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The breastplate bears the hallmarks for London maker Alan M Weisrose and the year mark for 1977. It also carries the commemorative Silver Jubilee hallmark. The breastplate is decorated with a wide border of vine leaves and bunches of grapes. It is part of the Congregation's silver collection and is stored securely. Photograph ©Michelle Cooperman 2024

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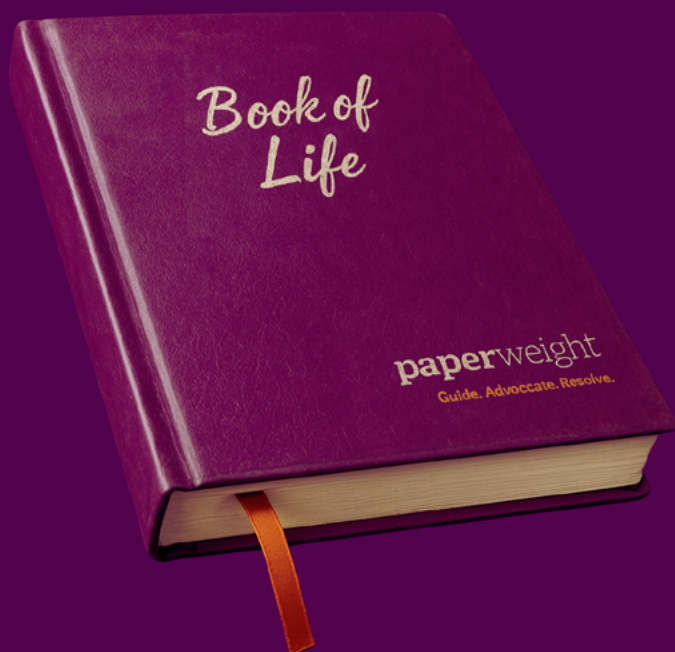
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The Chief Rabbi's Rosh Hashanah Message 5786

A few months ago, while recording some podcasts in Israel, I interviewed hostage campaigner Dalia Horn. Her family's pain is unimaginable: her brothers-in-law, Yair and Eitan, were both taken hostage by Hamas on October 7th. Yair, who was released after nearly five hundred days of unspeakable torture, shared a story with Dalia which she recalled during our conversation.

At one point during their captivity, the two brothers were forced to run for their lives through a tunnel deep beneath Gaza. Eitan collapsed. Broken and exhausted, he begged his brother to leave him behind. But Yair refused. He bent down and lifted him up, with two Hebrew words: "Achim anachnu" – "We are brothers".

After his release, Yair asked Dalia, "Who will be there to lift Eitan now, when I no longer can?"

Dalia's answer became her mission, and her message to the Jewish world: We are all brothers and sisters. And it is our responsibility to lift one another.

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, we read the story of the Akeidah – the binding of Isaac. In its aftermath, Hashem famously blesses Abraham: "I shall significantly increase the number of your offspring so they will be like the stars in the heavens above and like the sand which is by the seashore."

The Midrash asks: why both stars and sand? Both seem to symbolise incalculability – so what is the difference?

The answer is that stars are high, untouchable and secure. They represent the Jewish people in times of safety and strength. But sand is trampled underfoot. It symbolises us in our moments of danger, pain and vulnerability. And yet, this is part of a blessing. How so?

Broken and exhausted, he begged his brother to leave him behind. But Yair refused. He bent down and lifted him up, with two Hebrew words: "Achim anachnu" – "We are brothers".

Because the reference here is not merely to "sand". It is "sand by the seashore". Wet, compact and pressed tightly together by the tide, the individual grains are bound together as one.

This was Hashem's deeper blessing: that even when we

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“As I write these words, Eitan Horn remains in Gaza. He is one of fifty whose families still await their return. May this Rosh Hashanah bring healing, strength and redemption. For our hostages, for our homeland, for every Jewish soul still waiting to be lifted and for everyone whose lives have been shattered during these exceptionally challenging times.”

are under assault, when we feel trampled or cast aside, we will not scatter. We will draw together. We will hold each other up.

As we mark two years since the atrocities of October 7th – atrocities that have left deep scars across the Jewish world – we can reflect with pride not only on our survival, but on the way that we have stood together. We have felt the loneliness of facing down hatred, and the weight of grief and fear. And yet, like the sand on the shore, we have held firm, bound together by a heritage that is ancient, unshakable and sacred.

Achim anachnu: We are brothers. We are sisters. And we do not let one another fall.

