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MESSAGE from the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth



Valerie and I are delighted to extend our very best wishes to the Ealing Synagogue on the occasion of your centenary celebrations.

Ever since David Assersohn and Max Kanal met on Ealing Common and decided to start a community in 1919, the Ealing Shul has had a glorious history. Many outstanding spiritual and lay leaders have guided the kehilla, whose members have been a great credit to Anglo Jewry.

The first time the number 100 appears in the Torah in its own right is in Bereishit (26:1): “Now Isaac, planting seed in that land, was blessed one hundred times over (‘meah shearim’), for the blessing of Hashem was with him.” 100 is therefore associated with eating the blessed fruits of one’s labours, and this is something that the Ealing community is most certainly doing right now.

I would like to congratulate Rabbi Hershi and Rebbetzen Zelda Vogel, together with Dawn Shestopal and Michael Mars and their team for their outstanding current leadership of the community.

May the Ealing community continue to go from strength to strength for many years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ephraim Mirvis'.

Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis
September 2019 • Ellul 5779



MESSAGE

from the President of the United Synagogue Michael Goldstein

It gives me immense pleasure to write a few words in your Commemorative Album, “Memories of 100 Years”, to celebrate the centenary of Ealing United Synagogue.

100 years is a remarkable achievement for any community. Our sages instituted the idea of saying 100 berachot, blessings, every day. Many of these blessings are fixed in our daily prayers, such as the Amidah. Others are up to us, such as over the food we choose to eat. Blessings enable us to pause for a few moments each and every day and give us the space to reflect on a power greater than ourselves. The more blessings we say, the more good we bring in to the world.

To me, it's the same with our communities. The more our communities engage their members, the more people who come to shul, the more we visit our elderly members and those who are sick, the more blessings we bring to the world. I know many of us feel society is broken at the moment. Society focuses too much on the ‘I’ and not enough on the ‘we’. Our United Synagogue communities are the antidote to this attitude. To be part of a community means keeping your ‘I’-identity but recognising you are strengthened by the ‘we’.

It is precisely this that the community of Ealing has done so well, year in, year out, for 100 years. You are known for the strength of your welcome. Wherever you're from, whatever your background, you are guaranteed a warm welcome in Ealing. For an entire century you have been building the ‘we’. To your co-chairs Dawn Shestopal and Michael Mars, your Rabbi, Hershi Vogel, and the whole team at Ealing, Mazal Tov on this tremendous achievement.

Michael Goldstein,
President, United Synagogue



MESSAGE

from the Mayor of Ealing – Councillor Dr Abdullah Gulaid



I am honoured to have been invited to the 100th year celebrations at Ealing Synagogue on Sunday 10th November. On behalf of Ealing Council, I wish your congregation many more years as an important part of the community here in Ealing.

With kind regards,

Handwritten signature of Dr Abdullah Gulaid in black ink.

**The Mayor of Ealing,
Councillor Dr Abdullah Gulaid.**

MESSAGE from Rabbi Hershi and Zelda Vogel



During our first year in Ealing, 1999, the community celebrated its 80th year. We were fortunate to hear from the son of the founder, Jerrold Assersohn. He related the first encounter his father had with Mr Mendel Kanal on Ealing Common in 1919. "If there are two Jews here, there must be a third" said Mr Assersohn. Indeed, as the second Lubavitcher Rebbe famously said, "When two people talk, a third one is helped." This has been Ealing's essence and our motto ever since.

We have something unique, our community is a family! Not just family, but close family where we care and look out for each other. "Ealing has and will always have warmth and feeling". This is what we stand for.

The 90th year, in 2009, was another milestone. Many people served our community and played a major part in its continuation. Our first contact in Ealing was with Jacky Lipowicz, who was the warden, together with Neil Shestopal z"l, who we fondly remember and miss. The Shul was Neil's life and his dear wife, Dawn, our current co-chair, continues his legacy. To reach our 100th year shows the commitment and resilience of our community. It is a delight to be able to assist the extended family of members, maintaining a strong connection.

With blessings from on high, we will continue for many more happy years in good health and strength. Let us live the legacy of those who sadly are not with us, who put so much effort into making Ealing what it is. To those who hold the batons today, let us continue the work with extra energy and I am sure the Almighty will bestow blessings necessary for all of us to continue in this great community and family.

I hope and pray that in the merit of the good work we do for others, we will be worthy to continue in Israel with our very Righteous Redeemer, being the first on the plane as Ealing is the last stop before Tel Aviv! As the Rabbi and Chaplain of Heathrow Airport, I will organise an upgrade for all of us. If it is not a seat in first class, let us upgrade our efforts for the next 100 years, in a first-class community, with good health and in happiness.

With love and humbleness and with God's help, continued strength and positivity for the future

ילכו מחיל אל חיל

May we go from strength to strength in all our endeavours.

Rabbi, Zelda & the gantzer mishpocho

MESSAGE

from the Co-Chairs, Ealing Synagogue – Dawn Shestopal and Michael Mars

100 years! A remarkable achievement in the annals of the United Synagogue.

We are delighted to celebrate with the Chief Rabbi, the Mayor of Ealing and the Community. What could be better?

For 100 years, the membership has prayed together, danced and laughed together, shared its simchot and sorrows. Above all, throughout those 100 years, we have set an example of communal dedication that has been followed by the sons and daughters of our members past and present, who have gone on to play key roles in their own communities, the Ealing diaspora.

We are especially delighted that David and Trevor, the descendants of one of our founders, David Assersohn, are with us at the Centenary Dinner. Visitors to the Shul will have seen the spectacular display of Ealing's archive. The history of our Shul, its members and their activities over 100 years is on show, decade by decade. We are indebted to the United Synagogue for funding the cabinets which house it. It is a living testament to the dedication and commitment of the members of Ealing Synagogue in the century that has passed since its foundation.

We want to thank everyone who has made a significant contribution this year.

Dawn Shestopal and Michael Mars



MESSAGE

from Stephen Hirst, Chairman –Album Committee

“Memories are made of this.”

We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed to this Album. Many have written touchingly of their connections to the Ealing community. As with a time-machine, they take us to a life and times now past. Some stories will make you smile, some will move you, all of them will leave you with a flavour of days gone by.

We have looked to include recollections which have a direct link to the Synagogue and hope our authors will forgive us if an article lovingly prepared has been edited or modified. We apologise to those whose memories we have been unable to include. We are still very appreciative and say a hearty thank you.

Our thanks must also go to the generous personal sponsors and business advertisers who have made this Album and the Centenary Dinner possible.

Finally, my personal thanks go to the members of the Album Committee. Many hours were spent in gathering, listening, reading and sorting. We have members who have been in Ealing all their lives and who brought a wealth of anecdotes to the table. Much fun was had in the telling of the stories, some not to be repeated and some unprintable!

The philosopher A J Heschel said, “The Jews are God’s stake in human history”. In this our 100th year and with this Album, we make our mark, however small, in that history.

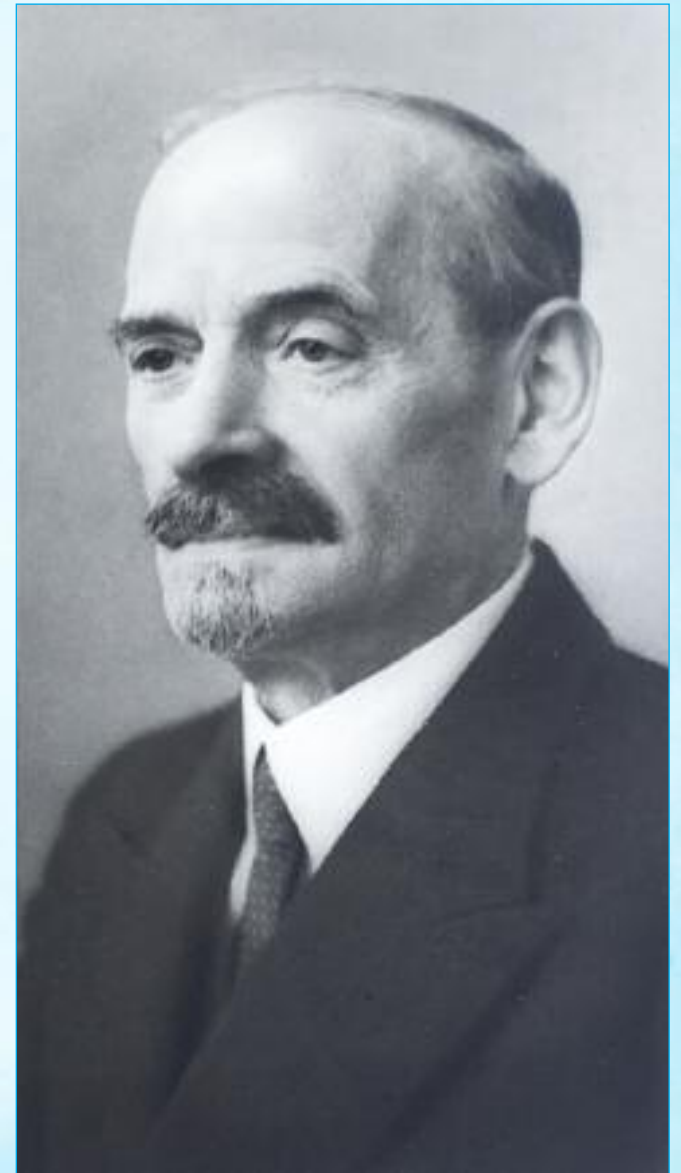
Le’Chaim!

Stephen Hirst
Chairman – Album Committee

TIMELINE

THE
FIRST
10
YEARS

LEFT: DAVID ASSERSOHN RIGHT: MENDEL KANAL



1919

A chance meeting on Ealing Common between David Assersohn and Mendel Kanal started the formation of a formal Community, which became the Ealing & Acton Hebrew Congregation. Rev John S Harris was appointed Minister and teacher, David Assersohn and Mendel Kanal as wardens, Mr Goldstein as Hon Treasurer and Albert White as Secretary.

1920

The Ealing & Acton Hebrew Literary and Social Society was formed in January.

1921

75 Uxbridge Road was acquired as a place of worship and a meeting place. Efforts were made from 1921 to 1922 to raise money to purchase permanent premises.

1923

15 Grange Road was acquired as the permanent home of the Synagogue. The Ark and fittings were purchased from Hampstead Synagogue and members of the Community provided fittings. A Classes Committee was started with Dr Samson Wright as Chairman.

1924

On 6 April, the Synagogue at 15 Grange Road was consecrated. That year, Rev Harris resigned as Minister and Rev Abram Rose was appointed. Rev Rose remained and nurtured the community for 38 years from 1924 to 1962, together with his wife and four sons.

1927

The Ealing & Acton Hebrew Community became an Associate of the United Synagogue.

1928

A committee chaired by Louis Hydleman, with Nat Isaacs as Hon Secretary, arranged a Grand Concert at the London Hippodrome with Gracie Fields and many other artistes performing.

19
20s

WEDDING:
JOSEPH FORTUYN,
MILLY (AMELIA) ISAACS
AND 7 NIECES

EALING 9TH DECEMBER 1923



MEMORIES

In 1919 David Assersohn and his wife, Lottie, were living in Stamford Hill and the journey to and from work was long and inconvenient. He wanted to move to Ealing which was then on the edge of the countryside, but close to Acton and with a direct train service to Blackfriars, a short walk from St Bride Street. Lottie was appalled at the idea of living where there was no synagogue and no Jewish community. However, David was persuasive and eventually Lottie agreed that they would rent a house in the area for a year and David would try to establish a synagogue.

