehrenzweig looks on with others entranced by Adam's delivery.



Communal blessing-Pat and Leslie Lipert are visibly moved and humbled as they stand under the Chuppah having been so honoured by members of the community.

Tu Bishvat: In praise of ecological awareness

Pat Lipert

Greta Thunberg would certainly approve of the Jewish Arbour Day, Tu Bishvat, the New Year for trees celebrated this year on the 10th of February. Since Biblical times, whether you consult the Torah or the Mishnah Tractate on Rosh HaShannah, Jews have been concerned with taking care of the earth, the ground under which crops are grown and where orchards are planted.

It is commanded, for example that you shall not eat of the fruit of a three-year old tree which has ripened before Tu Bishvat, but only can partake of that fruit if it has ripened after Tu Bishvat. Check Lev. 19:23 for confirmation. Traditionally, Tu Bishvat, the 15th of Shevat (from where the holiday gets its name, gematria speaking), was the cut off date for calculating the age of fruit-bearing trees and for the tithes on fruit grown in Eretz Yisrael. Indeed Tu Bishvat is connected to our other agrarian festivals, Sukkot and Pesach, all of which occur on the 15th of the month.

It is one of four new years we observe, probably the source of the debate between the House of Shammai, who declared Tu Bishvat was the first of Shevat, and the House of Hillel, who declared it was the 15th of Shevat. Hillel's view (quel surprise), prevailed. This debate might have occurred since the other three new years, the 1st of Nisan (new year for Kings and Festivals), 1st of Elul (new year for the tithing of cattle), and the 1st of Tishrei (New year for years and also for the 'release' years, the Sabbatical years and the Jubilee years, the planting edict and tithing of vegetables).

In England and other more northerly areas of the planet, it is sometimes difficult to see Tu Bishvat as a harbinger for Spring but it's there.

Check the buds on the trees and bushes just waiting to spring to life and offer sustenance. Of course, in Israel it is the end of the rainy season and by the 10th of February the almond trees begin to bloom. There it is a national day for the planting of trees and a day for ecological awareness.

What one can deduct from all these observances is the high regard the Jewish people had for the land given to them (we are only borrowing it) by God and how we are bound by oath to take care of it and to repair it (Tikkun Olam).

More popular celebrations for the Feast of the Fruits go back to the middle Ages. R. Yitzchak Luria of Safed and his disciples established a Tu Bishvat Seder (still observed by many more observant Jews today and becoming increasingly popular) where 10 specific fruit

are consumed with four cups of wine.

In some Chassidic communities the Etrog from Sukkot has been picked and candied to eat on Tu Bishvat, for this time marks the revival of nature.

Seven specific species of fruit and vegetable are connected to Israel

and they all have symbolic meaning in Kabbalistic teachings: Wheat represents kindness; Barley, severity; Grapes, harmony; Figs, perseverance; Pomegranates, humility; Olives, foundation and Dates, royalty. Each fruit, it is said, corresponds to the seven sefirot (Divine emotive attributes), within each human being. For each person, one of these traits is most dominant "shaping the individual soul's unique path to God."

Not only does the New Year for Trees make us more conscious of our planet and encourage us to take care of it, it also seems to have spiritual ramifications. Partake of a healthy mitzvah, eat your fruit and vegetables and think of Tu Bishvat!



Mazel tov!- Mr and Mrs Roger Chatfield cut the Porsche wedding cake at their receptions. Roger and Rachel were married under the Chupph at the Princess Pavillion in Falmouth by Rabbi Maurice Michaels of the Bournemouth Reform Synagogue. R. Michael gave the couple and their family members special aliyot at the service earlier for Shabbat Trumah.

Editorial

In the past year our community has been honoured by several volunteers to lead Shabbat morning services. This is a daunting privilege for those who care so deeply about their community that they are willing to take the time and to make a prodigious effort to ensure that the service goes smoothly. Those who lead these services are not professional rabbis but do come to the bimah with a wide range of knowledge and extensive background in a myriad of fields. Each shares a commitment to the continuity of Jewish life and service. One can't help but be struck by the words in our siddur for *Sh'liach Tsibbur* who "is there for the sake of the service, and not the service for the sake of the *Sh'liach Tsibbur*."

So often we congregants forget that and evaluate the success of the service on the basis of their service leaders' personality, age, stylish flair and impeccable, smooth delivery of the liturgy at hand. Most of us are truly supportive and helpful during the service for we recognise that it is our service and as an extended family, we work together to make this communal experience both spiritually uplifting and important to our Jewish lives. It is a credit to each of us that we feel this way and build on the talents of each of our members. To be a congregant who sits in judgement of how services are held, to be critical of particular custom or practice which may not be part of one's individual experience, is to lose sight of why we are praying together on this most sacred of all festivals: Shabbat.