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From the Rabbi In the Footsteps of Giants

by Rabbi Hershel Rader



Who are the heroes of our Torah Readings on Rosh Hashana?

Well, there's Abraham – the first Jew. His son Isaac – the first person actually born Jewish. We read of his birth on the first day of the festival and his near death on the second in the episode known as the Akeida; when Abraham was prepared to listen to G-d even though it would mean losing his precious child. Listening to G-d is very important in our religion!

But what about the women? Well, there's Abraham's wife Sarah. She was so special the G-d told Abraham 'whatever Sarah tells you; listen to her voice'. You really can't do much better than that! Or maybe you can. How about someone that G-d Himself listened to?

That was Hannah, the childless woman whose prayers were answered by the Almighty, Who granted her the son she desired so much.

These are all heroes and heroines of our people, who formed our nation physically and spiritually. We learn faith, devotion and self-sacrifice from Abraham and Isaac. The importance of maternal instincts and parental dedication from Sarah. And the power of prayer from Hannah.

We read about this on Rosh Hashana but what do these giants of our Rosh Hashana narrative teach us? What is their lesson as we listen to the Shofar, stand before Hashem in prayer and contemplate a new year?

During one of the Chief Rabbi's visits here I remarked to him that he has had a very challenging period as Chief Rabbi. Brexit, Covid, the death of the Queen, October 7th and its aftermath. His response was 'yes...and Jeremy Corbyn!'

Over the last decade we have certainly lived through 'interesting times'. For many Jews there is a genuine feeling of fear and isolation.

Some six or seven years ago I attended a meeting of a Jewish Labour group in Middle Street synagogue at which one speaker after another, some in tears, stood up and lamented that this was not the same party they had joined. I hope things have improved since then.

But whatever we have gone through recently, our people have endured before and, tragically, a lot worse. We have endured, survived and subsequently flourished. We have not been able to rely on governments, of any political stripe. Rather the faith, devotion, survival instinct and prayers inherited from our ancestors have seen us through year after challenging year.

So, as we stand before G-d this Rosh Hashana, let us resolve to emulate the formers of our heritage. To strengthen our Jewishness in the coming year and put our faith into practice.

Perla and I wish you all a Good and sweet New Year.

08 Chairperson's Message

by Susan Conway

The Synagogue has gained new members and the services have been really well attended with visitors enriching our services who have enjoyed being at the Centre and partaking in services. I believe that we may be the only Synagogue which has a minyan every day outside the London area.

Rabbi Rader has run very successful lecture evenings and has an exciting programme for the coming months. Some thirty people attended his last two courses. A new course running from August 21st to September 18th 2025 will be "Responses to questions on Kabbala Shul Service and upcoming High Festival Services" and November 16th to December 15th will be "High Points in Jewish History – An overview of 4000 years of our people".

It is not perhaps appreciated that Rabbi has a daily Shuir after the morning service, and a pre-service shiur on Shabbat morning, as well as being available to individuals who wish to study. Any one who wishes to learn a Torah Portion is welcomed by Rabbi. The mikvah is well used and I wish to record my thanks to Mrs. Perla Rader who has quietly and discreetly organized its use. She has also generously given her time to so many activities, and the lunch and learn group on Wednesdays enjoys her home-made soups.

Friday evening dinners have been well attended and most enjoyable and the last one with the Golani Group of soldiers was particularly successful and the soldiers enjoyed interacting with the Synagogue members. We have been grateful to BNJC for permitting us to have reduced cost for the Friday night dinners.

We had a garden party tea which was attended by some fifty guests and we were fortunate with the weather which stayed dry although not as sunny as usual for the time of year.

We are sadly no nearer a resolution of the arrangements with the Hove Hebrew Congregation concerning funerals but sincerely hope this matter can be resolved to both parties' satisfaction.

Many Synagogue members have supported Friday morning vigils for the hostages and some have also done so during the weekly vigils at Palmeira Square. Rabbi Rader has conducted short prayers and addressed the group on several occasions.

There was a vigil held to mark six hundred day of the hostages captivity and six hundred yellow ribbons were placed on a willow bow frame. The entire bow was removed to the Synagogue where it proudly stands outside on the Synagogue wall.

Shortly we shall see the erection of the succah and there will be events enjoying the use of the same. We had a very large attendance for the Pesach Seder but it is possible that the Centre will close Novellino next year 's Pesach and not become kosher for Pesach.