Thus it was that David saw Max Kanal on Ealing Common, thought he looked Jewish and so the Ealing community was born.

David Assersohn and Max Kanal started looking for a building to convert to a shul and they found the house in Grange Road. This was, of course, not the building now in use, but the big house fronting the road. It was not in good condition, but it was cheap.

The conversion work took some time and when the Shul was nearly finished, David's eldest son Jerrold was coming up to his Bar Mitzvah. His parents were anxious that the building looked its best and David paid the workmen overtime from his own pocket to get the job completed in time.

David had the happiest of working relationships with Max Kanal. They worked closely together for many years and never had a cross word.

David Assersohn died in September 1937. On the way to the levaya, the hearse drove via Grange Road and paused for a moment outside the Synagogue, before going on to Willesden Cemetery.

DAVID ASSERSOHN

(grandson of founder David Assersohn)

Ealing & Acton Hebrew Congregation

A MEETING will be held at 4, LEOPOLD ROAD, EALING COMMON, on THURSDAY, August 14th, at 8.30 p.m., for the purpose of re-organising the present congregation. All Jewish residents in Ealing and Acton districts are cordially invited to attend. Communications may be addressed to ALBERT WHITE, Hon. Sec., *pro. tem.*, 4, Wolverton Mansions, Ealing Common, W.5

JEWISH CHRONICLE,
8 AUGUST 1919

MEMORIES



REV ABRAM ROSE (1897-1975)
MINISTER OF THE EALING SYNAGOGUE
FROM 1924 TO 1962

My grandparents on both sides were founder members, the Brahams arriving in 1912 and the Normans in 1919 and, as my father had just been demobilised, he arrived too.

I have no memories prior to going to Cheder classes in the Robing Room of the old Shul. They were great fun, especially being an only child and only having girl cousins and attending girls' schools, mixing with the boys was a new experience. They were such fun, telling jokes and being cheeky I had a great time, but did not learn much.

I remember that Stanley Shindler, Maurice Edward, David Ruben, David Rose, Marie Mankin, Greta Cirsch and Sylvia Kandler were in my class.

After being evacuated during the war, we returned to Ealing. Sheila Isaacs arrived at our house and told us about a new club that had been formed. We met in Shul on Shabbat and then met up after lunch in one another's homes to play Monopoly, etc, and in the summer went for walks, watching cricket and sitting in the garden. This lasted for several years until important exams came closer and we had to revise.

By the time the war was over and we could relax, many United Synagogues started Young Israel Societies for 16 year olds and older, with dances, sometimes on a Sunday evening, with records or a small band and discussion groups, drama and maybe rambles in the summer or during Pesach.

Young men were being demobilised and many of us found our life partners. When the Shul first started, the people who were most able to help financially were families who had arrived in this country towards the end of the 1800's who had businesses and were more settled. However, for the most part they were less educated as regards Hebrew, the ritual of services and knowledge of the Torah. So they complemented one another and the Shul survived. Here we are at our Centenary Year, small in number but great in spirit and loving kindness.

JOAN MICHAELS

Proposed by M. Taub. Seconded by
N. Cohen, & supported by P. A. Norman.

That this general meeting elect the
Rev A. Rose, as the Minister, Reader
& teacher of the Ealing & Acton Associate
Synagogue & Hebrew Religion classes
at a salary of £260 per annum plus
living accommodation, light, & heating
on the Synagogue premises.

Subject to the approval of the Chief
Rabbi, this engagement is for a
period of one year, Renewable each
year till the end of the third &
then to become a permanency
Carried unanimously

MEMORIES

Even to me as a boy Rev Rose was small. But every Shabbat dad would say to Michael and me, ‘Quiet, quiet during the sermon’ and so we would listen. Hardly ever lasting more than five minutes, they were models of interesting little ideas, pithily told. Young though I was, I listened and I still feed off those little nuggets of Talmudic ideas and rabbinic stories that he told sixty years ago.

CLIVE LAWTON

I have been trying to work out how to separate memories from personalities and have come to the conclusion that in the context of Ealing Synagogue, I could not detach bricks and mortar from the lives of those within it.

I do not have much recall before I was eight, although I do remember coming to Cheder on Sunday mornings, and being taught by Reuben Rose, Reverend Rose’s son. I regret that no one took it seriously. We were an unruly class.

Reverend Rose was a very kind man and would put himself out to help the congregants, even interceding with the authorities on their behalf. He had four children, Reuben, Leon, Chaim and David. Leon was a delightful person and David very likeable but cheeky. Leon and David opened a kosher deli in Ritz Parade, Hanger Lane called “Kol Tov”, which was successful for many years.

PETER SABEL

I arrived in Ealing in 1938. I was nine years old and had left Essen, Germany to escape the Nazis. My parents, my brother and I lived for a while with Uncle Sam (Edwards) in Elers Road and I remember thinking on my first visit to Ealing Synagogue – England has such small shuls! Our shul in Essen was huge and the third largest in Europe. We continued to live in Ealing and I began school in Northfield Avenue without a word of English, but soon learned. Rev Rose and his family made us very welcome and helped me to learn English. We went to shul every Shabbat and Yom Tov and I attended the cheder. The community was very supportive and we made lots of friends. I left school and went on to Pitmans College in Ealing and then worked as a legal secretary utilising my German language skills.

I met Monty at a dance in the West End – he lived in East London – and he brought me home to Ealing that evening! We married in 1949 and continued to live in Ealing with our two sons Howard and Neil, who both celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs there. Monty and I joined the Rendezvous Club Committee and I joined the WIZO committee. Very recently, I moved to Stanmore to be nearer to Neil and his family.

Ealing is my Synagogue and always will be.

LILLI LERNER

That this meeting confirm the purchase of the
Arch and fittings from the Hampstead Synagogue
through the United Synagogue at a cost of
£45. and accepts the estimate of Messrs
Ferris Bros. of a sum ^{of approximately} ~~not to exceed~~ £100
for the necessary alterations to the Building
and the erection of the Arch and fittings.

EXTRACT FROM THE BOARD OF
MANAGEMENT MINUTES DATED
11 OCTOBER 1923

Palestine Emergency Fund

Mr Middleman reported that he had written
to each member for donations for the Fund
and at the moment had collected nearly
£50. Further efforts were about to be made.

Re-building.

TAKEN FROM THE BOARD OF
MANAGEMENT MINUTES DATED
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*Committee Meeting held 22nd Dec. 24 at 2, Langelle.
Present Rev. Robt. Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. H. Isaacs,
Messrs. Tompe, Myers, Coleman, W. J. Isaacs.
An offer was made by Mr. Tompe from the
Stanford Hill Social & Lit. Society to give a
Dramatic Evening free of charge, but ~~plus~~ expenses.
Mr. Tompe arranged to do other further particulars.
Mr. Tompe proposed that Mr. Isaacs seconded that
Mr. H. Michaels be elected on the committee being
It was arranged that a lecture or debate
be fixed for 14th January '25.
Mr. Tompe reported that the Ealing
Palladium, so far as he could tell, would
not allow a dance for a Sunday night.
Mr. Tompe proposed: - that if it was
impossible to arrange a dance in Ealing
the dance committee should negotiate for
other halls in other districts. Seconded by
P. Myers & carried.
Proposed W. Isaacs, that members be
entitled to a reduction in cost of*

MINUTES FROM A COMMITTEE MEETING 22 DECEMBER 1924 REPORTING THAT THE EALING PALLADIUM WOULD NOT ALLOW A DINNER AND DANCE TO BE HELD ON A SUNDAY NIGHT.

26 OCTOBER 1924

Committee meeting held 26th Oct. at 2, Grange Rd.
Presided by Bermon (in chair) J. Isaacs, L. Myers,
Jas. M. Bennett.

It was settled that Mr. Isaacs be empowered
to arrange a band for £3.5.0 for 16 members.

As Mr. Sawyer was not present & could not
report re refreshments the meeting was adjourned.

General Meeting

Minutes of general meeting held at
2 Grange Road on Sunday 26th October.

In the chair: Mr. Bermon

The chairman in his address reported that
the room in the synagogue would be at the disposal
of the Literary Society. He announced the
dance for November 7th & asked that the
members give their support in order to make
it a success both in a financial & social sense.
He mentioned that it was the wish of the
committee that 2 or 3 ladies should serve on it
as their help would prove very valuable

for the social events.

The chairman then proposed that the
Rev. Rose be elected president of the society.
This resolution was carried. ~~with acclamation.~~

The Rev. Rose then addressed the
meeting & suggested that the majority of
the events should be of a social type
in preference to literary.

Ms. Mendelsohn then volunteered to
give a lecture at some future date. This
offer was thankfully received.

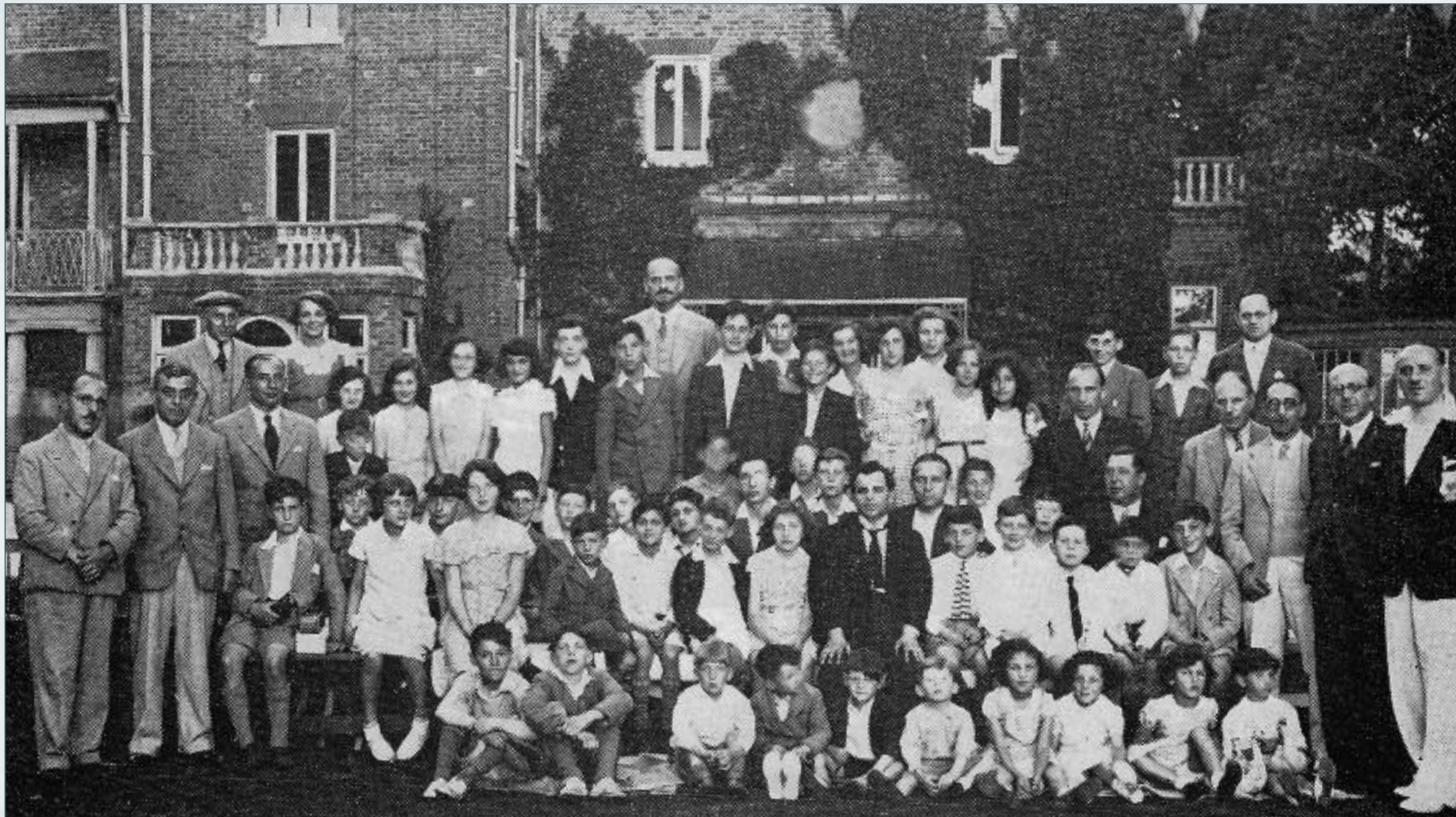
Mr. Barney suggested that a Mock
Parliament might be successfully added
to the events.

