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Shabbat 28 April

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EALING SYNAGOGUE

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FRIDAY 19 APRIL
EREV PESACH
FIRST NIGHT SEDER

Shacharit will be at 8.15 am. There will not be an evening service.

THURSDAY 9 MAY : 12.30PM
COMMUNITY LUNCH

Everyone is welcome to join the Community lunch. For catering purposes, it would be very helpful if you would let Alison Shindler know if you are coming.

THURSDAY 9 MAY : 7.30PM
KNOCK KNOCK

Knock Knock describes what it's like to be a parent in the shadow of armed conflict. Performed by Niv Petel, this one-man play won an award at the Edinburgh Festival and is very highly acclaimed. There will be a Q&A after the play. Tickets £15.00. To book your place, please call the Ealing Synagogue office on 020 8579 4894, email: office@ealingsynagogue.org.uk, or click here to book online. Contact: Marianne Temple.

SUNDAY 12 MAY : 1.00PM—4.00PM
ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Members of the Ealing community will be exhibiting their amazing works of art including painting, sculptors, photography, quilting and much more. There will be a raffle of a home-made quilt, very kindly donated by Rosemary Grainger. No charge but donations will be gratefully accepted. Contact: Michael Mars.

SUNDAY 12 JUNE : 7.30PM
EALING SYNAGOGUE'S CENTENARY SUPPER QUIZ

Get your tables together for Ealing Synagogue is having a special supper quiz. Tickets are £22.50 per person. Contact the office to book your place or Marianne Temple.

Reading the Haftarah

If you would like to read Haftarah to mark a special event or just to make your contribution to the service, please contact Brian Robinson.

Sponsoring an Event

If you are celebrating a Simcha commemorating a family Yahrzeit, or just feeling generous, please consider

sponsoring a Shabbat morning Kiddush, Seudah or Sunday morning breakfast. Contact the Synagogue office.

AJR—Meets the 1st Tuesday in every month at 2.00 pm. Contact Leslie Sommer: 020 8993 7574.

Israeli Dancing!

Tuesday evenings, 8.00 pm at Ealing United Synagogue, Grange Road. Sunday mornings, 10.30 am at Ealing Liberal Synagogue, Lynton Avenue. All welcome. Nominal charge of £2.00.

In the event of a bereavement, in the first instance please contact the Burial Office : 020 8950 7767.
Rabbi Hershi Vogel: 07970 829758
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FRIDAY 19 APRIL Erev Pesach Fast of the Firstborn First Night Seder	Shacharit followed by Siyum Latest time for eating Chametz Latest time for burning Chametz Shabbat and Yom Tov begin No evening service	8.15 am 10.00 am 11.30 am 7.49 pm
SHABBAT 20 APRIL 1st Day Yom Tov Second Night Seder	Shacharit Haftorah : Ben Kosky Shabbat ends and Yom Tov continues No evening service	9.30 am 8.56 pm
SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2nd Day Yom Tov	Shacharit Haftorah : Leslie Sommer Yom Tov ends	9.30 am 8.58 pm
THURSDAY 25 APRIL Erev Yom Tov Eruv Tavshillin	Mincha Yom Tov begins	7.15 pm 7.59 pm
FRIDAY 26 APRIL 7th Day Yom Tov	Shacharit Haftorah : Ian Westbrook Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat Shabbat begins	9.30 am 7.15 pm 8.00 pm
SHABBAT 27 APRIL 8th Day Yom Tov	Shacharit Haftorah : Michael Jacobs Yizkor Shabbat and Yom Tov end	9.30 am 11.00 am 9.14 pm

The Chief Rabbi's Pesach Message 5779

The two central themes of Pesach – peoplehood and freedom – have the potential to either provide great blessing or pose great danger to our society.

The Exodus from Egypt paved the way for the Israelites to become a people. Upon deliverance from slavery, we were, for the first time, a "kingdom of priests and holy people" - a nation with a shared history and common destiny.

The Exodus also provided us with freedom from oppressive Egyptian rule. After 210 bitter years of enslavement, self-determination was finally within our grasp.

Like many blessings in life, even these wonderful gifts of peoplehood and freedom can be squandered, distorted and even exploited if we are not wary of a force which is increasingly a feature of our political and social discourse.

Peoplehood provides us with our group identity - a sense that we are not alone; we feel valued as members of a worthy collective. But it can also be used to create a distrust of the other – a poisonous 'them and us' narrative. Recent years have seen the emergence of 'identity politics' – the formation of exclusive alliances based upon group identity. When used to exclude and scapegoat others, it takes a positive force to its most extreme, thereby transforming it into a negative.