Novellino is now being run under the supervision of Ryan, as the much-respected George left following a period of illness. We will be seeing less of Rabbi Matt Marks shortly as he moves onto a role within the United Synagogue but the family will continue to live on the site . We shall also be saying goodbye to Samuel, one of the Supervisors of Kashrus in the kitchen of Novellino as he is taking up a new appointment in Manchester.

The Synagogue would welcome more volunteers to assist with kiddush preparation and other shul activities. We are extremely grateful to the volunteers who give generously of their time and it is not taken by the Board for granted We are also anxious to recruit persons with financial expertise and company secretarial skills.

Suggestions have been made to leave the front gate of the Centre open, but the Board made strong representations supported by the CST to have it remain shut. At present this will remain the situation

but it will be under review in the future and this will depend upon the political situation changing.

The Middle Street Synagogue will continue to be available by appointment to persons interested in viewing it, but it is still only partly restored. The application to the National Lottery is well advanced. We have to thank Howard Hamilton for ensuring the work to date has ensured that the Synagogue is wind and water tight. It's 150th year anniversary is due shortly and this will be celebrated and the work to arrange the celebration is being organised by Michael Crook and Martyn and Michel Cooperman. Watch for further information!

We are fortunate to have such an experienced Rabbi and he and his wife are conscientious and interested in all activities. They are really good team players and often go far beyond the obligations of their roles. I am appreciative of their support at all times.

I am pleased to confirm the Synagogue is in good heart and going forward with optimism.

Susan Conway
Chairperson

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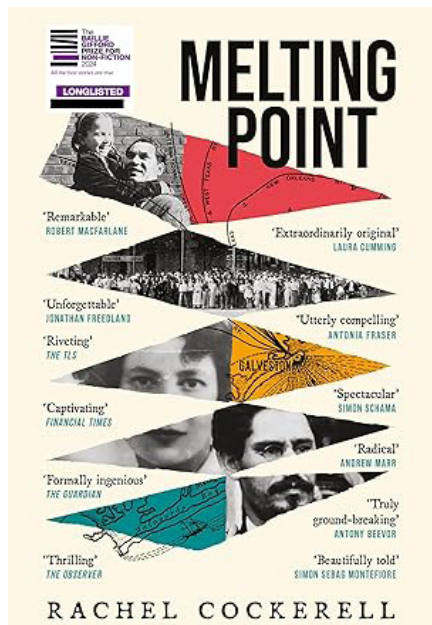
Melting Point by Rachel Cockerell

Book Review by Michael Crook

This very unusual book tells the story of the foundation of the State of Israel largely through the tale of one family, the descendants of David Jochelman, the author's great-grandfather. The author has chosen not to put any of the story into her own words, however, relying entirely on contemporary accounts, press extracts, family diaries, letters and other sources. Each quotation is referenced, and the effect is quite dramatic, especially when we learn how momentous events, such as the Zionist Congresses and the Balfour Declaration, were reported across a wide range of newspapers, both in the UK and in the USA.

The story opens with Theodore Herzl, describing the effect he had on those he met in London, Vienna and Basel, with quotes from his own writings, and in particular his relationship with Israel Zangwill. There are extensive references to the lead up to and the proceedings of the First Zionist Congress in 1897 in Basel, and its aftermath. The objective of a Jewish state in Palestine was met with overwhelming approval, but little progress was made over the next few years.

The trail then takes in the pogroms in Kishinev in 1903 and then reverts back to the succession of Zionist Congresses from 1897 to 1901, including the fourth in London in 1900. The sixth Congress assembled



shortly after the Kishinev pogroms, and is described in detail. By this time the British Government were indicating that an extensive undeveloped tract of land in Uganda might be acceptable as an alternative to Palestine, and after heated debate, Congress agreed to send an Expedition there to assess the situation. However, even this did not meet with universal approval, and the idea was eventually abandoned.

By 1904, Herzl was seriously ill, and after his death in July of that year, Israel Zangwill became the leader of the Zionists at the 1905 Congress. He was willing to

entertain alternatives to Palestine, and formed his own organisation, the Jewish Territorial Organisation (ITO). Zangwill was an author and playwright, and travelled to New York, where his play “Melting Pot” about Jewish immigration to the US was very successful in 1909/10. However, by this time serious concerns were being raised about the vast numbers of Jewish immigrants arriving in the US, mainly in New York, and Jacob Schiff, a wealthy businessman proposed an alternative scheme for Jews to enter the US via Galveston in Texas.