Mr. J. Isaacs proposed:

1) That the committee of the Sports
Section should take on the duties of the
Literary Society until the next meeting when
a committee should be elected. This was
seconded by L. Myers. Mr. Bermon

2) That the subscription of the

TIMELINE



EALING RELIGION CLASSES OUTING AT PARK HOUSE SCHOOL - JULY 1933

1931

At an AGM on 25 May 1930, it was agreed to extend the Synagogue premises to make them more comfortable. Reconstruction was completed in 1931 and the Chief Rabbi at the time, Dr JH Hertz, officiated at the consecration ceremony on 17 May 1931.

1932

Ealing Synagogue came within the District Synagogue Scheme of the United Synagogue. This meant that the United Synagogue took responsibility for our debts and we no longer had full authority for our own affairs.

By now, there was an urgent need for a communal hall to be used by the Young Israel Society, the successor to the Literary Society.

1933

Hitler seized power in Germany. The Ealing community launched an appeal on behalf of oppressed German Jews and Ealing families took in refugee children.

1935

The community was very active and monies were raised for numerous causes, including a Zionist Society. The Ladies' Gallery was enlarged and more seats provided.

1936-38

The building of the Communal Hall had been delayed, but fresh consideration was given to this and the United Synagogue was approached for financial assistance. By 1938, all of the problems had been resolved. A tender of £2,500 was accepted and work began in July. The foundation stone was laid by Mendel Kanal on 11 September and Chief Rabbi Hertz performed the consecration ceremony. A celebration dinner was then held in the new hall, attended by the Chief Rabbi and the Mayor of Ealing & Acton.

1939

Throughout this period, our Community continued to help refugees. By July, as a result of members' gifts, a hostel in Montpelier Road had been furnished and decorated, housing 23 boys.

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D. J. BARRON

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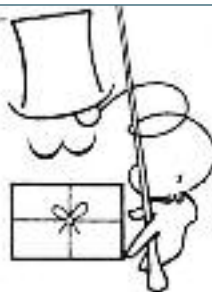
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This would be a very brief description but could never convey the friendship and feeling that gradually grew among its inmates due to a large extent by the leadership, guidance and warmth shown by its Matron, the late Miss Irma Rose. Here were twenty boys thrown together from different parts of Germany and Austria, most of them never to see their parents and family again. Circumstances could certainly not have been more difficult. War broke out with all its traumas, half the boys, plus the hostel’s cook and her husband, being interned; one boy losing his life when the ship taking him to internment was torpedoed. Then there was the blackout, rationing and “English” food that could never be quite like home. A shilling pocket money had to last the week; our wages having to be submitted.

I well remember one of the highlights, being a special treat of coffee and cake after dinner every Friday night. When the hostel closed in 1942, the boys were spread out in various digs and Miss Rose extended to us an open invitation to her little flat for coffee, cake and a chat every Friday night, thus helping us all not to lose contact.

Some of the boys subsequently volunteered to join the Armed Forces and at the end of the war about half emigrated. However, the foresight and inspiration of the weekly get-together eventually almost created a new “family”. After we married and established our own homes we started to take turns for what ultimately became a regular monthly meeting. We shared most of our Simchas and our children regarded Miss Rose and her sister as second grandparents; the ladies never missing their birthdays with a little gift.

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary we felt that we wanted to thank the Ealing community by suggesting our attendance from far and wide at a Shabbat service and special Kiddush, at which we intended to make a donation in memory of 1939-1942.

Unfortunately, this did not happen. Instead, we joined in with the Harrow reunion and the gift went to the Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital appeal. At this wonderful function we actually re-discovered the whereabouts of two ex-hostel boys, one of whom had come all the way from the USA.

I called this a success story. Out of terrible circumstances, something good and positive has come. Although most retired, the ex-Ealing hostel boys still hold their monthly meetings and will continue to do so as long we can.

Werner Gluckman z”l

Note from Michael Gluckman: “My parents, Sheila and Werner, met through the Synagogue and were married by Rev Rose in 1949. My grandparents, Edith and Harry Fine, were early members of Ealing Synagogue. Edith was nurtured by the Young Israel Society and Harry was accommodated in the kindertransport hostel fostered by Ealing Synagogue in Montpelier Road.”

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JEWISH REFUGEES IN EALING

Persecution of the Jews commenced once the Nazis were in power in Germany in 1933 and it increased as years went by. Jewish property and businesses were confiscated and Jews were verbally and physically attacked and detained in camps, although genocide did not begin until 1942. Lord Balfour instituted a fund to assist child refugees after the outrages of Kristallnacht in 1938. In February 1939 Acton Council announced that they wanted to aid child refugees from Germany. Major Broadhurst, in Ealing, was against their arrival, suggesting that Jews seek their own salvation. An anonymous letter writer was of a similar view. He began, "I trust I am not lacking either in sympathy with those in trouble or humanitarian instincts: but while we have something like 2 million unemployed and 100s of 1000s of men, women and children starving in our distressed areas, I am strongly against money being raised for other people's troubles". Those sympathetic towards Jewish refugees countered these views. They noted that only children were allowed in and 'There has never been a suggestion of them becoming permanent citizens'. Adult refugees were only accepted if they could prove that a charity or friend would maintain them financially or if they were self supporting and did not need work. They could only be employed if they had a special permit and these were only granted if

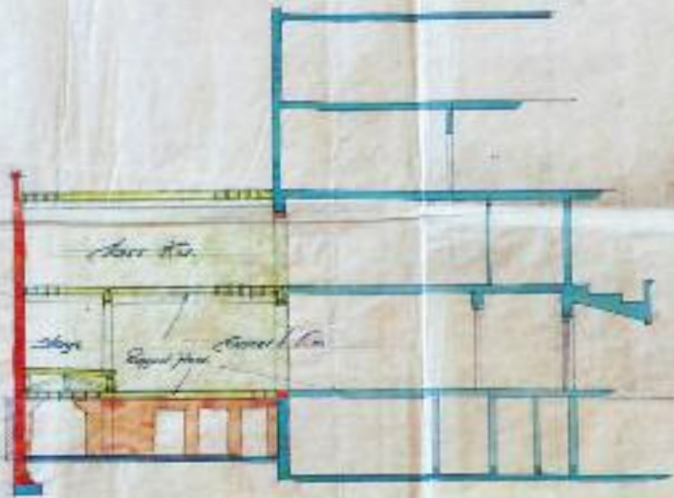
the firm could show that the vacancy in question could not be filled in any other way. The editorial of the Ealing newspaper thought that the Jewish case was different to that of the Basques, 'the cry of the innocent victims of Europe's insane nationalisms and ideologies has been heard by people of every view'. They drew a very definite difference between adult and child refugees. As to the latter, "We cannot give shelter in England to more than a few adult refugees'. This was because, by competing for jobs with British workers, they would heighten the unemployment crisis and apart for domestic servants, job opportunities were limited. Children were viewed very differently, as long as they were dealt with in an orderly manner, allowing charities to cope.

In early 1939 a committee was formed in Ealing under the council's auspices, to assist Jewish child refugees. It was made up of representatives of the Anglican, Catholic and Quaker churches, as well as from the Ealing and Acton District Synagogue; the latter had already raised £1,040. Ealing Girls' County School adopted three Jewish girls in 1939. Their expenses were paid for by the staff, parents and pupils of the school. It was stressed that all three would go overseas again once their schooling there was finished.

The Jewish refugees arrived at the beginning of July. A hostel was established for 23 Jewish lads from Germany at 8 Montpelier Road in Ealing on 2 July. The children were aged between 15 and 18 and were being placed in training posts so, when they emigrated in three years' time, they would have useful trades to offer to prospective employers. They were also funded for these years and had guarantors who provided this money. Three adult German Jews were in charge of the house, which was rented. Interestingly the boys were predominantly regarded as German refugees, not Jewish refugees. Mr Grundy, once deputy mayor of Acton, took two Jewish children as refugees and he thought them very clever and creditable. Apparently their father once spent three weeks in a concentration camp and said that was enough.

It does not seem that this hostel was in operation for very long as no future reference was made to it.

(Taken from an article by Dr Jonathan Oates, Ealing Borough Archivist and Local History Librarian)



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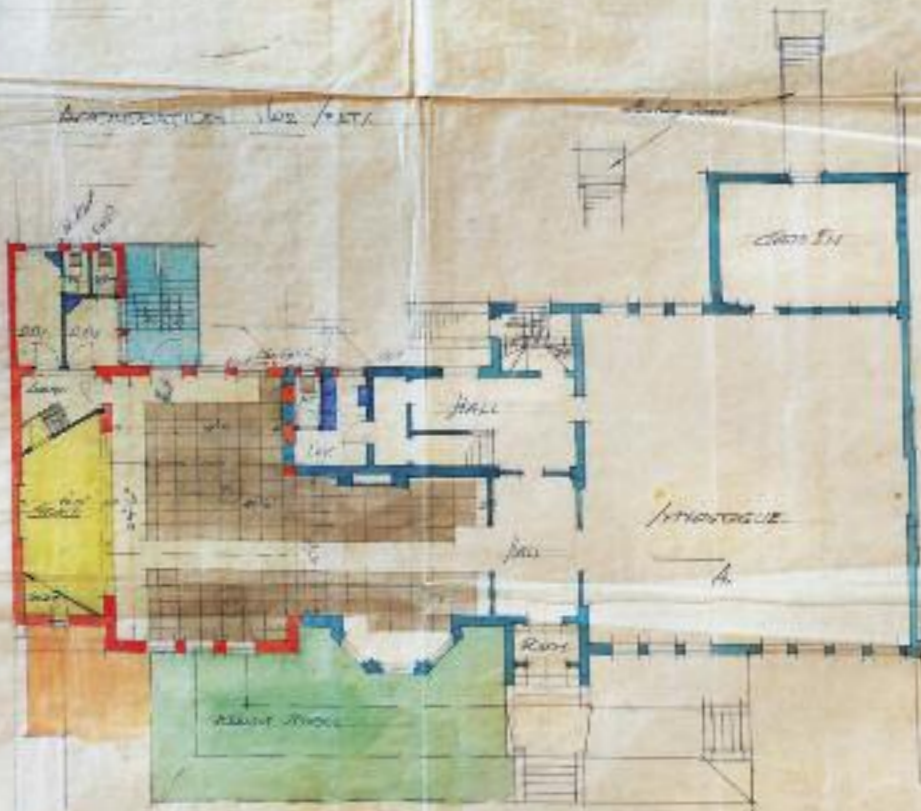


