

SHOFAR

MAGAZINE

PESACH
EDITION





Chag Pesach Sameach from everyone at CST

After everything we have been through lately, our Pesach will feel very special this year. The Haggadah tells us of persecution, redemption and hope for a better future. The story impacts us, because these things have continued throughout Jewish life: but here we are, facing the challenges together with courage.

At CST, our only mission is to give strength and comfort to British Jews. We do this so that you and your family can lead the life you choose.

Since that dreadful day of 7 October, CST has faced unprecedented demands and challenges, but despite it all, Jewish life has intensified and grown stronger than ever before. CST has been very proud of its part in making this happen, but we need you to continue supporting us too.

Over the last 18 months, many hundreds of men and women have joined CST following intensive security training. This means we can better protect our community, making it stronger and more confident.

Our commitment to you is constant. Thank you for placing your trust in us. The future remains uncertain, but together, we will keep on facing whatever lies ahead.

There are many ways you can support CST. You can contribute by becoming a volunteer, reporting antisemitism and donating to us.

From all of us here at CST, we wish you a

Chag Pesach Sameach

Report suspicious activity and antisemitism to CST at cst.org.uk/report

EMERGENCY National Emergency Number (24-hr) **0800 032 3263**

NON-EMERGENCY London **020 8457 9999** | Manchester **0161 792 6666** | Leeds **0113 237 1980**

Community Security Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales (1042391) and Scotland (SC043612)

Help to protect
our community
**VOLUNTEER
FOR CST**



SCAN TO SIGN UP

4	Chief Rabbi's Pesach Message	15	Update on the Middle Street Restoration
6	Festivals Messages From the Rabbi	16	Action Against Discrimination
8	Chairperson's Message	19	Festivals Times of the Services
12	History: Old Levy, The Jew	20	Pesach Greetings
14	Scheduled Stonesettings		

Our cover

Purim celebrations!

Shofar Magazine is a publication of Brighton & Hove Hebrew Congregation, 29a New Church Road, Hove BN3 4AD. Our telephone number is (01273) 888855. Our email address is office@bhhc-shul.org. Our website is www.bhhc-shul.org

Currently, our directors (in alphabetical order) are Harvey Abb, Russell Bloch, Jonathan Conway, Susan Conway, Lindsay Davidson, Howard Hamilton and Jonathan Metliss and Jack Rose.

Our Honorary Officers are currently Susan Conway (Chairman), Jonathan Metliss (Vice-Chairman), Lindsay Davidson (Treasurer) and Jack Rose (Secretary). The congregation is also assisted by a number of members who act as Assistant Wardens.

Shofar Magazine is your community magazine. Your contributions of articles and/or photos are not only welcome, but vital.

The deadline for contributions to the next issue (Rosh Hashanah 5786) is 1 SEPTEMBER 2025.

Celebrate with your community

Whatever the reason – birthday, anniversary, special event – share your joy with your community by sponsoring a kiddush! Please contact the office to find out how!

Members are also invited to join our Whiskey Club. Join the register and donate a bottle of whiskey for our kiddushim.



PESACH MESSAGE 5785

Pesach has always been a festival of paradoxes.

At one and the same time, the festival calls upon us to remember the suffering of our ancestors while slaves in Egypt, but also the joy of their liberation.

The Seder meal, which forms the centrepiece of the Yomtov, illustrates the inherent contradiction perfectly. We eat unleavened matza and bitter herbs, which symbolise our slavery, but we also sing jolly melodies, recline in regal fashion, drink wine or grape juice and dip foods, all of which represent our freedom.

Nothing encapsulates this apparent contradiction better than the hors d'oeuvres served at our tables – a hard-boiled egg in salt water.

The salt water represents our tears, while the egg sends out a profound message. Nearly

all other foods, when boiled, get softer. The egg, however, becomes harder. It reminds us that, when the heat is on in life, we can summon our inner resolve and stand firm. Therefore, in the very same dish, we combine pain and fortitude; desolation and hope.

I can hardly recall a Pesach when such mixed feelings are so prevalent. As I sit down to write this message, we are witnessing the extraordinary highs of hostages being returned to the loving embrace of their families and the agonising lows of discovering the depths of their suffering and the fate of those who tragically did not return alive.

Yet, in Jewish tradition, we never hesitate to highlight optimism and joy, even in the midst of our pain and sadness, nor do we shy away from recalling the deep traumas of our past at moments of great celebration.

Office of The CHIEF RABBI

Pesach 5785 / 2025

For this reason, the saddest day on our calendar, Tisha Be'Av, is called Mo'ed – festival, by our Prophets, in anticipation of the day being transformed in the future to become the happiest of all days. Together with that, the Torah instructs us to celebrate all major Jewish festivals in memory of our exodus from Egypt and, at Jewish weddings, a glass is broken to remember the destruction of our Temples and all subsequent Jewish suffering.