This was the point at which David Jochelman became involved in the story. He had been born in Kyiv in 1869, but had left Russia with his second wife and moved to Berne in 1900. He was a delegate to several of the Zionist Congresses, and favoured the Uganda scheme initially. He was a powerful advocate of a Jewish state, and Israel Zangwill had invited him to return to Russia to help encourage Jews to go to Galveston. In fact, about 10,000 did take this route, and were then dispersed across the Mid-West, and as far as California.

The Galveston experiment lasted until May 1914, and soon after this the outbreak of the Great War in Europe prevented emigration for its duration. As we know, the British Government were then very involved in deciding the future of the lands in the Middle East which

had been under Ottoman control for many years. In November 1917 they issued the Balfour Declaration, and later took control of what was then called Palestine under the UN Mandate.

Much of the rest of the book relates the lives of Jochelman’s son by his first wife, and two daughters by his second. The son lived mainly in New York, but the daughters came to London, living for many years in a large house in Brondesbury Park together with their husbands and a total of seven children. The story comes full circle after World War Two and the foundation of the State of Israel, with extensive contemporary quotes from David Ben Gurion, and others, including reports of the flood of refugees who left the State after Independence. Finally, one of the sisters, Sonia, and her family made aliyah in 1949/50, with her husband later becoming director of the Jabotinsky Institute, having worked with him in London over several years in the 1930s.

In deciding to approach this book in such an unusual way, Rachel Cockerell has enabled the reader to understand the origins of Zionism and the route to the creation of the State of Israel in a new, and to me entirely unexpected, way. Her work has attracted favourable comments from the likes of Simon Schama and Jonathan Freedland, and I found it a fascinating and rewarding read.

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In an increasingly uncertain and polarised world, Limmud Festival continues to bring together Jewish people across divides to offer an unparalleled, innovative celebration of Jewish life, learning, and culture.

The highlight of the UK Jewish calendar will be taking place this year from 26 – 31 December 2025 and is ready to inspire and energise our community. Participants will be able to tailor their own schedule and curate a unique Festival experience, selecting from hundreds of sessions showcasing renowned educators, global thought-leaders, and spectacular performers across six days of packed programming, including an engaging and uplifting cross-communal Shabbat.

We are excited to announce our first presenters:

Deborah Lipstadt: former US Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combatting Antisemitism, whose Holocaust denial case was depicted in the award-winning film 'Denial'.

Nik Rabinowitz: South African Comedian,

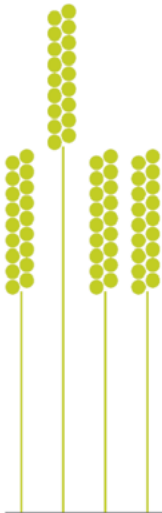
Actor, and Author known for his multilingual comedy and social commentary, featured on Mock the Week.

Yiscah Smith: Author, Spiritual Activist and Educator at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.

Limmud will share news of more dynamic presenters in the coming months.

Festival 2025 Co-Chairs Jake Berger and Sarah Rose said: "We're incredibly excited to open registrations for this year's Festival. Our fantastic volunteer team has been working for several months alongside Limmud's professional staff to create an excellent experience for participants - and will continue to do so in the run up to everyone's favourite Jewish Festival of the year.

"At a challenging time for the community, we hope Limmud Festival will provide a fun, vibrant and dynamic event that will serve as a tonic to polarisation, bringing diverse voices together to celebrate Jewishness in the UK and beyond."



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The last two years have shown the need for security. There has been far too much anti-Jewish hatred, including the threat of terrorism. Even if Israel somehow finds peace, it will take a very long time for the hatred and the terrorist threat across Britain to meaningfully decline.

Our partnership is with you, every member of our Jewish community. Your reports of antisemitism and suspicious behaviour give us what we need to best organise our security, and to get the support of police and politicians. When you follow our security advice, it not only helps your own safety, it also helps the safety of your family, friends and fellow congregants.

Your resilience and keeping calm, especially in tough times, are vital in projecting the basic strength of our community.

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A deep thank you to all of our volunteer security personnel. Some of you have protected our communities for a very long time and then, after 7 October 2023, you stepped it up to yet another level. Others have joined us after that fateful day, bringing more strength when we really needed it.

Thanks to all of our community for supporting CST. From all of us, we wish you a Happy New Year, and a safe and meaningful fast.