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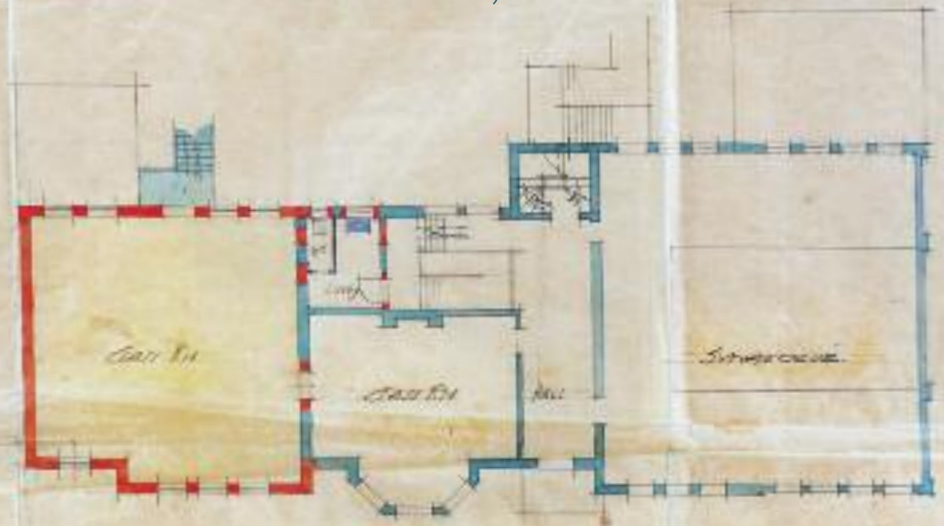


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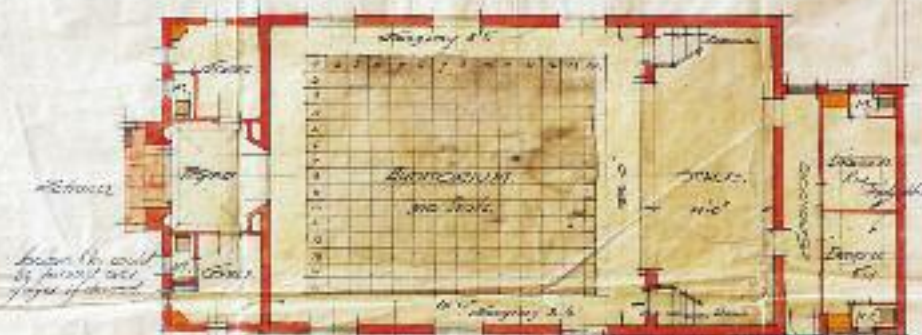
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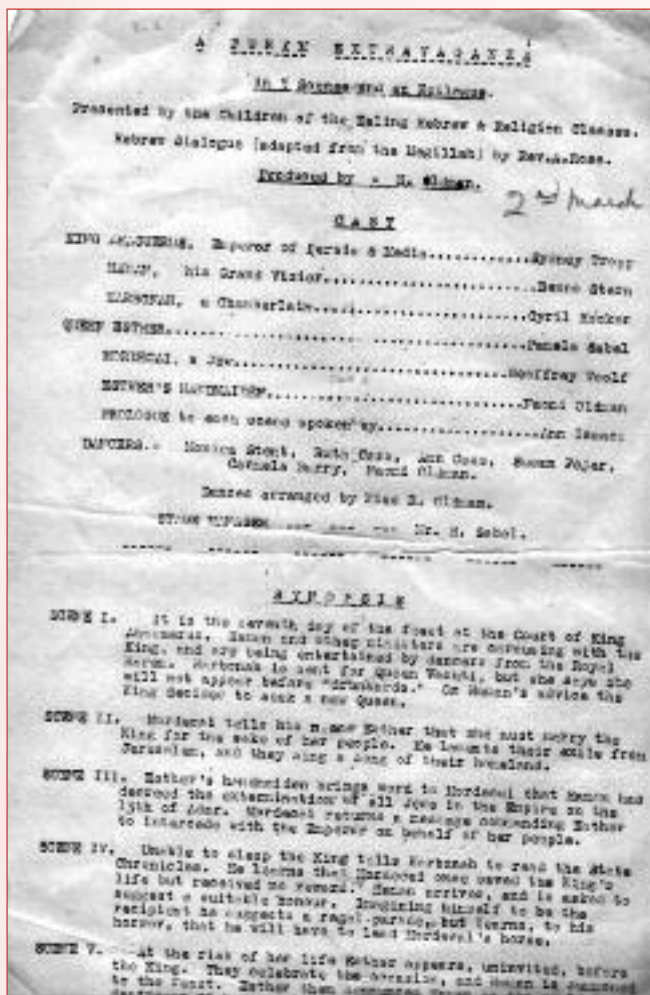
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REVEREND LOUIS AND
MRS RAY GOLDBERG

Reverend Goldberg has to be the sweetest singer of liturgy I've ever heard, and not only could he sing beautifully, he could daven faster than anyone, out loud and clearly – never a missed word, never a swallowed syllable. He taught me most of what I know of davening and most of my tunes are still his. Though I was not particularly aware of it at the time, he must have been in continuous excruciating pain and yet that never seemed to affect his singing. He was crippled by arthritis which cruelly twisted his fingers and no doubt his feet and toes as well. By the time he was in his forties—it seemed so old then—he walked like an old man. He could not grip the poles of the Sefer Torah and so rested them on his painfully rigid and unbending fingers. One Shabbat, as he was teetering down the ridiculously steep steps we originally had off the bimah, he slipped and fell. Without a thought about breaking his fall and saving himself, he clutched the Sefer Torah tightly to him and so saved us all a community fast day.

Clive Lawton



PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA - 2 MARCH 1947

1940

At the beginning of the war, children were evacuated and classes were at first disbanded. They re-opened shortly afterwards and by the middle of 1940, there were about 40 children with Rev Rose and his son Reuben as teachers. Rev Rose devoted a lot of time to helping bombed out refugees, who were clothed and housed by members of the community.

1943

The Synagogue suffered some war damage, but this did not interrupt community affairs. The membership was rising and reached 189.

1946

The Synagogue had 260 members and the Communal Hall and Board Rooms were in constant use by the many organisations. For the younger members, there were Hebrew Classes, Habonim, a Youth Society and Young Israel Society. There was also the Ladies' Guild, Zionist Society, JNF, English classes for refugees, Hebrew language classes, an Orphan Aid Society, Combined Charities Fund and the Committee for Jewish Defence. Other Synagogue committees included the Board of Management, Classes Committee, Building

Committee, as well as groups for the Central British Fund and the United Synagogue War Memorial scheme. The first overflow service was held in the Communal Hall.

1948

In May, the community engaged Rev Louis Goldberg as Reader and Secretary, allowing the Synagogue services to be shared and easing Rev Rose's workload, as he was also dealing with increasing membership and all the organisations attached to the Synagogue.

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WEDDING HENRY SIEDERER AND BRENDA FORTUYN



10th July 1949, at Ealing Synagogue

LEFT-RIGHT: Jack Oliphant (1895-1978); Julie Oliphant nee Siederer (1908-1969) (married on 3 Nov 1929 at Ealing Synagogue); John Siederer (1886-1955); Edna Fortuyn (1926-); still a member of Ealing Synagogue; Milly Fortuyn nee Isaacs (1893-1977); Reverend Rose (1896-1975); Anna Siederer (1896-1972); Joe Fortuyn (1891-1982); Joy Oliphant (1930-2012); David Oliphant (1935-), now living in Los Angeles.

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Friday & Saturday Evening, September 11th & 12th.
Saturday & Sunday Morning, September 12th & 13th.

Evening	6.0 p.m.	Shema (2nd Day)	10.0 a.m.
Morning	8.15 a.m.	A. Reading	10.15 "
Shema	8.30 "	Musoph	10.20 "
Shabbat	8.45 "	Terminatus	11.00 "
Reading of Law	9.45 "	Terminatus	11.00 p.m.

All day service in the Central Hall at 11 a.m.

DAY OF ATONEMENT.

Fast terminates 6.35 p.m.
Kol Nidre - Sunday, September 20th.
Yom Kippur - Monday, September 21st.

Kol Nidre	6.35 p.m.	Shema	1.0 p.m.
Musoph	7.0 "	Musoph	1.30 "
Terminatus	7.35 "	Reading of Law	4.15 "
Morning	11.45 a.m.	Musoph	4.45 "
Kaddish	9.0 "	Address	5.35 "
Shema	9.15 "	Nillah	6.0 "
Reading of Law	11.0 a.m.	Shema	7.20 "
Morning Service	11.45 a.m.	Fast Terminatus	7.42 "

Children's Service in the Central Hall at 3 p.m.

TABERNACLES.

Friday & Saturday Evening, 22nd & 25th Sept. 8 p.m.	Shema Atzava & Simchat Torah
Saturday & Sunday Morning 25th & 27th Sept. 8.45 a.m.	Friday & Saturday Evening 2nd & 3rd Oct. 8 p.m.
Yomim Naha Morning	Saturday & Sunday Morning 7th & 8th Oct. 8.45 a.m.

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MEMORIES

I was 12 or 13 years old and there was a Bar Mitzvah in Shul this particular Shabbat and after the scroll was returned to the Ark, Reverend Rose spoke to the Bar Mitzvah.

He told us all how, in 1940, the Bar Mitzvah's parents and baby brother were waiting for the last ship to leave Belgium when the father remembered he had left something important in their home. He left and hurried off. Meanwhile, the ship arrived, filled up with refugees and left quickly with the mother and children so when the father returned the ship had left.

The father had been found alive and well in Brussels. It seems Mr Lipowicz and Michael Feldman visited the Jewish Club and found him.

Joan Michaels

In the 1940s, Michael Levy, Nat Isaacs and families were the driving force of the Shul. They were looked upon with great respect by their generation and with fear and apprehension by my generation. The Hydleman family played an important role in the Synagogue in the early years. Louis Hydleman, a very kindly man, was a JP, a rare honour within the congregation at that time.

We were very lucky to have had Reverend Goldberg as Chazan during the post war years.

My parents Sidney and Betty lived in Southall, and had a menswear shop and gown shop respectively. We were friends with the Lewis and Cass families who also had shops in Southall and used to travel the four miles to shul by trolley bus. Harvey Lewis (Jeffery Lewis' brother) and I were at kindergarten together. Harvey is a doctor of medicine. He emigrated to the USA and is now retired and lives in Lexington.

My uncle, Harry Sabel, lived at 1a Delamere Road, Ealing. He married Gladys and had two children, Pamela (secretary to the President of Israel's wife) and Robbie. Robbie was legal advisor to the Israeli Foreign Office until he

retired. The family were active members of Ealing Synagogue. During World War II, Harry served as a captain in Intelligence and was posted to Cairo, frequently visiting Palestine. In 1948, when Israel became a State and the Arabs attacked, his wartime experience was invaluable. He immediately left to fight, and after the war remained in Israel, becoming head of JNF and brought his family over to join him.