We do this because it is from within the tragedies of our past that our resolve to build a better future is forged. The depths of our pain and the heights of our joy are therefore inextricably and permanently linked.

This is why, even with our ongoing deep anxiety about the welfare of the State of Israel and, indeed, for world Jewry, we will enthusiastically celebrate

Pesach with the prayer that joy will prevail over pain and the ultimate redemption will draw near.

Valerie joins me in extending our very warm and best wishes to you all for a Chag Kasher Vesameach.




06 From the Rabbi: A Pesach message “Stand By Me”

by Rabbi Hershel Rader

One of the most telling statements in the Haggada is Vehi She'amda. The passage reads:

And it is this that has stood by our ancestors and us. For not just one alone [Pharaoh] has risen against us to destroy us, but in every generation they rise against us to destroy us – and the Holy One, Blessed be He, saves us from their hand!

What is meant by the opening words 'It is this that has stood by us'? What does 'this', refer to?

The obvious understanding is that it refers to the previous paragraph where we read, 'Blessed is He who keeps His promise to Israel.' The 'This' refers to G-d's promise to redeem the Children of Israel from the Egyptian exile and His ongoing promise to redeem us from all our exiles and persecutions. This promise has sustained the Jewish People throughout our long and tortuous history. We have always believed and trusted in G-d's promise that, in the end, it will all come right.

I have come across another, that the very fact of 'in every generation they rise against us to destroy us' is what has stood by us and given us the strength

to persevere. Antisemitism and persecution have strengthened us and given us the fortitude to survive and flourish. I am not a fan of this insight which attributes something positive to the oldest hatred which embodies evil. It also seems to ignore, or minimise, the end of the passage 'the Holy One, Blessed be He, saves us from their hand.'



Enjoying Purim.

While this might not be an entirely accurate interpretation of the passage it does seem that, as repugnant as antisemitism may be, in a strange, perverse sort of way it may have contributed to the stubborn determination of Jews over many generations to identify Jewishly and stand up for their convictions. To live by the principles of our faith no matter what. I recently

learned of a teenager who, post-October Seventh, had been on the receiving end of antisemitism. His proud father told me that his son now wears a Kippa to school!

Another insight into Vehi She'amda is through Gematria – utilising the numerical value of the Hebrew letters. Vehi (and it is this) is spelt Vav, Hay,

Yud, Alef. The letter Vav has the value 6, Hay is 5, Yud is 10 and Alef is 1. It is our dedication to the Torah (both Oral and Written) embodied in the 6 Orders of the Mishneh and 5 Books of Moses, the Mitzvot – represented by the 10 Commandments and our faith in the 1 G-d which has enabled us to survive. This is what has kept us strong and loyal, this is what has drawn down G-d's Divine protection.

The Festival of Our Freedom refers, not only, to the liberation from Egyptian slavery but also to our ongoing freedom and survival. A freedom granted to us so that we may be G-d's people. Let's reflect on this as we sing Vehi She'amda at our Seder. Perla and I wish you all a very Happy and Kosher Pesach.

From the Rabbi: A Shavout message

Why Ruth? Reflections on the festival of Shavuot

by Rabbi Hershel Rader

There are five Biblical Festivals (i.e. festivals mentioned explicitly in the Five Books of Moses): Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot. I remember hearing Chief Rabbi Jacobovits say that, of the five, Shavuot is the least observed and he posited the following reason; the other four are much more demanding. Rosh Hashana carries with it the solemnity of judgment and the introspection that it engenders. On Yom Kippur this is taken a stage further with a prohibition on eating, drinking and other physical pleasures. Sukkot involves the effort and expense of building a Sukka and procuring a Lulav and Etrog. Pesach, however beautiful a family occasion it may be, is a major upheaval.

But what happens on Shavuot? We eat cheesecake....not so stressful! Lord Jacobovits' contention was that we tend to appreciate what we invest more into. We do not value something which comes to us easily as much as something that requires effort and commitment. This observation was made in response to a gripe about the difficulty of preparing for Pesach.

Is Shavuot really that easy? Certainly its present-day observance is relatively stress free. Interestingly though, it celebrates an event which was extremely demanding.

We all like receiving gifts but the Torah, the most precious of G-d's gifts to us, was different. The Almighty was not prepared to part with it without great commitment on our part. The Rabbis tell us that He demanded guarantors and was not satisfied until the Israelites pledged their children; future generations that they would raise and educate in the ways of the Torah. They also made an unconditional commitment to keep the Torah's laws, saying that they would 'do' before they had even heard what that 'doing' entailed. This was true conviction on their part but it didn't finish with that generation. In the Ethics of the Fathers (chapter 6) we find the concept of *Amailim Batorah* – Toiling in the Torah – which will bring reward both in

this world and the world to come. There is a sense of the importance of effort; of earning as opposed to entitlement.

