

BARN

Dance



26th NOVEMBER

7.00pm start

All Saints Church Hall, Woodford Green

Fish & Chip Supper

Adults £18 • Under 16s £10

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Calendar of Events – November-December 2016

[o] = organist

November

Fri 4	8pm	Erev Shabbat service and "Why does Liberal Judaism..."? led by Bob Kamall
Sat 5	10:30am	Shabbat morning service [Genesis 2:4b-24] led by Hilton Ellis
	10:20am	Cheder Classes
Fri 11	8pm	Erev Shabbat service led by Rabbi Richard Jacobi including Remembrance Prayers [O]
Sat 12	10:30am	Shabbat morning Family Service [Genesis 2:25-3:20] led by Rabbi Richard Jacobi
	10:45am	Tots' Service led by Mich Sampson
	10:20am	Cheder Classes
Fri 18	8pm	Erev Shabbat service led by Rabbi Richard Jacobi - both congregations [O]
Sat 19	10:30am	Shabbat morning service and Riley Green Bar Mitzvah [Genesis 4:1-16] led by Rabbi Richard Jacobi [O]
	10:20am	Cheder Classes
Sun 20		Annual AJEX Parade
	2:30pm	Knit and Natter
Fri 25	8pm	Erev Shabbat service at PERRYMAN'S FARM ROAD led by Rabbi David Hulbert (NO SERVICE AT MARLBOROUGH ROAD)
Sat 26	10:30am	Shabbat morning service [Genesis 6:1-8] led by Rabbi Richard Jacobi
	10:20am	Cheder Classes
	7pm	Barn Dance
Sun 27		Mitzvah Day
	2pm	Friendship Club

December

Fri 2	8pm	Erev Shabbat service and "Why does Liberal Judaism..."? led by Tina Gold
Sat 3	10:30am	Shabbat morning service [Genesis 6:9-7:10] led by Ben Glassman
	10:20am	Cheder Classes
Fri 9	8pm	Erev Shabbat service at PERRYMAN'S FARM ROAD led by Rabbi David Hulbert (NO SERVICE AT MARLBOROUGH ROAD)
Sat 10	10:30am	Shorter Shabbat service with Torah study [Genesis 7:11-8:22] led by Rabbi Richard Jacobi - both congregations
	10:20am	Cheder Classes
	10:45am	Tots' Service led by Mich Sampson
Fri 16	8pm	Erev Shabbat service led by Rabbi Richard Jacobi
Sat 17	10:30am	Shabbat morning Family Service [Genesis 9:1-19] including Tree of Life Ceremony led by Rabbi Richard Jacobi
	10:20am	Final cheder session of the term, followed by end of term party
Fri 23	8pm	Erev Shabbat service led by Simon Benscher
Sat 24	10:30am	Shorter study-led Shabbat morning service with room for experimentation and discussion [Genesis 12:1-9] led by Alice Wilcock
Fri 30	6:30pm	Chanukah Candle Lighting and Erev Shabbat service led by Rabbi Richard Jacobi
Sat 31	10:30am	Shabbat in Chanukah Inclusive Shelanu morning service [Genesis 12:10-13:13] led by Rabbi Richard Jacobi



January 2017

Fri 6	8pm	Erev Shabbat service at PERRYMAN'S FARM ROAD marking the start of the new Community led by Rabbi Richard Jacobi and Rabbi David Hulbert (NO SERVICE AT MARLBOROUGH ROAD)
Sat 7	10:30am	Shabbat morning service [Genesis 14:1-24] at MARLBOROUGH ROAD marking the start of the new Community led by Rabbi Richard Jacobi and Rabbi David Hulbert [O]
	10:20am	Cheder Classes resume

Succot at WLS together with Bet Tikva – Sunday 16 October



The Sanctuary at Woodford Liberal Synagogue was full with members, friends and members of our merging community, Bet Tikva, to commence the celebrations of Succot (Festival of Ingathering of the Harvest). The evening began at 5.00pm with children decorating the Sukkah with leaves, fruit and vegetables.

This was followed by all gathering in the Sukkah for the traditional blessings of wine & chollah with Rabbi Richard Jacobi. This was proceeded by Rabbi David Hullbert explaining what the *lulav* (date palm, myrtle & willow) & *etrog* (citron) are and where they are grown. Both committees supplied bring & share food. The evening was rounded off by a short musical service conducted by Rabbi Jacobi.



Rabbi Richard Jacobi said "It was lovely to see people of all ages from less than one to nearly ninety-one mingling, eating, singing, prayer-learning and laughing together. Succot is about hospitality and welcoming, and we certainly met these aspirations! This bodes well for an enjoyable and exciting future for the new community."

Photos: Children in the Sukkah, Rabbi Richard Jacobi cutting the chollah, Rabbi David Hullbert with the Lulav.