I remember joining the Youth Society (ESYS), the precursor to the YI. We met regularly in the basement of the Shul and it was so successful that many members from Hounslow joined – Daniel Goldblatt, Martin Stain, Frank Sterling, Henry Flashman amongst others.

Later, the YI morphed into the Malka society of which Doris Dreyfuss was a member, a successful group of unmarrieds meeting weekly.

Harry Oldman, an excellent Maths teacher at Ealing Grammar School, was very active in the Shul and organised many social activities. He was particularly known for his knowledge of Jewish humour.

Peter Sabel

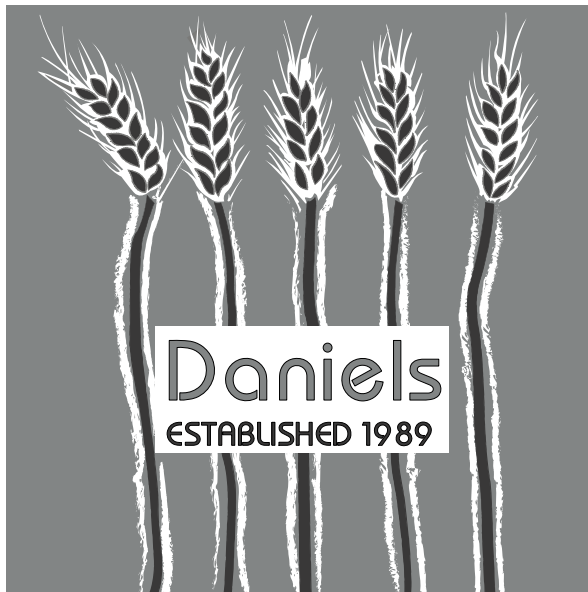


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MEMORIES

I have very fond memories of growing up in Ealing. My parents, Marcia and Jack Kalman, came to live in Ealing when I was two years old. They chose Ealing because my mother's uncle, Avraham Rose, was the minister of Ealing Synagogue.

We had a very long walk to Shul across Ealing Common which took about fifty minutes. My father sometimes did it twice a day on Shabbat or Yom Tovim. I especially remember Simchat Torah in the Shul, which was always very lively and was followed by lunch in the hall and the children often got little gifts from the Chatanim.

In later years, I moved to Stanmore and I would sit with Hedda Boxer in Stanmore shul and we would often talk about the old days in Ealing and what a friendly community it was, like one big family.

Valerie Rynold (née Kalman)

I spent most of the first 25 years of my life in Ealing and have fond memories of the people and the community. There are too many highlights to quote all of them.

I started at cheder when I was six. The teachers included Rev Rose and Harry Oldman and later, Rev Goldberg. It was Mr Oldman who taught me to leyn the Sidra and read the Haftorah for my Bar Mitzvah, which took place on 4 April 1949, after which we had a lunch in the Communal Hall. I remember arriving at Shul on more than one occasion and being asked to do the Haftorah later that morning.

One of the cheder highlights was a Purim play written in Ivrit by the two teachers mentioned earlier. My part was Mordechai, Benno Stern was Haman and Pamela Sabel played Esther. The play was such a success that Pamela's father, Harry, who was a member of the Anglo-Israel

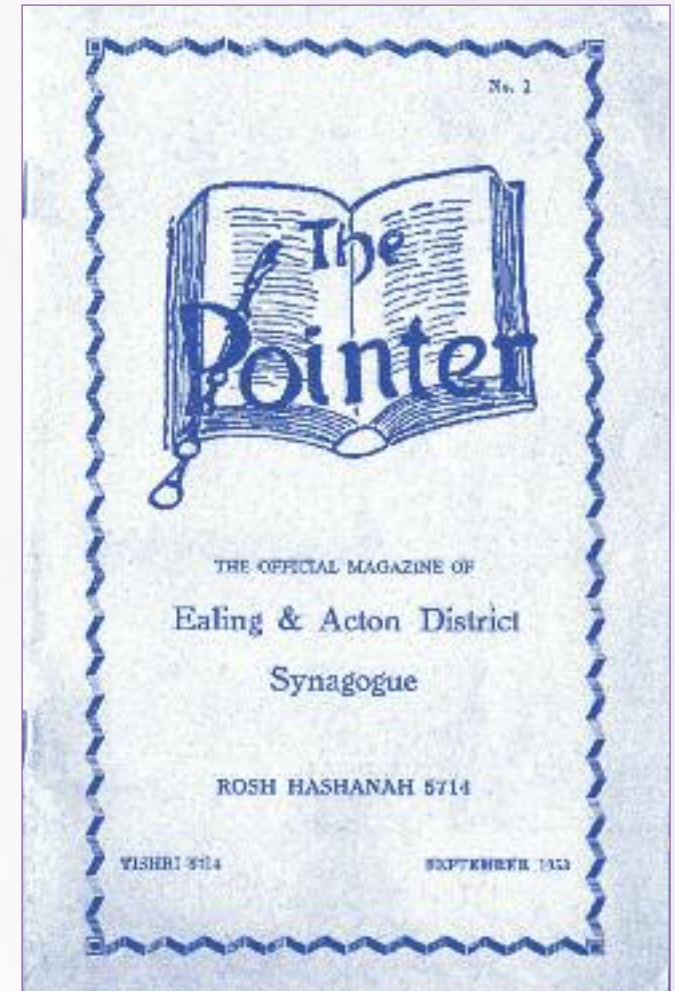
Club in the West End, arranged for us to perform it at the club. 1947 was an exceptionally long and severe winter. Harry Sabel took us in his Lanchester car and I remember that snow was still piled up in Piccadilly.

Geoffrey Wolf

TIMELINE



EALING JNF COMMITTEE 1955



1950

Under the chairmanship of Jack Shestopal, a concert was held at the London Casino, raising £930 for Synagogue funds.

1954

At the AGM in November, Fred Frankal and Louis Mankin became wardens.

1955

The Mayor of Ealing visited the Synagogue and was presented with an inscribed copy of the Chief Rabbi's Chumash.

Rev Goldberg organised a boys' choir to enhance services.

1957

The Synagogue had 318 members and 112 children on the classes roll. The Classes Committee Chairmen, Hans Stern and Monty Eckman, requested that permanent classrooms be erected and it was agreed to extend the Communal Hall. Leo Crystal prepared plans for the approval of the Building Committee and the Board.

1958

A Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Jack Shestopal, was set up to raise funds.

1959

On 1 November, the Synagogue's 40th Anniversary Dinner and Ball was organised at the Café Royal. The Committee was under the direction of Michael Levy, with Jack Shestopal as Chairman, Victor Callendar as Secretary and Jimmy Davies and Monty Eckman as Treasurers. £10,000 was raised for the Communal Hall Rebuilding Fund. The final cost of the extension was £13,000 and included a new classroom named "The Hydlemans Room", after the principal benefactor.

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WEDDING OF JOYCE AND RON FRANKAL, 2 SEPTEMBER 1958

Reverend Rose was the Rabbi, clearly shown, but Reverend Goldberg, the chazan, is not clearly seen. Under the chuppah next to me is Ron's mother, then my mother. Ron's father is not visible, and the best man, Ron and myself obviously have our backs to the camera.

Ron's mother, Katie Frankal, was a keen WIZO member and her WIZO friends were well represented at our wedding, as well as my parents-in-law's Shul friends. Ron's father was a warden of the Shul at that time.

Ron Frankal z"l, sadly passed away on 24 September 2018, first day Succot.



I CAN IDENTIFY SOME OF THE EALING GUESTS WHO ARE SITTING AMONG MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, RIGHT TO LEFT:

BACK ROW: STELLA EDWARDS, 3RD FROM LEFT. MIDDLE ROW: MRS SABEL, HILDA STERN, MRS SHESTOPAL, BERTA WOLFE.
FRONT ROW: OUR COUSINS ELIZABETH SHINDLER, EVELYN SHINDLER. THE YOUNG GIRL IS EVELYN'S DAUGHTER, ANN, AND SOME OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. EVELYN SHINDLER IS THE DAUGHTER OF MAX KANAL, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF EALING SYNAGOGUE.

THE TIME

THE CARETAKER WAS "CALLED UP" ON SHABBAT

“A crisis occurred early in 1954 because, for the only time in Ealing history, the Synagogue was to find itself without wardens. Happily, Mr F Frankal and Mr S Rosenbloom agreed to stand as Segan for the High Holydays and arrangements were made under Mr L Woolf whereby various members undertook the duties of Segan for Shabbat morning services. However, at a General Meeting in November 1954, Mr F Frankal and Mr L Mankin were duly nominated as Wardens. ”

Quote from 50th Anniversary brochure history (1969)

- At the start of the “Reading of the Law”, the Ark doors remained firmly locked and wouldn’t open. Someone called the caretaker who had the key – and opened the Ark, among hysterical laughter from the kids.
- “Mind the step” was a well-known phrase. All visitors were reminded of the step up from the side of the table (on the Bima) up to the Ark. A stumble would often occur, particularly coming down from the Ark, carrying the Sefer. Neil Shestopal, who loved the Shul so much, took the phrase “Mind the Step” to his new home!
- The occasional prayer book falling down from the Ladies’ Gallery.
- Problem with the reading ledges: ice lolly sticks collected by a member and pinned under the ledges to keep them up, due to the weight of the books.
- Reverend Rose and Reverend Goldberg moving their seating from the right of the Ark and swapping with the wardens. I’m sure because there was more “shushing” at our side – where we children sat.
- Where I sit in the Shul now is the exact spot where I used to put on the records at YI on a Sunday afternoon in the room at the side of the stage.
- Memories of Cheder. Tuesdays and Thursdays after school as well as Sunday mornings. Classes were held in the Board Room, which became the Filer Library. The room above (behind the Ladies’ Gallery). The top class (after Bar Mitzvah) in the Robing Room, usually taken by Reverend Rose.
- The choir – organised by Reverend Goldberg, on Shabbat, ran for a year or so (early mid-1950s). Neil and I were part of a group of four or five boys.
- A major advantage of the old Communal Hall was the provision of sound effects. In particular, the continual noises from the pipes in the men’s toilet added much to the performance of any pianist. One lad said that he had never heard Handel’s Water Music sound better.

Michael Jacobs

MEMORIES



LEFT TO RIGHT: MARK NORMAN, HYLDA ASSERSOHN, JESSE CASS, DAISY NORMAN, GERTIE WOLF, CISSIE WOLF, DOROTHY ISAACS, GERTIE THOMPSON, MARGARETE KREINER. BACK IN HAT: EMMA NORMAN. MEN IN BOW TIES: I.B.WOLF AND WILL ISAACS.

Reading about the imminent demise of the Ealing Friendship Club in the magazine I remembered that when I was newly married (1950) and secretary of the Ealing Acton and Hayes Group of the League of Jewish Women, the club had just been formed. They first met in the home of Hetty Davis in Brunswick Road. Her mother was in her nineties so obviously this was organised for her. The powers that be at that time did not think a club of this kind was needed. How wrong they were! Once it had moved to our Communal Hall it just took off.