Why do we read the book of Ruth on Shavuot? The earliest reason given is that we are encouraged to emulate Ruth who 'acquired the Torah' - i.e. became Jewish – through great sacrifice and effort.

But is this all that there is to the Torah – commitment and effort? Didn't Hillel say 'That which is hateful to you do not do to your fellow. This is the whole Torah and the rest is commentary. Go learn!?' Didn't Rabbi Akiva comment on the verse 'love your fellow as yourself' – 'This is a great principle of the Torah'? Don't the Rabbis tell us that key Jewish characteristics are mercy, kindness and humility? Isn't it incumbent upon every Jewish community to provide for the needy? Isn't charity a primary Mitzva?

Surely Judaism is a religion of kindness and compassion.

Maimonides lists eight levels of charity; the highest is to enable someone to provide for themselves. This doesn't mean that we shouldn't care for them until they are able to do so but it does mean that human dignity and self-respect are best served when we offer the opportunity for personal growth and self-sufficiency. This will likely require great effort on behalf of the beneficiaries but if they are prepared to make that effort and commitment then they are worthy of the gift conferred upon them.

There is a balance between the extremes of presumed self-entitlement and the harsh expectation that everyone stand on their own two feet; something that not everyone is able to do without assistance. The Torah was a gift, not something G-d had to give us but something He wanted to give us; not least because of our ancestors' commitment. Spiritually, if we 'invest' in the Torah with our energy and talent we will be rewarded with a true understanding and appreciation of Hashem's greatest gift.

Chairperson's Message

by Susan Conway

It is some eleven months since I was elected to chair the Synagogue Board. I am pleased to confirm that the Synagogue is in good form. The membership is increasing and we have welcomed many new members some of whom were previously members of Holland Road Synagogue.

Rabbi Rader has given sterling service which has been much appreciated by visitors to the site 29/31 New Church Road who have left generous gifts to charity. I could not have wished for more co-operation to any requirements I have made of him, and I need to record that he goes over and above his role to assist the shul at all times.

Services are well attended and we have had a minyan at almost every service. Our kiddushim are very popular and I thank everyone who has made them so successful. The thanks go to the ladies who assist Perla Rader, Roz Flashman, Natalie Wrightman, Deborah Sinclair and Alma Caplin. The shul welcomes the sponsorship of the

kiddush arrangements. She has also catered very successful meals for the festivals, Succot, Chanukah, Purim, Pesach and Shavuot. Thanks also to Perla Rader for her discrete attendance at the mikvah and for all her cooking for the lunch and learn which is held on Wednesday each week at lunchtime.

We have had lovely Friday night dinners thanks to the assistance of Novellino, and George their executive chef.

“We intend to have an electronic service board in the mens’ and the ladies’ section. This are complications with the technology and we hope this will be rectified soon.”

I would like to thank George for his assistance whenever we have requested his support during the year.

I wish also to thank our wardens, principally Michael Shaw and Jonathan Hyman who have assisted in such a willing and pleasant manner and made for the smooth running of the shul. Thanks also go to

Ron Amran for arranging the rota of Haftorah Readings, and those who have participated in services

We have had many meetings with BNJC usually on a Monday morning, to share appropriate information and to ensure that we are aware of the numbers for the kiddushim.

Thanks also go to the CST ably led by Stuart Macintosh who support the shul discretely on Shabbos and on other occasions as required. We have also been shown great consideration by the security officers of the BNJC.

We have had some very generous donations to the shul. There is a Ner Tamid light thanks to Dr. Vecht and a chanukiah thanks to Sefton Cohen. Visitors have left generous financial donations to our chosen charity in Israel.

The shul has filed the accounts for the year ending 2023 and the accounts are in course for 2024 but have been delayed by discussions with AGB Reading over the VAT claims relating to

the construction of the site 29/31 New Church Road Hove.

It is intended to have an electronic service board in the mens' and the ladies' section and this requires provision of the internet supply which has been complicated by the incorrect address of the shul. This is, we hope, to be rectified by the addition of the words "The Schul Offices" which will distinguish the shul from the nursery and other sections of the address 29A New Church Road Hove.

I cannot thank Michelle Cooperman and Martyn Cooperman enough for their assistance with the computer arrangements of the shul. They have also given generously with their time, ably assisted by Naomi, their daughter, to the work of the Middle Street Brighton committee.