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Erev Rosh Hashana - Monday

22nd September

Selichot 6.45 am
Shacharit 7.30 am
Candle lighting 6.40 pm
Mincha/Maariv 6.40 pm

1st Day Rosh Hashana – Tuesday

23rd September

Morning Service 8.30 am
Torah Reading 10.00 am
Shofar 10.45 am
Musaf 11.00 am
Sermon 12.30 pm
Mincha 5.45 pm
Tashlich meet at the Shul at 6.00 pm
Maariv 6.45 pm
Light Candles after 7.45 pm

2nd Day Rosh Hashana –

Wednesday 24th September

Morning Service 8.30 am
Torah Reading 10.00 am
Shofar 10.45 am
Musaf 11.00 am
Sermon 12.30 pm
Mincha 6.40 pm
Maariv and Yom Tov Ends 7.43 pm

Fast of Gedaliah – Thursday 25th September

Fast Begins 5.07 am
Fast Ends 7.25 pm

Shabbat Shuva

Friday 26th September

Candle Lighting 6.31 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6.30 pm

Shabbat 27th September

Twenty Minutes of Torah 9.00 am
Shacharit 9.30 am
Mincha 6.15 pm, followed by
Seuda and Shabbat Shuva Drasha
Shabbat Ends 7.36 pm

Erev Yom Kippur – Wednesday 1st October

Candle Lighting & Fast
Commences 6.20 pm
Kol Nidre Service 6.15 pm

Yom Kippur – Thursday 2nd October

Morning Service 9.30 am
Torah Reading 11.30 am
Yizkor 12.15 pm
Sermon 12.30 pm
Musaf 12.45 pm
Mincha 4.25 pm
Neilah 6.10 pm
Fast Ends 7.25 pm

Erev Shabbat – Friday 3rd October

Candle Lighting 6.16 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6.15 pm

Shabbat – 4th October

Twenty Minutes of Torah 9.00 am
Shacharit 9.30 pm
Mincha followed by Seuda 6.05 pm
Maariv & Shabbat Ends 7.20 pm

Erev Succot – Monday 6th October

Candle Lighting 6.09 pm
Mincha & Maariv 6.10 pm

1st Day Succot - Tuesday 7th October

Twenty Minutes of Torah 9.00 am
Morning service 9.30 am
Torah Reading 10.30 am
Musaf 11.30 am
Mincha followed by Maariv 6.10 pm
Candle Lighting after 7.14 pm

2nd Day Succot – Tuesday 8th October

Twenty Minutes of Torah 9.00 am
Morning service 9.30 am
Torah Reading 10.30 am
Musaf 11.30 am
Mincha followed by Seuda 6.10 pm
Maariv and Yom Tov Ends 7.11 pm

Shabbat Chol Hamoed – 10th and 11th October

Erev Shabbat – Friday 10th October

Candle Lighting 6.00 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6.00 pm

Shabbat – 11th October

Twenty Minutes of Torah 9.00 am
Morning service 9.30 am
Mincha followed by Seuda 5.50 pm
Maariv and Shabbat Ends 7.05 pm

Hoshana Rabba - Monday 13th October

Shacharit 7.00 am

Erev Shemini Atzeret

Candle Lighting 5.54 pm
Mincha & Maariv 5.55 pm

Shemini Atzeret - Tuesday 14th October

Twenty Minutes of Torah 9.00 am
Morning Service 9.30 am
Torah Reading 10.30 am
Yizkor 11.10 am
Musaf 11.30 am

Night of Simchat Torah

Mincha 5.55 pm
Maariv & Hakafot 6.45 pm
Candle Lighting after 6.59 pm

Simchat Torah – Wednesday 15th October

Twenty Minutes of Torah 9.00 am
Morning Service 9.30 am
Hakafot & Torah Reading 10.30 am
Mincha followed by Seuda 5.50 pm
Maariv and Yom Tov Ends 6.57 pm

Shabbat Bereshit – 17th and 18th October

Erev Shabbat - Friday 17th October

Candle Lighting 5.46 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 5.45 pm

Shabbat – 18th October

Twenty Minutes of Torah 9.00 am
Morning service 9.30 am
Mincha followed by Seuda 5.30 pm
Maariv and Shabbat Ends 6.51 pm



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ROSH HASHANA GREETINGS 2025

Rabbi and Mrs Rader, the Honorary Officers and all members of your Board of Directors wish all of our Congregants a very happy and healthy New Year and an easy fast.

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Jew's Hospital, Whitechapel

Compiled by Gordon Franks

The following article appeared in the December 1819 issue of *Gentleman's Magazine*. It is reprinted verbatim.

The Jews' Hospital for aged Poor and the Education and Employment of Youth of both sexes, is situated in Mile End Road, on the South side, between White Horse Lane and Bancroft's Buildings.