Jules Cohen and Hylde Mannering (before her marriage to Mark Assersohn) organised dancing. Mr Cohen put on the records and I remember dancing the Viennese Waltz and the Valeta with my Grandmas, Emily Norman and Lotte Braham, they danced the hokey kokey too. A splendid tea was always organised in the kitchen with Ray Salter (widow of Reginald) and Jessie Cass, among others. Mrs. Shrier, Sue and Lily Phillips (nieces of Grandma Isaacs), Ray Phillips, Leah Hydleman, Lily Rosenbloom, Bea Simons (wife of the Minister of the Liberal Shul), Hetty Haskell, my mother, Daisy Norman, Gertie Thompson, Gertie Woolf and a lady also called Gertie who, I think, played the piano.

They had a very good concert party and sometimes they dressed in Edwardian clothes and sang songs of the period. I remember my parents singing, "Drink To Me Only" to one another and my aunt and uncle, Dorothy and Will Isaacs singing, "My Old Dutch" and my mother and her sister singing, "Sisters" à la the Beverley Sisters and songs from the "Belle of New York" and other musicals. The dancing was later stopped as it got too physical and the committee was nervous one of the older ladies would overdo it.

I stopped going to the club to help when my daughter, Julia, was born in 1954.

I wanted to put this on record as it was such a well run, vibrant club and the ladies who all worked so hard, came from both Shuls in Ealing and catered almost every week of the year (except Yom Tovim) for around seventy people at least, in its heyday. There are names I have omitted, for which I apologise.

Joan Michaels

(Extract taken from "Ealing Review" Pesach 5760)

The unofficial and very active social committee at this period consisted of Sydney Landau, Max Baderman, Sydney Jacobs, Harry Oldman, Ben Epstein and my father, Sidney Sabel. I particularly remember the incident when they were preparing for one of their Reviews, and Ben Epstein asked his wife for a loan of some brassieres. Being nonplussed she enquired why, to be told that they were to hold balloons in the show!

The immediate post war years were the heydays of the Shul. On the High Holydays, there was a service in the Shul and an overflow in the communal hall. One had to be a longstanding member to have a seat in the

Shul. I was very lucky, (or was it nepotism?) my father, grandfather, uncle Jack Rubens, cousins Louis Rubens (chairman of the Ealing Magistrates' bench) and David Rubens all had seats close to each other. Louis had a reputation as a nosher and would always carry a bag of sweets which he distributed to all and sundry.

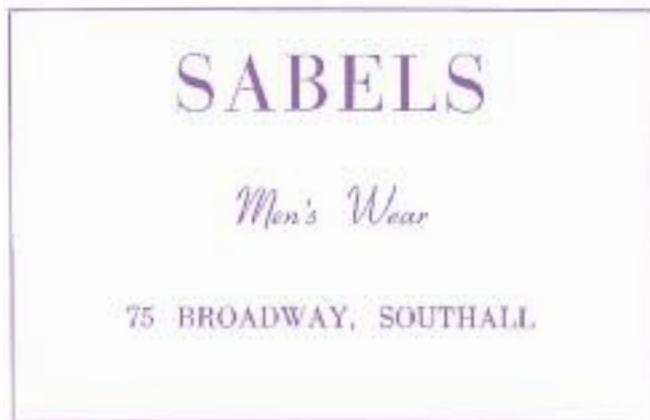
One memory particularly stands out: On Yom Kippur the air would become very heavy and stifling in the late afternoon. Mr. Lew Cirsch, who sat near us, would bring out the smelling salts which were passed around and seemed to revive us.

Peter Sabel

I recall the thriving youth club meeting on Sunday evenings. There were two table tennis teams which competed in the local non-Jewish league, attending local churches to play. (I was third in the team, making up the numbers). Dennis Gould ran football and cricket teams playing Thursdays and Sundays. We were driven to North East London to play. In one match, we were bowled out for just twelve runs, but I scored four of them and remained not out!

Bar Mitzvahs were frequent events. Rev Rose was the Minister who taught me my Bar Mitzvah. I remember him as a smallish guy with a friendly disposition. I liked Rabbi Sidney Silberg who succeeded Rev Rose, especially his sermons and davening.

Peter Halpern





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WINS THE DRAMA FESTIVAL



It was 3 May 1958. Our youth club, known as the YI (Young Israel Society) had on many occasions submitted a play for the Ealing Drama Festival. I am happy to say that we won on all three occasions we entered. It was no surprise therefore, that we were chosen to represent the Borough of Ealing in a competition with other local boroughs.

We won with “Arms and the Man” by George Bernard Shaw, “A Doll’s House” by Henryk Ibsen, and “The Importance of Being Earnest” by Oscar Wilde.

Four of us at the club, Alan Lewin, Arnold Garson, Frank di Rienzo and myself, had formed the Drama Society. We continued our association with the drama club until our late teens and early 20s and we all remained lifelong friends. We decided that we would each take a turn in directing: Alan directed “Arms and the Man”, Frank “The Doll’s House” and I directed “The Importance of Being Earnest”. Arnold took the role of stage manager in all the productions. But “The Importance of Being Earnest” was the most memorable production for many reasons. We had introduced more young people from Ealing,

most notably Edward Cohen, who is still a member of the Synagogue and as a “Cohen”, was ideal for the role of Rev Canon Chasuble.

One rule of the competition was that the plays presented had to be of one act, and so we had to convert “The Importance” into one act.

The real drama at the Ealing competition was when the leading lady, playing Gwendolyn Fairfax, fell ill and dropped out. We persuaded Alan’s fiancée, Sandra, to play the part and, as director, I insisted that she come on stage in normal dress as distinct from the costumes of the time that we were using. This made it obvious that she was a stand-in and we won.

I am writing this piece in memory of Alan Lewis and Frank di Rienzo. Arnold Garson moved to Canada more than fifty years ago.

Jeffrey Goodman

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1962

Rev Rose retired after serving the community for 38 years and gave his farewell service on 11 March.

Rabbi Sidney Silberg was appointed Minister in April. He and his wife Isabel had three children.

The additional classrooms and community hall extension were completed and consecrated on 2 December at a ceremony conducted by the Chief Rabbi, Dr Israel Brodie. On the same day, Rabbi Silberg was inducted as Minister by the Chief Rabbi.

1964

Michael Wallach and Clifford Lawton were elected joint wardens.

1967

Mr Jacky Lipowicz became the youngest ever member of the Board of Management.

Rabbi Silberg, who had served the community since 1962, received a call from the Jesmond Synagogue in Newcastle.

1968

Rev Dr Norman Gale became Minister of the Synagogue and he moved to Ealing with his wife Goldie and their children, Karen and Simon. Clifford Lawton and Eric Boxer were appointed wardens and Hans Stern Financial Representative.

After he had been in the Community for a few months, Dr Gale produced a new version of "The Pointer" and renamed it, "The Ealing & Acton Review". He was the Editor and the committee consisted of Joan Michaels, Henry Herbst and Monty Eckman.

1969

In the year of the Golden Jubilee of the Ealing & Acton Synagogue, there were 315 male members of the congregation and 75 children in the classes. The Community celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special Synagogue service on Saturday 12 April, which was attended by local dignitaries, including the Mayor of Ealing. A Dinner and Ball was held at the Europa Hotel on Sunday 13 April.

The first Eshet Chayil service was held.

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MEMORIES FIRST BAT MITZVAH CLASS

Some time during 1960, the minister of Ealing Shul, Rev Rose and the Honorary Officers of the Board of Management decided it was appropriate to set up a Bat Mitzvah programme. There would be a year's course of study, culminating in a written examination, and a graduation ceremony at which certificates issued by the Office of the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Brodie, were to be presented to each girl who successfully completed the course. I was one of those girls.

We were 13 in the class. I remember Sharon Wallach and Ruth Stern were also there. We studied Tanach, Halachah and Hebrew translation once a week (every Sunday).

It was also decided to hold the ceremony on a Sunday afternoon in December 1961 to coincide with Chanukah. I remember my parents' excitement as well as the rest of my immediate family. My father got permission for my grandmother, who could not climb the stairs to the Ladies' Gallery, to sit at the back of the men's section, where she enjoyed an uninterrupted view of the proceedings.

The Shul was packed. After prayers led by Rev Rose and introductory remarks from the Honorary Officers, each girl had to give a talk (it was not called D'var Torah in those days) about a famous Jewish woman, past or present. I chose to talk about Queen Esther. For weeks before the ceremony, my mother had me stand at the top of the stairs at home and read out my piece while she stood at the bottom to make sure I could be heard by the whole congregation. Since I was a shy girl, it was quite an ordeal even rehearsing, but my mother's coaching paid off and I managed to deliver my talk 'loudly and clearly' from the Shul bimah.

I am delighted to share my memories on this auspicious occasion.

Rose Yarom (née Cowan)



My father Ian Caplan was a long standing chair of Ealing JPA (the former name of JIA). I can vividly remember collecting the cards on Kol Nidre night and taking them home to our dining room to work out roughly how much money Ealing had raised. My husband Laurence also recalls being roped in once we were engaged. We used encyclopaedia page numbers to remember the totals as we sorted!

I can also well remember the Shul being so full on a Shabbat that all the children and youngsters sat on the steps of the gallery so as our elders could sit on the seats. It was a constant movement!

I was also in the first cohort of girls for the 'new' Eyshet Chayil ceremony introduced by Dr Gale in 1969. I was the oldest participant being 14 and we all wore blue skirts and white shirts but I definitely had the shortest and was told by Dr Gale before the Sunday ceremony, not to sit on the old board room chairs as I would ladder my tights! Unfortunately, I can't lay my hands on the picture!

Lindy Sacker (née Caplan)



EALING'S FIRST JPA TRIP TO ISRAEL.

MEMORIES OF EALING SYNAGOGUE FROM 1961

Where have the years gone? It seems only of recent years that my late husband Arnold and I married in December 1960 and following my mother's express instructions, we visited Ealing Synagogue and enrolled as members.

Reverend Goldberg, then secretary of Ealing Synagogue, explained that for the High Holydays we would be seated in the Communal Hall. This worked well as friendships were formed with families, like us, who had relocated for their work.

Visiting the butcher's was the place to meet new acquaintances and several of our friendships were formed at Lipowicz's, Mary and Menasz always welcoming, wurst and viennas their speciality.

Rosh Hashanah services were particularly long. We were rarely home before 2.30 pm, after a stop on Ealing Common to fill the tallit bags with conkers.

During the years, the warmth and support of the Ealing Community were always evident, particularly when our parents died, the freezer

being immediately filled and many congregants attending prayers. Dr Gale visited to instruct both boys for their Bar Mitzvahs held in the Synagogue. Goldie and Norman also visited us on holiday in Cornwall, Norman proving to be an excellent table tennis player!

In 1994, we moved to north London but I am still a member of the Synagogue. When I visit, I am always greeted with warmth and friendship. My regret is that so many friends have passed away too young; the next generation and their families are a credit to their dear parents.

I thank the Honorary Officers for their unstinting efforts, particular with the conversion of the hall to the striking Synagogue.

Gillian Livingstone

Sadly, Arnold Livingstone passed away on 7 June 2019.

I became a member of Ealing Synagogue 50 years ago, joining with my husband Michael. His family had been members since 1919. Leaving my synagogue (Sephardi-Spanish/Portuguese) was a culture shock but I was welcomed warmly, albeit treated as a rare curiosity by some of the older members!