Thanks go to Howard Hamilton who has spent many hours assisting in restoring the structure of Middle Street and also who has recently won an arbitration award against our insurers thus making it possible to undertake further work

on the interior of the Synagogue. There is a separately Middle Street Synagogue application ongoing to the National Lottery for funding for the future of Middle Street. This is led by Michael Rosehill. So far we have reached the point of the financial proposals for the future use of the building, including the preservation of the Synagogue. The work has been undertaken to reach this stage of the application thanks to the

"We have been blessed with some very generous donations to the shul including the new Ner Tamid and a Chanukiah."

generous support of the Jewish Heritage Fund, the Pilgrim Trust and the National Lottery.

We have tried to ensure a good relationship with the BNJC who share the event space with ourselves. They have taken back into use the classrooms previously let on license to St. Christopher's school. The school has indicated that they no longer required them.

Purim was a great success. The shul was full on the first night of Purim and on the following day for the reading of the megillah.

We have held regular prayers for the hostages at all of our services and Rabbi Rader has attended many of the vigils at Palmeira Square Hove.

The Board would love more people to be involved with the shul either as members of the Board or as volunteers for other activities.

The Shul has adopted a safeguarding policy and I am pleased to advise that Eleanor Lind KC has become the person to whom any report of difficulties can be communicated.

We wish to offer more activities, and this does require more volunteers to come forward with various skills to facilitate this.

I have to thank also Michael Phillips and Russell Bloch for their work at the cemetery and the unsung chevra kadesha members who ensure that both male and female persons

are buried with due deference to the requirements of our shul. Also Penny Phillips who has stepped into any role which she was asked to assist.

Our burial grounds are looking excellent and we have a very reliable caretaker living on site which is invaluable. I must thank my son Jonathan Conway for his sterling work at taking responsibility for the grounds.

Finally I must thank our treasurer Lindsay Davidson, who has put in many hours dealing with

“Thank you to all who are involved with our synagogue.”

the accounts, and also with the acquisition of the provisions needed for all our enterprises.

It is important that we continue to welcome all

visitors to the shul, and to continue our reputation as a thriving community with considerable reputation for being a place to visit.

I for my part will continue to work hard for the benefit for the benefit of the whole community and take the opportunity of wishing everyone a wonderful Pesach

Susan Conway
Chairperson



Connect to possibility

Our services include:

- audit
- accounting
- bookkeeping
- business advisory
- corporate & personal tax
- payroll

For more information contact

Chris Kyffin-Walton

t: 01273 726445

e: c.kyffin-walton@uhy-uk.com

www.uhy-uk.com

Helping you prosper



With best wishes from family Rogoff

International Insurance Brokers

Tel: +44 (0) 20 8349 5100
Fax: +44 (0) 20 8349 5110
Email: advice@ashleypage.co.uk

ashleypage.co.uk

London
Ground Floor
Gallery Court
28 Arcadia Avenue
London N3 2TN

New York
90 Broad Street
Suite 1503
New York
NY 10004



History

Old Levy, The Jew

compiled by Gordon Franks

The following article appeared in the Tuesday 11 November 1834 edition of the *Morning Advertiser*. It is reprinted verbatim.

From a correspondent.

The writer has chosen the above heading to this notice of two instances of longevity, who are still alive, as being the cognomen by which the old gentleman most familiarly known to the Citizens for nearly half a century ; and, doubtless, many will be surprised to learn that the old man, who, twenty years ago was pointed out as a wonder in the streets, is still living, with his first wife ; the ages of the patriarchal pair making together 200 years. He has completed his 105th, and she has completed her 94th year. The writer, by accident, had the pleasure of seeing the venerable couple, and learnt the following particulars :-

“Old Levy has completed his 105th year. His wife has completed her 94th year.”

Joseph Levy is a native of Prague, the capital of Bohemia, where his father resided, and carried on the business of a horse-dealer, in which line he supplied the Duke of Bohemia. The subject of our brief memoir was born in the year 1729, and at the age of 14 was sent over to this country on account of his approaching the age when he might have been called upon to join the army as a conscript. This was about a year before the battle of Prague, which was fought in the year 1744. He commenced with the usual industry of his people to travel, and became an extensive hawker of jewellery. In the year 1756, he paid his addresses to a Jewess of Birmingham, whom he brought to

London, and married. She was then scarcely sixteen, and was a mother before she was seventeen years of age. She has given birth to twenty-five children, twenty-three of whom were living and two were still-born. She was fifty years and seven months when she gave birth to her youngest son, Abraham Levy. Of the children there are seventeen still living ; the two first-born died in childhood ; the others, who are deceased, had attained to mature years.