We are all blessed by each other's presence and we all try, each in our own way, to be as faithful to the liturgy as we can. Our differences complement one another and make Kehillat Kernow's services more complete, meaningful, inclusive and comforting as a result. The service is a place where each of us can be in a 'safe place,' but collectively contribute to the spiritual whole.

So bravo to all of you who come to our services and a special commendation to our new, intrepid service leaders.

It is with deep regret that we have been forced to cancel our communal seder and our services on Shabbat until further notice due to our primal concern for the health and safety of our members. No one could have foreseen several months ago how devastating this Corona virus would be and what impact it would have on our personal and religious communal lives. It is particularly hard on some of our elderly and more vulnerable members who already are limited by their circumstances and isolated. We would urge anyone one who is able, then, to make an extra effort to support those in need, as we often do in normal times, but it is crucial in more pressing times.

Notices and diary

Mazel Tov:

- David and Hannah Jacobs and their daughter and son-in-law, Leah and Howard, on the birth of their grandson and son, 14th January.
- Jeremy Jacobson on his significant birthday to be celebrated in Israel, March 18th.
- Zeev Cohen on his significant birthday, February. 4th.
- Roger Chatfield and Rachel Brown on their marriage 29th February.
- Welcome to our new members: Cynthia and Heath Hollingsworth, Chris and Melinda James, Jason and Katie Turze.

Get Well Soon:

- Jenni-Zaidi Cohen
- Vera Collins
- Bonnie Rockley
- Babs Colman

Diary:

Services from the 1st of April until the end of July have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. We are hoping to resume services as soon as it is safe and prudent to do so. The dates below are tentative:

July 18th Mattot-Mas'ei (Pat), 26 Tammuz, Blessing for Av, 10:30am, TBS
 Aug 1st Ve-etchanan (Adam), 11 Av. Shabbat Nachamu, 10:30am, TBS

Aug 15th R'eih (Jeremy), 25 Av, Blessing for Elul, 10:30am, TBS
 Aug 29th Ki Teitzei (John), 9 Elul, 10:30am, TBS
 Sept 12th Nitzavim-Va-yeilech (Pat), 23 Elul, 10:30am, TBS
 Sept 18th Erev Rosh Hashannah, Fri, 6:30pm, 29 Elul, Roselidden Farm.
 Sept 19th 1st Day, Rosh HaShannah, Sat, 1 Tishri, 10:30am, Roselidden Farm.
 Sept 27th Erev Yom Kippur, Kol Nidrei, Sun, 7pm, 9 Tishri, Roselidden Farm
 Sept 28th Yom Kippur, Mon, 10:30am-6:30pm, 10 Tishri, Roselidden Farm.
 Oct 10th Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah (Rachel), 22 Tishri, 10:30am, TBS

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Leslie's joke

Lost Wallet

Gary was having a good time in Tel Aviv and was invited to a party. Unfortunately, during the evening he lost his wallet. So, he stood on a chair and announced: "I've just lost my wallet with \$500 in cash in it. To the person who finds my wallet, I will give \$50." A voice from the back of the room shouted, "I will give \$75."



Mezzuzot and Kiddush Cups

Kehillat Kernow Kiddush Cups - £60, Siddurim - £16 and Mezzuzot - £25/£50 (without or with scroll)

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Yumptious Hazelnut Pesach Cake

Melanie Feldman

This is adapted from a Jamie Oliver recipe. It works just fine with finest matzah meal instead of flour. It can be hard to find ground hazelnuts but Sainsburys usually stock them.



5 oz butter
 8 oz caster sugar
 6 eggs, separated
 2 tbsp fine matzah meal
 8 oz ricotta
 8 oz ground hazelnuts
 1/2 cup lemon zest
 Half a jar of apricot jam
 2oz dark chocolate

Oven 200C (180C fan)
 23cm tin, greased/lined with silicone paper

Beat together the butter, half the sugar; then add egg yolk one by one. Then add the ground hazelnuts. Whisk the egg whites until stiff; then whisk in the remaining sugar. Beat the ricotta, add the lemon zest and matzah meal. Gently mix all 3 together. Don't over mix or

you will knock out the air bubbles. Bake for 40 minutes. Once the cake is cooked completely, warm the jam and brush it generously over the top. Grate the chocolate over the top.

This is really versatile; it can be sliced as a normal cake, served with clotted cream or as a pudding or in tiny portions with dessert.



Nutty goodness-This is a perfectly light, hametz-free treat for Pesach or any time of year.

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