I was very aware of my in-laws' (Muriel and Sydney Jacobs) involvement with Zionist organisations, but soon realized that the Ealing Community had supported Israel from its early beginnings in the 30's and 40's with ardent fundraising. Many people from Ealing have made Aliyah over the years. It seemed to me that Zionism was and still is a particular focus of the community. JNF, JPA, JIA, UJIA and WIZO in turn have all been well supported. In fact, I met Michael through Ealing Younger JNF.

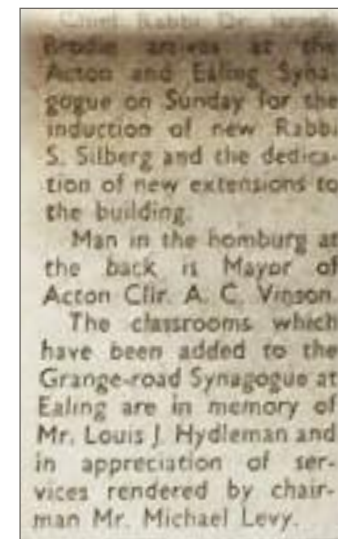
I am glad to have had the opportunity to contribute in some way to this vibrant and enthusiastic community. Together with Michael and our children Richard and Sarah, I have enjoyed the spiritual and social life here in Ealing.

Estelle Jacobs

I remember the Youth Club with its damp walls in the Shul cellar that needed repainting most years – I'm sure the rooms got smaller and smaller as fresh coats of paint were annually applied. I remember trying to get a seat on Yom Kippur, usually in the Robing Room or some other stuffy space, before Rabbi Silberg introduced us to the idea of a separate overflow service. I remember the Chanukah shows, usually produced by Yvonne Caplan, with an array of talent drawn from the ranks of the young of the community. I remember the classes' Prize Giving in which it seemed nearly everyone got a prize even if it was only, like most of mine, 'for attendance'! I remember the annual Simchat Torah dance after the festivals, held in the Communal Hall on a Sunday evening – not to be confused with the youth club dances with live bands in the basement – and attended by old and young alike. Many a small teenage romance started there in the car park while waiting for our parents to take us home. I remember the strange hole in the Communal Hall roof, about 50 feet up it seemed, that did as a 'Succah' until Rabbi Silberg pointed out that it hardly fulfilled the mitzvah.

I remember the Wonderloaf white sliced bread, slathered with slabs of fairly cold butter and strawberry jam, together with glasses of Nesquik, which made coming to Cheder midweek after school something to look forward to. And I remember the characters – the man who always stormed out whenever I started a bim-diddy-bom tune, the man who always had sweets for us, the man who never failed to jingle the change in his pocket at the quietest times of the service, the man who had to pop out for a fag after anything so stressful as being called up had happened to him so that he returned stinking of cigarettes and on and on. And of course always, Mr Lipowicz, our unofficial shammas, an utter fixture, always there to help, the man next to whom any boy without an accompanying adult would sit, the man who threw us the Sefer binder to roll up, the man who seemed to know every prayer and every service. Without doubt, happy days...

Clive Lawton



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60TH ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE AND DINNER COMMITTEE

1970

The Synagogue Library was founded, with 30 new books of Jewish interest – history, religion and philosophy. It was housed in the Synagogue Board Room.

1971

The Synagogue was enhanced with new curtaining over the Ark, new carpet and lighting over the Ladies' Gallery.

The Kinor Playgroup for 2-5 year olds was started and our youth groups, including Habonim, Study Group, West London Young Zionist Society and the B'nai B'rith Youth Chapter, became well established.

1973

The Einayim Aid Society began.

1974

B'nai B'rith was very active with a Men's Lodge, a Women's Lodge, Ealing Unity Circle, Ealing Young Adult Lodge and Ealing and Brentford Youth Chapter.

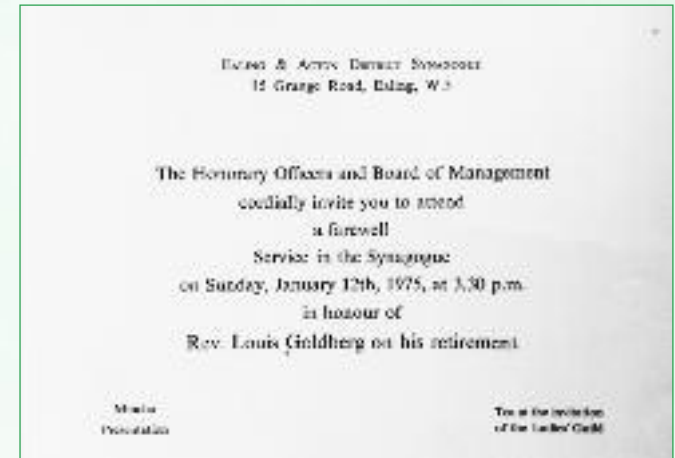
1977

On 26 November, the Mayor and Mayoress of Ealing and Members of the Council attended the Shabbat service. Children's services were held on the first Shabbat in every month.

Also, this year, the name of the Synagogue was shortened to "Ealing Synagogue".

1978

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Community, a Dinner and Ball was held at the Grosvenor Rooms on 10 November. A Service of Thanksgiving was held on Sunday 13 May 1979 at which the Guest of Honour was Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits. Also present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Ealing, Sir George Young MP and other local dignitaries.



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MEMORIES OF EALING SYNAGOGUE

Every year, Ealing Shul put on a Supper Quiz. I was on that committee for many years. We had a very vibrant and successful committee. We would meet in various homes to discuss the forthcoming quiz. The main topic of discussion was always the menu for the supper.

Brian Moss would start off by saying that we should have a different menu from the previous year. After about an hour of very lengthy and hilarious discussions, it again came back to Jacky's chopped liver, various platters of cold meats, salads and fruit salad for dessert.

On the day of the Quiz, we would assemble in an old cramped kitchen, but everyone knew their allotted place and off we went. The morning would pass very quickly, everyone lending a hand where necessary.

We never turned anyone away who arrived last minute to take part in the Quiz. We used to have over 200 people in the communal hall. No one worried about health and safety then.

Ealing is still a very special community and, although many have moved to different areas, we all still keep in touch and see one another.

They were very special times and we still laugh and talk about it all. Even our children still keep in touch.

Barbara Cass

The first, in 1972, was the only classical music programme in London open to the public in the New Year. It was a complete sell-out. The 1975 concert's only opposition was Ted Heath's concert in the Albert Hall to celebrate entry into the EEC! The concerts were a sell-out.

The whole project was a consortium of Chiswick, Greenford, Hounslow, Staines and Ealing synagogues.

Richard Goldwater and Stan Conway were joint chairmen.

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Dr David Filer

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1981

The Youth Committee, made up of parents and chaired by Michael Jacobs, ran Klub 1 for 8-12 year olds, from October 1981 until December 1992.

1982

The Wardens were Eric Boxer and Vivian Sklar. The following year, Susan Hayman took over as Synagogue Secretary from Louis Wolf.

The Ealing branch of the Council of Christians and Jews was formed.

Clifford Lawton took over as Warden from Eric Boxer.

1986

Jacky Lipowicz and Neil Shestopal were appointed Wardens.

1988

Dr Gale left the Community after twenty years as Minister, to lead the Hampstead Community.

In this year, the Synagogue appointed Synagogue Elders for the first time. They were Clifford Lawton for his many years as Warden and as Ealing's Representative on the United Synagogue Council, Menasz Lipowicz, the Hon Shammias for a very long time and Hans Stern, the Synagogue's Financial Representative.

Brian Moss took over as editor of "The Ealing Review", the editorial committee having undergone various changes over the years.

1989

Rabbi Dr Julian Jacobs was appointed Minister and moved to Ealing in January with his wife Margaret and daughter Aviva. The induction of Rabbi Jacobs as Minister took place on 19 February.

In this year also, the Filer Library was endowed by David Filer, in memory of his father.

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80s

MEMORIES

Among his many varied roles in the Ealing community, Neil Shestopal was effectively 'stage manager' to ensure the smooth running of Shul services. His version of the stage prompt was a mild throat-clearing or coughing noise designed to attract the attention of whichever individual had begun reciting the wrong prayer, or failed to pull the string and open the Ark at the correct moment.

One summer's morning, a congregant had just completed a security shift and returned to Shul – unfortunately forgetting to remove the floppy sun hat he had been wearing outside. As he strolled innocently towards the bimah, Neil's eyes widened with surprise – and probably horror in case the rabbi, not noted for a relaxed approach towards inappropriate attire, might notice. So he began clearing his throat, doing his best to attract the hat-wearing gentleman's attention, but initially to no effect. Neil's stage prompt continued with increasing urgency, accompanied by frantic gestures towards his own, top hatted head, before the message finally got through and sun hat was stuffed back into pocket, to be replaced by more traditional Shul headgear.

One of the stalwarts of the Shul was Mr Lipowicz senior, the honorary shammas – which was probably the reason for his seat at the very end of the front row. On Purim, he would always be on the bimah to assist with the Megillah reading, primarily to follow and wind the scroll – but it also seemed to be his unofficial job to signal when the noise should stop. Not that he actually signalled – after allowing the cacophony of rattles, whistles and so on for a while, he would just turn and give a slight shake of his head. Even as kids, you just knew it was time to fall silent when he said so.

Once you passed Bar Mitzvah age, Mr Lipowicz would make sure your status was put to good use in terms of making up a minyan. This was most apparent on Rosh Hashanah afternoon, when he would greet those arriving at the Walpole Park pond for Tashlich with the words "You come for Minchah". The tone was far more that of a statement than a request!

Ben and Dan Kosky

Sir George Young would come to the Civic Service especially just before election time when all three parties would be represented.

My father was on the Board and a Chairman of the Classes Committee and was Chatan Torah in the late 80s/90s. The service was followed by a sit-down do in the hall which was full. Neil would ring him up to arrange a Haftorah which my father would practise during the week and then read well with a good voice. I recollect fondly my father having Rosh Hashanah Haftorah the year before he died.

The synagogue was a central part of our family's life.

Peter Halpern

My parents were married in Ealing by Rev Rose in 1929 and moved away for the duration of the war. I was born in 1937 and we all moved back to Ealing in 1953. Later that year I met Brian – our families knew each other before the war. He had grown up in

Ealing and had his Bar Mitzvah there in 1949, which in fact I had attended. We were married in Ealing in 1958 by Rev Rose and in 1961 he conducted our son David's Pidyon Ha Ben. We continued to live in Ealing and, later on, David and Sarah had their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs in

the Shul. In 1983 David was married to Ruth there, making it three generations in the family to be married in Ealing Synagogue.

During the 70's and 80's Brian and I were elected to the Board of Management. I became chair of the Ladies Guild and Brian chair of the Classes Committee and Social Committee. Brian edited the bi-annual Shul magazine for several years. I have happy memories of working in the kitchen preparing kiddushim, afternoon teas and Supper Quiz catering, with Brian demonstrating his expertise in "slicing" to make the famous tomato salad.

My heart is in Ealing – it is my spiritual home. It is a lovely, warm and supportive community.

Jill Moss



THE BEAUTIFUL AND COMPETITION WINNING FLOWER BEDS OUTSIDE THE OLD SHUL, MAINTAINED BY KEN BARTLETT, OUR CARETAKER AT THE TIME - PETER SABEL

MEMORIES



As relative newcomers to Ealing – we arrived as newly weds in 1976 – we’ve experienced the ups and downs of the community for 43 years. The 1980s were the peak years – with children’s services run every week, a thriving Cheder, youth clubs ‘Study Group’ and B’nei Akiva.