Old Levy, as he was familiarly called, was particularly well known in the country of Kent as a travelling dealer, and he travelled periodically throughout all England and Scotland ; but his principal field of traffic was in Mark-lane

on the Corn-market, where he was as well known as the market itself, and his attendance there had far exceeded the recollection of the oldest frequenter of the market. He had for many years ceased to

travel ; but until with the last four years he continued to follow his trade of hawking, when he walked about the city and suburbs with wonderful ease, supporting himself with a walking cane, and attended with a youth who carried his jewel-box. The writer has seen him about that time pursuing his avocation on the Surrey side, when he walked with a tolerably firm step, calling his wares for sale. When he finally retired from trade he gave up his connection on the Corn-market to his youngest son, Abraham, who now daily takes up his father's place with extensive and valuable cases of trinkets and jewellery.

Old Levy's reputation as a fair trader stood very high, and he had attained the confidence of the citizens particularly, and the other circles in which he dealt. He was never remarkable for abstemiousness, nor did he ever indulge in intemperance ; but at one time he associated much with sporting men, and was among the earliest backers of Mendoza, the boxer, who is also still living. He was particularly fond of snuff, and for many years used at least a quarter of a pound per week. He was reputed as a man of hardihood, tall, and robust. In his youth highwaymen

“The old man’s mental faculties are quite good, and his memory, as regards events and dates, wonderfully accurate, but his physical powers are much impaired.”

were common, and on that account he never went but armed with pistols. He computes that the litigation of a number of actions he was engaged in at law in his life time has cost him at least 10,000l., and he was the means, at different times, of having three Magistrates discharged from the commission for acting illegally. His name appears as a member of every charitable institution belonging to the Jews, and he is now the senior member of the Great Synagogue, Duke’s-place, or, as it is now more politely designated, St James’s-place. He has been for



Your Jewish grandparent might just save your life.

The NHS Jewish BRCA testing programme is now in its third and final year, offering free BRCA gene testing for anyone over 18 with at least one Jewish grandparent.

By identifying an elevated cancer risk early on, we can prevent more cases of cancer and ultimately save more lives.

To sign up or find out more about the NHS England Jewish BRCA testing programme visit jewishbrca.org today or scan the QR code.

Don't delay. Get your test today.



Jnetics  **NHS England**

info@jewishbrca.org | jewishbrca.org

75 years a parishioner of Aldgate, Houndsditch.

He had not realized a competency : the house which he occupies is the property of one of his own people, who allows him, we understand, the occupation rent free ; and the parish officers, in consideration of his long residence and present circumstances, very handsomely excuse him his rates. His youngest son, Abraham, who had his business, makes his parents a weekly allowance, and altogether the aged pair are enabled to live comfortably, with a servant and a nurse as their attendants.

The old man's mental faculties are quite good, and his memory, as regards events and dates, wonderfully accurate, but his physical powers are much impaired : he cannot walk, yet his medical attendant declares his conviction, that, from all external symptoms, his constitution appears

“It is to be regretted that he had not been of those who wore beards, for he possesses an intelligent countenance, with strongly marked characteristic traits, which, with the addition of a beard, would have been an invaluable study to an artist of the genuine patriarchal countenance.”

so sound that he may add ten years more to his already long life. It is to be regretted that he had not been of those who wore beards, for he possesses an intelligent countenance, with strongly

marked characteristic traits, which, with the addition of a beard, would have been an invaluable study to an artist of the genuine patriarchal countenance. Mrs. Levy, as might be expected, is much more fallen off than her husband.

Gordon Franks notes while the article is not relevant to Brighton it details a very remarkable life with no little affection.

It is not known if the writer was Jewish, he seems to know the East End community of the time well. What eventually happened to Mr Levy could be the subject of future research; however, such research may be difficult as there was no Jewish press then. 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 for April and October 2025:

- Sidney Posner – 18 May at 3.00 pm
- Ian Allchild – 23 June at noon
- Muriel Elkin Rose – 28 June at 3.00 pm
- David Schaverien – 20 July at 2.00 pm
- Lesley Tabor – 7 September at 11.00 am

- Estelle Mordecai – 21 September at 3.00 pm
- Clive Parnes – 5 October at 11.30 pm

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.

Restoration of the Middle Street Synagogue moves forward

The Grade II* listed Middle Street Synagogue in the centre of Brighton is one of the City's most important buildings. It closed for regular services 20 years ago.

The Board of the Brighton & Hove Hebrew Congregation (BHHC), owners of the building, established a partnership with the Foundation for Jewish Heritage who were commissioned to carry out an assessment of the building and its future potential. The Foundation secured funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Architectural Heritage Fund and the Pilgrim Trust to carry out this work, and formed a Steering Committee to oversee the work chaired by Michael Rosehill.