Similarly, freedom is an essential value for any civilised society. But, as Holocaust survivor Victor Frankl said, "freedom is in danger of becoming arbitrary unless it is lived in terms of responsibility".

At the very dawn of creation, the Torah describes how, on each day, Hashem saw what He had created and declared it to be 'tov' – it was 'good'. But on the sixth day, when Hashem created humankind, He observed that it was 'tov me'od' – 'very good'.

A fascinating but challenging Midrash states, "Instead of reading 'me'od' read 'mavet' – death." What could be the connection between 'very' and 'death'?

This Midrash is surely warning us against 'very-ness'; a type of zealotry which takes what we believe to such an extreme that it can cause death and destruction.

We live in an increasingly polarised world. Religious, political and social strands of zealotry, which were once confined to the fringes of our society are now entering the mainstream. Across the globe, far left and far right politics are finding a degree of influence that was once unthinkable. Similarly, aggressive secularism and religious fundamentalism are finding their expression in crucial areas of public policy and creating significant challenges which will affect our society for generations to come.

The classic mistake is to respond to the 'me'od' – the 'very-ness' of others, with zealotry of our own. The Jewish way, which provides a timely model for our society, is for us to seek freedom tempered by responsibility and to celebrate our peoplehood, whilst respecting the right of others to do the same.

The shank-bone on our Seder plates represents the 'Korban', the special Pesach sacrifice. 'Korban' comes from the word 'karov' (close), indicating that it facilitates closeness to Hashem. This Pesach, let us recall a fundamental truth, too often overlooked: If we wish to come close to Hashem, we must first come closer to one another.

Valerie and I wish you a Chag Kasher Vesameach.

Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis
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Pesach Message from Michael Goldstein, President of the United Synagogue

Why do we have Seder night with family and friends? Because the concept of community is at the heart of Pesach.

In Temple times the *Korban Pesach*, the Passover lamb, had to be eaten in a group of family or friends. The message is clear: together we're stronger. No Jew must be left behind. Our Rabbis went one step further, writing into the Haggadah text on Seder night, *Ha lachma anya*, "This is the bread of our affliction – let anyone who is hungry come and eat. Let anyone in need join our Seder." To me this goes to the heart of what the United Synagogue is and why it is so special. We are a community of more than 60 synagogues and nearly 40,000 members. We are a community which cares about each other. We are a community which believes that we are stronger together. How do we demonstrate this?

We support those who are hungry. We support people in need. It is too easy to overlook all the charitable work of the United Synagogue and our communities: our Rabbis and Rebbetzens visit the sick. Our Community care coordinators ensure their members in need get a food parcel at Pesach. Our volunteers run wonderful social action initiatives. Our social responsibility programmes support the homeless, women in refuges and asylum seekers. Our chaplains support our members and their families in hospital or in prison. Our Community team looks after our smaller communities which are struggling and helps create new ones.

But there's always more to do: *Ha lachma anya* on Seder night teaches us that we never know who is truly in need. Let me explain.

Why does *Ha lachma anya* have two references to people in need – 'anyone who is hungry' and 'anyone in need'? Surely it refers to the same person? Rabbi Yosef Dov Soloveitchik has a lovely idea. He points out that 'anyone who is hungry' (*kol dikhfin*) means just that – someone who doesn't have enough food to eat. 'Anyone in need' (*kol ditzrich*) could refer to someone with plenty of food and drink. But they are 'in need' because they don't have anyone to share it with. They are lonely. We must invite them to have a meal with us.

Let's use this Pesach to reach out to our fellow community members: you never know the power of a dinner invitation. Ask after your friends. Call in on your older members.

To me this goes to the heart of what it means to be part of the United Synagogue. Wishing you and your families a happy and Kosher Pesach.

Michael Goldstein
President, United Synagogue

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CST wishes our whole community a safe and enjoyable Pesach

This Pesach, be proud and live the Jewish life you want.

These are difficult times, with the terrorist threat and the overall political situation causing deep concern to British Jews. This time last year, in the face of ongoing political antisemitism, the Jewish community gathered together in Parliament Square, to declare that "enough is enough".

When we released our Antisemitic Incidents Report 2018, our aim was to present the facts responsibly and without exaggeration or hype. CST exists to facilitate Jewish life, not to publicise antisemitism. We will always be honest about how things stand, without spreading panic or fear; and by placing antisemitism in the wider context of the positive reality that is normal, daily Jewish life.