**New Members –
Ashley Stanton & Hayley Willis – Woodford Family
Stephanie Kerstein**

Announcements for November-December

Sunday 20 November – Knit & Natter at the Synagogue 2.30pm
Saturday 26 November – Barn Dance (details on page 1)
Sunday 27 November – Mitzva Day & Friendship Club 2.00pm

Following our Editor's request for feedback on Bimah, we managed to receive two comments as follows:

Dear Team,

On page 14 of the September/October 2016 issue you invite readers' comments on the magazine. If I may express personal views, I think it consistently delivers a highly professional production. Starting just with the 'physical' quality of the paper and cover, the lay-out, photos and choice of colour could not be better. I'm interested in the latest community news, learning about its various activities, opinions, as well as seeing reports on events which unfortunately I've had to miss. Your latest edition, moreover, contained some very important medical advice, for which we should all be grateful. I would like to wish Michael Mather a rapid and permanent recovery.

I hope the request you made will encourage many members to submit articles for consideration, so that the magazine will continue to grow from strength to strength!

Which brings me to my own feeble attempt, which you have kindly accepted and enhanced by the imaginative traffic sign. Many thanks! Your art work will at least raise a giggle.

I'm sure all of us appreciate the team's expertise, dedication and continuing hard work!

Kindest regards
Alice Alexander

I think you do a fantastic job!

I don't have any suggestions for the future except a regular merger section – although I dare say that's inevitable!

Maybe a bit about the early days of each synagogue – especially on founder members – so the other half of the new congregation can learn about them. It would be good to recognise the key names when we hear about them.

Best wishes
Ben Glassman

The hills were alive... in Italy!

In August, Dan and I were lucky enough to take a week's holiday hiking in Italy. I knew the area was called 'the South Tyrol' but I didn't consider exactly what that might mean. We took a train from Verona to Bolzano in the north, and it was when our taxi driver only spoke German that we first realised exactly just how Tyrolean the area was. The citizens are Italian but, for the people that we spoke to, there is a serious identity issue going on. In fact the local authorities estimate that German is spoken by 75% of the 510,000 inhabitants of the region, named the Alto Adige by the rest of Italy.

Architecturally and gastronomically, you could easily mistake the area for Austria. One night in our hotel, the lovely hostess, Stefania, excitedly told us that Tuesday evenings were their special knodel night. This meant a 5 course meal where every course was a different flavoured knodel. Not sure what a knodel is? OK, change the 'o' to a 'ei'. Yes what we put in chicken soup... kneidels. Now imagine a dinner consisting of 5 different kneidels: a cheese one, fish ones, one in a broth (that was the most familiar), a beef or mushroom one, and finally one with a strawberry in the middle. That was an experience I am not rushing to repeat. Suffice to say that we didn't sleep so well that night. But we felt it would be been rude to refuse!



Luckily we went on some challenging walks to burn off the calories. The area is stunningly beautiful and the paths are well marked. On our first hike, we walked around a turquoise coloured lake. We were hot and it seemed a good idea to cool our feet in the water at a point where many people had the same thought. Dan noticed a couple sitting nearby with a backpack with a Star of David and Hebrew writing. They looked friendly and we struck up a conversation. They were Eva and Thomas, on holiday from Vienna. Eva's English was excellent. The backpack belonged to one of their daughters from the Hashomer Hatzair, a Socialist-Zionist

Jewish youth movement founded in 1913 in Galicia in the old Austro-Hungarian Empire. It is similar to Habonim, although more secular.

We chatted for ages and enjoyed their company so much we arranged to meet again in the beautiful 'Belle Epoque' town of Merano where they were staying a few days later. I highly recommend a visit to Merano (or Meran, if you read the bilingual German signs) which was charming and full of Art Deco buildings with a delightful promenade along the river. It gained popularity as a Spa resort and indeed has a large garden that contains 25 different swimming pools and spas! You can buy a pass for 3 hours or longer. We didn't have time to visit this time because we spent several happy hours in the Trauttsmandorff Gardens which, frankly, knocked Kew Gardens into a cocked hat.

Over coffee and cakes, we learned that Eva's parents had both left Austria as Kindertransport and spent several years in England. They met as young adults in the UK and made the decision to return to Vienna but sadly, neither of them found any surviving family. We didn't have time, but Eva and Thomas visited Merano's synagogue and sent me a photo.



It was built in 1901, however today it is a mainly a museum. Most of the community were deported to concentration camps in Austria in 1943. Today there is small community of about 50 Jewish people.

We finished our holiday with a day in Verona. Not long enough. We decided that we needed to return one day to explore this beautiful town and also do a lot more hiking. But first, we need to take up our new friends' offer to visit them in Vienna!

Tracey Grant