The report that was produced called for the creation of a Jewish Cultural Centre within the synagogue that would bring the building back to life and provide a major new facility for the City.

The Foundation presented this proposal along with a Business Plan, which was approved by the BHHC Board. The Foundation is now moving to the next stage. This will include an application to the Heritage Fund to secure further funding to carry out detailed studies, leading to an application for a substantial grant to secure the future of the building, and provide it with a sustainable long term use.

Susan Conway, Chairman of the Congregation said "We are delighted that the Foundation has reached the point at which we can see a realistic prospect of our precious Middle Street Synagogue being put to good use for the benefit of the wider community, whilst at the same time being retained for occasional services, including weddings." She added "This year we will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Synagogue in September 1875, and it is therefore particularly timely to know that we are moving forward with the restoration and future use of the building."

Michael Mail, Chief Executive of the Foundation, commented, 'We are very grateful to those who funded the initial reports, The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Pilgrim Trust, and the Architectural Heritage Fund, and to the team who assisted with the initial research, conservation architects Purcell and heritage specialists Cultural Consulting Network. We are delighted that the findings have the support of the BHHC Board, and look forward to a continuing dialogue with the Board and all those who have shown interest in this project, locally, nationally, and internationally. The stunning Middle Street synagogue is a hugely significant building and we must ensure its future in a meaningful way that will benefit the Jewish and wider community within Brighton and Hove and beyond.'

by Jonathan Metliss, Chairman, Action Against Discrimination

The Gaza Documentary

Action Against Discrimination ("AAD") is delighted to see and welcomes the BBC admission of, and apology for, the serious and unacceptable flaws in the making of the Gaza documentary and acknowledging that it should have carried out its own checks. It also notes with disgust and disapproval that the most senior news executive of the BBC watched the documentary before it was broadcast but failed to question it

AAD also welcomes the eventual intervention at long last of Ofcom, the BBC regulator, who has written an open letter to the BBC Chairman, accusing the BBC of undermining trust in its journalism and confirming the need for an investigation of these errors and the requirement to put in place systems to ensure that they cannot recur

AAD notes that Ofcom have said that they will, in exceptional circumstances, intervene to handle and resolve a complaint which has not been resolved by the BBC, and looks forward to learning of further developments in this regard.

The BBC Chairman and Director General will also be questioned at a parliamentary select committee on how the Gaza documentary was aired without disclaimers and full transparency, a move also fully welcomed by AAD.

Mr Metliss goes on to say that it is disappointing that the BBC has not corrected the flaws in its previous reporting on Gaza since 7 October 2023 and even earlier, and its deliberate anti-Israel bias and bigotry. AAD and Mr Metliss have maintained for some time that Ofcom should be intervening, addressing this anti-Israel prejudice and reporting which they have so far omitted to do.

AAD further welcomes the announcement by the Metropolitan Police that counter-terror officers are looking into whether or not the law was broken in the making of the BBC documentary and to investigate claims of payments to the daughter of a Hamas official.

The applicability of the Rule of Law to the BBC is well overdue as is this latest

development involving the police. The constant anti-Israel propaganda emanating from the BBC is arguably an incitement to racial hatred provoking antisemitism and antisemitic behaviour and it is about time that this was properly tackled and addressed by the relevant authorities, including the police.

AAD also equally and unequivocally condemns Channel 4 and Channel 4 News for the use in their Gaza coverage of the same teenager, the son of a Hamas official, who narrated the BBC documentary.

AAD calls on the Jewish Community, the Government and Ofcom to continue to exert further pressure on the BBC and Channel 4 to correct their inaccurate and misleading reporting on Gaza and Israel and for the Chairman and Director General of the BBC to resign from their respective posts.

AAD awaits the results of the Ofcom intervention with great interest and anticipation.

Abu Wadee

Abu Wadee is a dangerous antisemitic man, a danger to the public, and who should never have been allowed to enter this country. It is appalling that he should seek to stay in the United Kingdom.

He poses a threat to the Jewish Community and to the British public more widely. The Home Office should waive its guidelines and he should be deported urgently and immediately back to Gaza.

Although the Home Office have said that they will take all steps necessary to protect the nation's security, sadly it has form. Where has the Home Secretary Yvette Cooper been in condemning the continuing pro-Palestinian marches which are an incitement to racial hatred and more antisemitic behaviour?

Wherever he is, Abu Wadee must not be allowed to stay in the UK and he should be expelled immediately.

This would also act as a deterrent to other migrants of a similar dangerous ilk with terrorist backgrounds, following the example set by the United States which is currently deporting pro-Hamas activists.

Tilleys Stonemasons Ltd

MONUMENTAL STONEMASONS



Tilleys Stonemasons are a local family business that have been producing quality handcrafted memorials from our works in Hollingdean Road, Brighton since 1933.