After the appalling terrorist attack against the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, USA last year, it was humbling to be repeatedly thanked for keeping the UK Jewish community as safe as possible. Pittsburgh showed, in the most horrible way, exactly why CST does its work, and why it's done in total partnership with our whole community. CST works with Jewish communities across the UK to provide security and infrastructure that these difficult times require. After Pittsburgh, many were eager to support our work through donations and become more aware of their surroundings to ensure they play their part as needed.

We must all share the responsibility of keeping our communities and families safe.

CST's aim is to encourage Jewish life, to strengthen communal resilience and to enable everyone to help oppose antisemitism. Please report antisemitism if you experience or witness it and report any suspicious behaviour in or around Jewish locations and neighbourhoods, first to the Police and then to CST. If you see something, please play your part and report it.

CST needs more volunteer security officers throughout our communities. We run a variety of courses and training is completely free. Volunteering for CST is a fantastic way to give something back while learning new skills, getting fit and joining a team of people who are passionate about protecting our community.

CST is a charity. Please consider making a donation. All our work, from monitoring antisemitism to giving security advice, providing highly professional volunteer security teams at communal events and training the community is free of charge. We cannot do it without your support.

www.cst.org.uk

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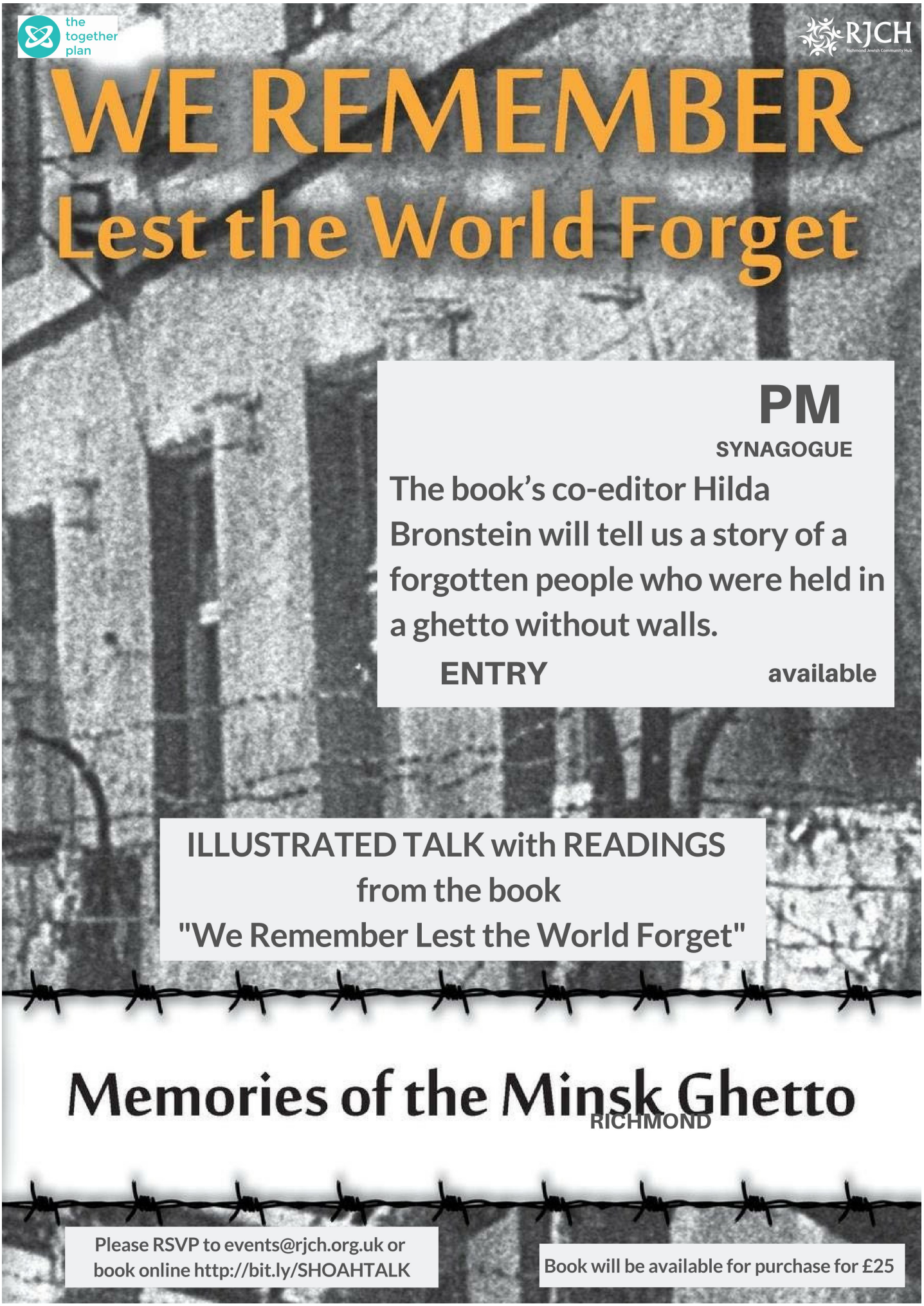
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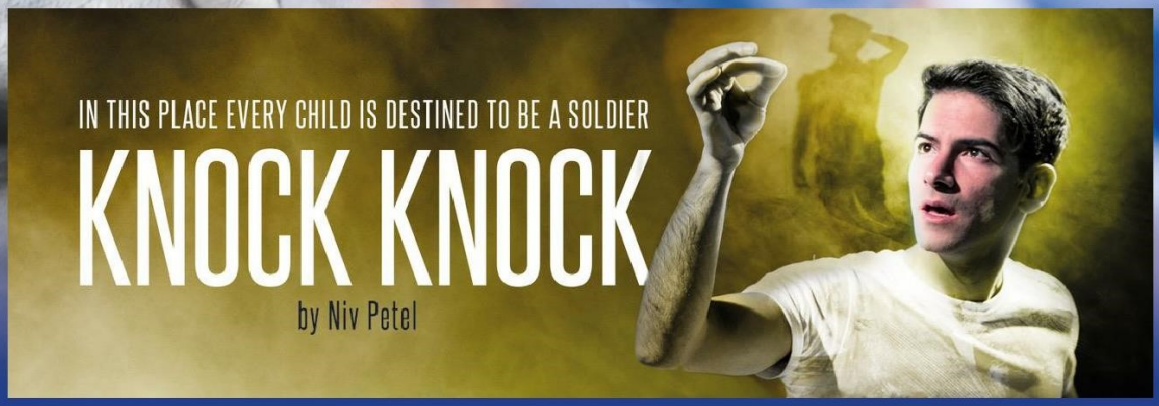
THURSDAY 9 MAY 2019