It appears from the Report of Mr. J. Van Oven, that this Institution arose from the philanthropic exertions of Benjamin and Abraham Goldsmid, esqrs, who in 1795 commenced a collection among their friends for a fund for the benefit of the Jewish poor of that class denominated German Jews, which proved so success as to enable them in 1797 to purchase 22,000l. imperial three per cents. In 1806, after very mature deliberation, it was determined to establish an Hospital for the reception and support of the aged poor, as well as the education and industrious improvement of both sexes; 30,000l. were placed in trust as an inviolate fund for its maintenance, yielding 900l. per annum; and the freehold, now the Hospital, was completed, and furnished for the reception of five aged men and five aged women, ten boys and eight girls and opened June 20, 1807. An annexed freehold was also purchased for 2000l. for

the purpose of enlarging the building as soon as convenient.

By subsequent Benefactions and Subscriptions, the Managers have been enabled to increase their number of objects – there being now supported in the Establishment 40 boys, 26 girls and 12 aged persons, viz. 6 men and 6 women.

No aged person can be admitted who has not been resident in London ten years; nor youth whose parents have not been resident the same period.

The Boys are received at the age of about nine years; and admitted must be able to read Hebrew, and those who add to this a knowledge of English reading are preferred. From their admission, to the age of fourteen, they are taught Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and other branches of useful learning. At fourteen they are bound apprentice to the Manufacturing Trades which are established and carried on upon the premises. There are at present two of these manufactories under the management of competent masters on of which is in the boot and shoe line, and the second is a mahogany-chair manufactory. The Girls are also taught reading, writing, and arithmetic, household work, and plain cooking, and at the age of fifteen are placed in respectable families as apprentices or

articled servants; and if at the age Institution as a reward.

Both Boys and Girls receive handsome encouragements in premiums to stimulate them to habits of industry; and the Boys who are apprenticed in the Establishment have certain tasks assigned them, which are so adjusted as to afford them opportunities of earning something considerable over and above what is required; threefourths of such over-earnings are saved for them until their apprenticeships are expired, which serves as a little capital to begin the world with, and in most cases will be sufficient to provide tools and other necessaries, the remaining fourth being given to them for pocket money. The Lads who have commenced business since the completion of their term in the House, have turned out industrious characters, and promise to become useful and exemplary members of society. Several Girls have been already disposed of in the manner specified, fourteen of whom have received the aforesaid premium of five guineas.

The annexed view of the Hospital, from a drawing made in 1816, represents the building as it appeared previous to the late material alterations.

Since this view was taken, an addition has been made



The view of the Hospital, from a drawing made in 1816.

to the Hospital, of a separate habitation for the Aged, where they are comfortably placed; and some very necessary enlargement of the Kitchen and other Offices has taken place, as well as a new Dining-room and a place for Divine Worship equally requisite; by which means, space is procured for the reception of many more Inmates. The irregular appearance of the front occasioned by these new erections, has, however, induced some friends of the Institution, to wish for

a further improvement in its aspect by the rebuilding and uniting the old with the new fronts and thus to make it uniform; this has been effected, and the Building now exhibits a handsome front, characteristic of its importance and descriptive of its purposes.

The interest which the Public, not only of the Jewish persuasion but of other descriptions, take in the welfare of this Establishment – seems to warrant a confidence that

the number of the Inmates of this well-directed effort of benevolence will shortly be considerably augmented. Annual Subscriptions from one to five or ten guineas are taken, and even lower sums.

[Gordon Franks](#) notes while the article is not relevant to Brighton it details an important part of Jewish life in this county. It is not known if the writer was Jewish. If anyone has any information, please contact Gordon through the shul office.

Forthcoming stonesettings

As of the date of publication, the following stonesettings are currently scheduled between September 2025 and April 2026:

Lesley Tabor – 7 September at 11.00 am

Estelle Mordecai – 21 September at 3.00 pm

Clive Parnes – 5 October at 11.30 pm

Philip Linke – 16 November at 2.00 pm

Sarah Pastor – 23 November at noon

Unless advised otherwise, all stonesettings will take place at Meadowview.

All arrangements are subject to change. Closer to any particular date, we suggest you check with the shul office to find out if there are any changes to the arrangements.



Detail from the Cohen Mosaics



Portion of the Aserot HaDibrot



Part of one of the Hannah Rosebery windows



Sir Albert Sassoon Lectern with Rothschild Menorah in the background