We are able to design and manufacture memorials in all materials.

We supply lettering layouts for all inscriptions and liaise with the Synagogue regarding the lettering.

Other Work Undertaken:-

Renovation of Existing Memorials

Annual Maintenance of Memorials starting from £47.00 per year

Free Reports and Quotations

Insurance

Home Appointments

Visit our website at www.tilleystonemasons.com

Or arrange an appointment at our office:-

295 Ditchling Road, Brighton, BN1 6JH

Tel: 01273 555882

Fax: 01273 542844

email: info@tilleystonemasons.com



JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY of ENGLAND

SUSSEX BRANCH

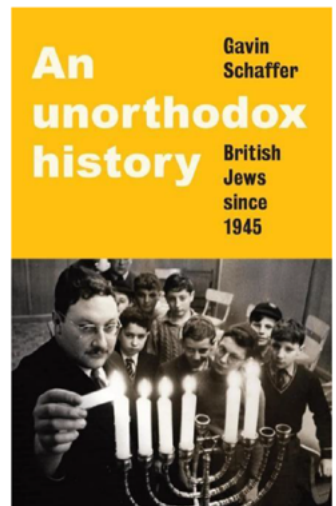
TUESDAY 29TH APRIL 2025 AT 7.30 PM

ON ZOOM ONLY

Professor Gavin Schaffer – An unorthodox history – British Jews since 1945

We welcome Professor Gavin Schaffer, recently elected President of the Jewish Historical Society of England, who will outline his ideas for the Society, followed by a discussion about his newly published book with the branch chairman Michael Crook.

Gavin Schaffer is an acclaimed modern historian, now Professor of Modern British History at Manchester Metropolitan University, having previously been a senior lecturer at the University of Birmingham. His book explores the complexities of inclusion and exclusion of groups outside the mainstream Jewish communities, and their relationships with other minorities in Britain. The book has been described as brave and important, but also lucid and readable.



This talk will take place on **Zoom only** via the JHSE website at JHSE.org and is free to JHSE members and students. There is a charge of £5 for non-members.

We very much look forward to welcoming you on Zoom to this event.

For further details contact Michael Crook at amcrook321@gmail.com

Festival Times

Pesach

Thursday 10th April - Fast of Firstborn

Shacharit followed by Siyum 7.30 am

Friday 11th April

Burn Chametz before 11.52 am

Light Candles 7.32 pm

Mincha/Maariv 7.32 pm

Shabbat 12th April – Erev Pesach

Shacharit 7.15 am

Finish Eating Chametz by 10.42 am

Bitul Chametz by 11.52 am

Mincha followed by Shiur and Maariv
7.25 pm

Light candles after 8.43 pm

Sunday 13th April – 1st Day Pesach

Shacharit 9.15 am

Mincha/Maariv 7.30 pm

Light Candles after 8.45 pm

Monday 14th April – 2nd Day Pesach

Shacharit 9.15 am

Mincha/Maariv 7.30 pm

Yom Tov ends 8.47 pm

Chol Hamoed

Shacharit, Tuesday – Friday 8.30 am

Minch & Maariv, Tuesday – Thursday
7.30 pm

Friday 18th April - Erev Shabbat & Yom Tov

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 7.43 pm

Light Candles 7.43 pm

Shabbat 19th April - 7th Day Pesach

Shacharit 9.15 am

Mincha/Maariv 7.35 pm

Candle Lighting after 8.56 pm

Sunday 20th April - 8th Day Pesach

Shacharit 9.15 am

Yizkor

Mincha/Maariv 7.35 pm

Yom Tov ends 8.58 pm

Shavuot

Sunday 1st June

Candle Lighting 8.47 pm

Mincha 8.45 pm followed by Shiur

Maariv 9.50 pm followed by communal
meal - no admission fee, all welcome

Tikkun Leil Shavuot 11.00 pm

Monday 2nd June – First Day Shavuot

Shacharit 9.30am

Please be in Shul by 10.30 am for the
reading of the Ten Commandments.

The Service will be followed by Kiddush

Annual Shavuot Lunch. A beautiful three
course fish meal with wine. Vegetarian
option available. £22 for adults & £5.00
for children. All welcome.

Mincha & Maariv 7.30 pm

Candle Lighting 10.15 pm

Tuesday 3rd June – Second Day Shavuot

Shacharit 9.30 am. Please be in Shul for
Yizkor by 11.00 am

The Service will be followed by Kiddush

**Ladies' Tea Time Tikkun – 4.30 pm in
the Events Space.** All women of the
community are invited to attend and, if
they want, present a short Dvar Torah.
Please notify the Shul office if you
intend to participate.