7.30pm



In conjunction with the UJIA, Ealing Synagogue presents this award-winning Israeli theatrical production.

How would you raise your child, if you knew that one day their turn will come to hold a rifle?

KNOCK KNOCK describes what it's like to be a parent in the shadow of armed conflict. The play follows the journey of Ilana, a single mother whose job as an Israeli Officer of Casualty Notifications is to knock on the door of families whose sons or daughters have been lost in war. Her conflict between motherhood and duty as citizen reaches a deafening climax when her only son chooses to serve on the front line of battle.

Played entirely by Niv Petel, this immersive physical mono-drama cuts through the thick curtain of politics to tell a story about parenthood, friendship, love and sacrifice.

Q&A after the play with Niv Petel.

Tickets: £15.00
To reserve your place, call the office on 020 8579 4894 or
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ART EXHIBITION
SCULPTURE

SUNDAY 12 MAY 2019
1.00PM - 4.00PM

A special exhibition of arts and crafts by members of the Ealing community:

Ceramics, Photography, Live Sculpture, Paintings, Paper Design and much more

Special showing of sculptures by the late Benno Schotz

2.00pm—2.30 pm
Etchings, Drawings and Puppets
a talk by Liorah Tchiprout

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No charge. Donations on the door.

Ealing Synagogue's Centenary Supper Quiz

Sunday 16 June 2019

Doors open: 6.45pm

Supper served: 7.00pm

Quiz begins: 7.45pm

Ticket: £22.50 per person

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There will be a raffle on the evening

Name:	
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I would like to be contacted by a member of the Album Committee	
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Return to: **Kate Hirst** **Ealing Synagogue, 15 Grange Road, Ealing, London W5 5QN**	

Ealing Synagogue Centenary 2019

Memories of 100 Years

Ealing Synagogue is now in its Centenary year and we have some events planned to celebrate this special milestone, culminating in a dinner on Sunday 10 November 2019.

A Commemorative Album is being produced to coincide with the Centenary and we are asking for your contributions. We would love to hear your memories and anecdotes of Ealing Synagogue – all memories are special. We would also like any information on the families who donated Sifrei Torah, the stained-glass windows, Sefer Torah covers and silverware, etc. Please contact Kate Hirst or complete the form on the back of this leaflet and a member of the Album Committee will be in touch with you. Also, if you have any photographs that you can lend us, that would be great. We will take special care of them and they will be returned to you. Thank you.

Literary & Social Society cricket team—Marrieds v. Singles 1927 (Rev Rose on the left).

A mystery picture. This picture from our shul collection shows Michael Levy and possibly Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie with a young lady curtseying before Princess Margaret. Nobody can recall such an occasion which was probably in the fifties. Can you?