Mincha followed by Shiur and Maariv
8.50 pm

Yom Tov terminates 10.17 pm

20 | Pesach Greetings 2025

Harvey Abb
Gerry Adler and family
Adrian and Rosalind Alan and family
Julius Alexander
Laurence and Marsha Alexander and family
Ron, Sarah, Ben, Ittai and Maya Amram
Ian Ashleigh
Rachel Barnard, David Seidel,
Moses and Gabriel
Sandra Barnett
Dan and Tessa Bass and Ruby
Greta Bennett
Kathy Bennis
Joy Bennis
Mark and Stella Benson and family
Carol Berman and family
Derek Berman and family
Robert and Corinne Blass and family
Russell Bloch and Lindsay
Davidson, Henri and Jacob
Anthony and Linda Bloom
Ray and Claudia Bloom
Ronnie & Wendy Bloom and family
Steven & Hilda Borkum and family
Cherry Brookes and family
Tony and Sorrel Bourne and family
Sheila Burack and family
Alma Caplin and family
Sarah Chasen & Rowan
Jacobson and family
Sylvia Clarke
Harold Cohen
Sefton Cohen and family
Stanley and Michele Cohen and family
Jean Collins
Anne Conn
Jonathan Conway
Susan Conway
Martyn and Michelle Cooperman
and Naomi
Michael and Ann Crook and family
Jeremy and Saonie Crown
David and Shan Cuddis and family
Michael and Adrienne Davids and family
Joe and Angela Davis and family
Peter Davis and family
Roy and Ruth Davis and family
Anthony Doctors
Phillip Doctors
Jacob Dowek
Sonia Elliman

Maurice Emanuel
Gary and Amanda Epstein and family
Diane Faull and family
Benita Ferris
Steven and Carly Fixman and family
Michael and Ros Flashman and family
Gordon Franks
Valerie Freedman
Sam Freeman & Natasha Isaac and family
Martin Gilbert
Zippy Gilmour
Alexa Eve Gilbert-Obrat
Henry Gierer
Shiela Goldring
David Gordon
John Green
Steven Greenspan
Sharon Granville
Anita Gross and family
Bernice Gross and family
Esther-Jane Hamilton
Howard Hamilton
Rose Henry
Jeremy and Sarah Horne and family
Paul and Adrienne Horowitz and family
Shirley Huberman and family
Jonathan Hyman and family
Jonathan and Devorah Jacobs
Enid Jenshil and family
Saul and Elizabeth Judah and family
Derek Keston
Stella Penso Lancaster
Malcolm and Doreen Lasky and family
Nigel Leff
Alard Leigh
Alan Lever and family
Cecile Levine and family
Howard and Marcia Levitan
Robert and Karen Levy and family
Len and Lucinda Lewis and family
Eleanor Lind and family
Ivan and Nina Lyons and family
Judy March and family
Dudley Margo
Michelle Martindale and family
Raynor Mason and family
Jeannette Mazzier and family
Jonathan Metliss and family
Tony and Jane Morcowitz and family
Steven and Phillipa Morris and family
Gerald and Rochelle Oberman and family
Stuart and Rosa Panto and family

Stella Penso Lancaster and family
David and Pauline Peters and family
Georgina Phillips and family
Michael Phillips and family
Jonathan and Suzy Polin
Martin and Catherine Powell and family
Rene Rents and family
Michael Rentz and family
Paul Ress and family
Steven Ritter
David Roddyn
Ann Rose and family
David and Susan Rose and family
Jack and Elaine Rose and family
Tony Rose and family
Julie Rosehill and family
Michael Rosehill and Tania Sless
Philip Rosen and family
Jessica Rosenthal and family
Alan and Suzanne Ross-Dale and family
David and Zippy Rothstein and family
Howard and Gail Rudolf
Sandra Rutherford and family
Steven and Angela Samuels and family
Rose Sandler
Rina Selby
Ian and Wendy Scorah and family
Simon & Melanie Seligman and family
Michael and Lesley Shaw and family
Hugh Silver
Rochelle (Corinne) Silver and family
Richard and Ruth Simmons and family
Lisa Simon and family
Ruth Simons
Robert and Debra Sinclair and Mr
Joseph Sinclair and family
Laurence Sissling and family
Simon and Judith Spector
Lionel and Marilyn Sterne
Lucy Sugarman and family
Laurence and June Temerlies and family
Ben and Judith Tobin and family
June and Ivan Topper and family
Nicolas Werner & family
Bernard Woolf and family
Julian Woolfe and family
Natalie Wrightman and family
Zev and Rose Yarom
Judith Young (Nathoo) and family
Elias Zilkha
Linda Zilkha and family