We ran Kinor – a Mother and Toddler group and a Nursery school – alumni of which range from theatre directors, journalists, scientists, architects to poker professionals... and live variously in Israel, Australia and the UK. Many are still friends with each other. The Tikkun Leyl Shavuot has morphed into a luncheon during the day. Ealing Shul, in its hundredth year, has outlived many shuls with a small dedicated band of members. They are very active socially and maintain services on Friday nights, Shabbat and Sundays, all the chagim and Rosh Chodesh minyanim.

As we say... Ad Maya V’esrim

Aviva Preston

A TRIPLE HONOUR

For the first time in its history, Ealing Synagogue has appointed Elders.

This honourable status is accorded to members who have given the Synagogue exceptional service over a considerable period. The title is held for life.

The three new Elders satisfy these criteria to the full. Each has devoted close on forty years to serving the Synagogue. All have played a major part in making the Ealing community what it is today. We hope that they continue to give of their considerable energy and experience for many years to come.

We congratulate and thank on behalf of the Ealing community:



◀ Clifford Lawton – for many years, an Honorary Warden and, currently, Ealing's representative on the United Synagogue Council. Those who have worked closely with him, think of Clifford as the conscience of the community.

▶ Menacez Lipowicz – our Honorary Shewies for as long as most can remember. Menacez, as well as giving invaluable guidance to succeeding occupants of the Box, has also regularly conducted every Service in the Synagogue liturgy.



◀ Hans Stern – Ealing Synagogue's Honorary Financial Representative. Perhaps, the person most responsible for nursing the community through its difficult periods.



**FIRST APPOINTMENT OF ELDERS
(EALING REVIEW ROSH HASHANAH 1988)**



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Ealing — it's appealing!

Joshua Rozenberg

"Ealing, where's that?" After more than 18 years as minister of the Ealing community, people still ask the Rev Dr Norman Gale where to find his synagogue. "Between Golders Green and Ben-Gurion" is his usual response, explaining to people who are only prepared to leave north-west London for the drive to the El Al terminal at Heathrow, that their trip around the North Circular Road will bring them close to one of the best-placed Jewish communities in London.

It's a gateway to Israel in more ways than one. Many of its members have settled in Israel while the remainder have raised proportionately more for the Joint Israel Appeal than many larger synagogues. So perhaps Ealing was not the most likely community to look kindly on a proposal aimed at giving more support to local causes by combining the annual Kol Nidre appeal for Israel with the existing synagogue appeal for charities based in Britain. The proposal was defeated at this year's annual meeting, but only after what everyone agreed was an extremely high standard of debate in a packed synagogue hall.

Ealing — "the queen of the suburbs" — is highly prized as a

place to live, both for its leafy open spaces and its speedy underground links into central London. But the Jewish families who've moved to Ealing in recent years have found an added dimension: an old-fashioned synagogue where even the newest members are made to feel welcome. Dr Gale conducts what he calls a traditional service in a traditional building — not a modern purpose-built hall where prayers are held when it's not being used for something else.

He describes it as a family community, where most people know each other and feel a responsibility to support Jewish communal life.

"Ealing is not one of these huge anonymous synagogues where you can go every week and never get called up from one year to the next," said Jack Lipowicz, the youthful senior warden who also runs the local kosher butcher's shop.

Though the community is large enough to support all the usual social activities ranging from a mother and toddler club (and one or two less common events such as the annual chamber music recital), it's not so large that it couldn't do with a few new members: a publicity campaign is planned for the autumn using the slogan

"Ealing — it's appealing!" But on the best test of a vibrant synagogue Ealing scores well: it has thriving Hebrew classes, attended by children who have regularly won the first prize for their age group in examinations taken by children throughout London.

Legal documents recently discovered by a member of the community show that a Jew named Aaron, son of Rabbi Abraham the Chasid, had dealings with land in Ealing as long ago as 1223. It would be nice to think that if there are still Jews left in Ealing 750 years from now, people will no longer be asking the minister where to find his synagogue.

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Staff reporter

Three elderly, mentally frail residents of a Jewish Welfare Board home have made a pioneering trip to the Norfolk Broads.

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Neil Shestopal (left), from Ealing, in the synagogue with a member of the Kaunas community

Members of Ealing Synagogue recently visited the community in Kaunas, formerly Kovno, in Lithuania.

The group was led by Neil Shestopal, one of the wardens of the United Synagogue congregation, and included Sophie Ruben, national chairperson of Jewish Youth Study Groups.

Medical and educational supplies, purchased with donations from Ealing members and their friends, were given to the community.

Shabbat services were conducted by Mr Shestopal and Ashley Hirst, 16, read the sidrah from the only scroll in the possession of the

120-year-old congregation. Simon Ruben, Sophie's brother, read the haftarah.

The group visited a museum near the Kaunas ghetto and the Forest of Panerai, outside Vilnius, formerly Vilna, where thousands of Jews perished during the Holocaust.

The group also went to the Jewish Museum and Holocaust Museum in Vilnius.

Before leaving, the party joined the Kaunas community at the Lithuanian Parliament. Speaker of the Knesset Shevah Weiss presented certificates to "righteous gentiles" of Lithuania who sheltered Jews during the war.

JEWISH CHRONICLE SEPTEMBER 30 1994

ABOVE: JEWISH CHRONICLE ARTICLE - EALING SYNAGOGUE'S VISIT TO KAUNAS IN LITHUANIA, 1994



LEFT AND ABOVE: JOAN ANSELL Z"L, FORMER MAYOR OF EALING 1992-1993, PASSED AWAY ON SHABBAT 7 SEPTEMBER 2019.

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Brian Moss will be in the Chair and will be ruthless with speakers who over-run his/her allocated time. So please would you prepare your contribution so that the evening will go smoothly and Brian does not have to gong you out mid-anecdote!

Thanks again for offering to talk. I look forward to seeing you next week.



Jack Lukeman

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Justin Pearson, the leader of Phantasia, interviewed the music composer Debbie Wiseman.

1992

Our cheder closed due to the decline in the number of children and the Hebrew classes moved to Richmond. Male membership now stood at 176.

Rabbi Jacobs introduced a monthly D'var Torah during the Shabbat morning service given by one of the younger members on a topic of his or her choice.

1993

The Community was saddened by the death of Menasz Lipowicz, who had served as Hon Shammass for many years and was at the very heart of all our services and religious activities.

The last few years saw women members playing a much greater role in the management and activities of the Community. Women members joined the Board of Management and Dorothy Kochan became our "Third Warden".

1998

In November, Rabbi and Mrs Jacobs retired from the Community to make aliyah and join their daughter, Aviva, in Jerusalem.

1999

Rabbi Hershi and Rebbetzen Zelda Vogel arrived and settled into the community with energy and enthusiasm. The Rabbi's induction took place on 22 June by Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

The community celebrated its 80th birthday on 21 November with a dinner in the Synagogue hall. Kate Hirst curated an exhibition of photos and memorabilia for the occasion.

Male membership was 138.

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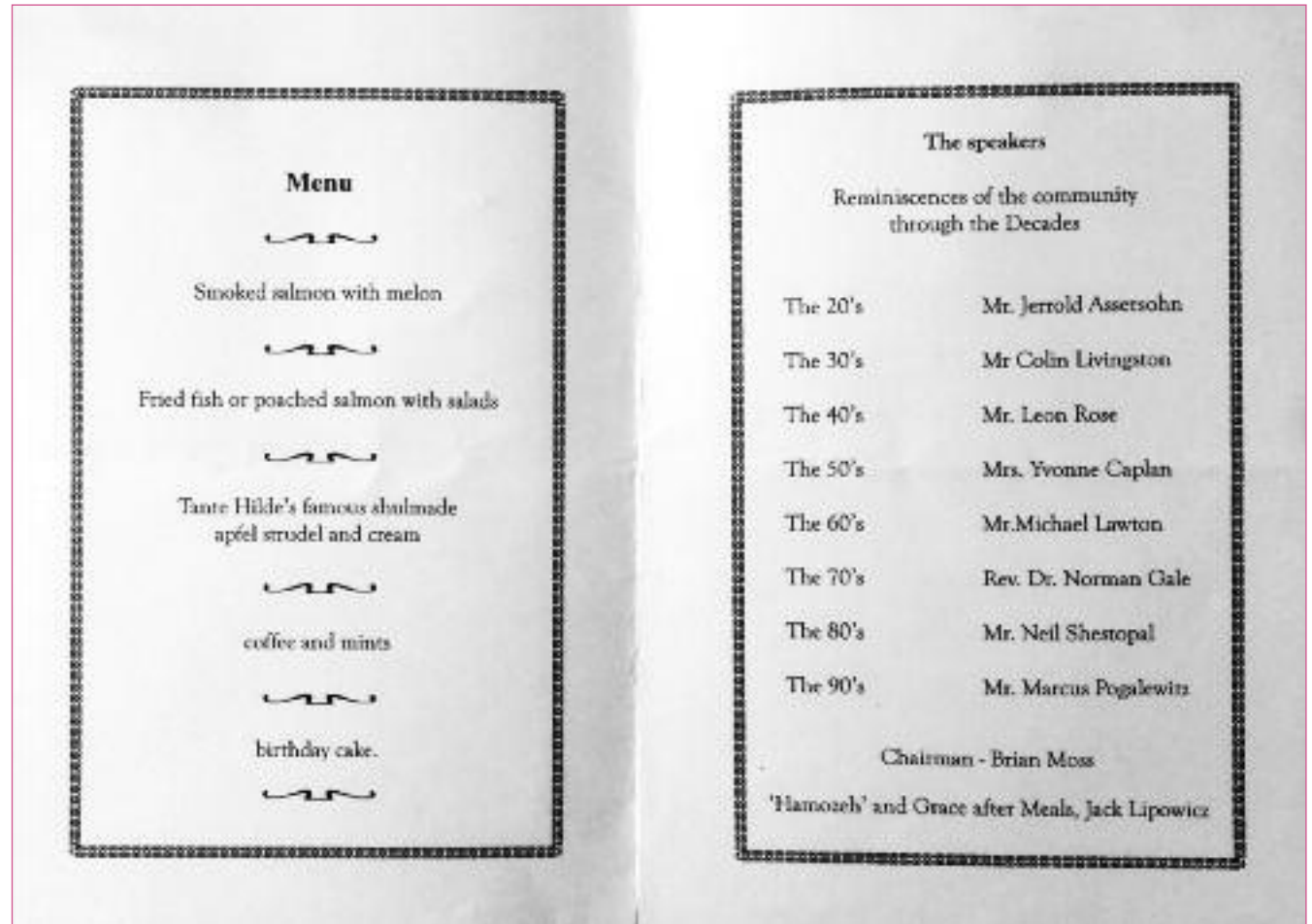
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80TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



ABOVE: 80TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER
MENU AND SPEAKERS
LEFT: GUESTS AT THE 80TH
ANNIVERSARY DINNER

MEMORIES: THE SIMCHAT TORAH SERMON

Twenty-five years ago or so, Simchat Torah celebrations could become a little tense in some quarters. This was because a “new Rabbi” would be ceremonially introduced to the congregation. Rabbi Jacobs would give way to the candidate who at the appointed time, would make a grand entrance dressed in canonicals and give the sermon.

The identity of the “Rabbi” would be kept a secret until the last moment. There was general sympathy for the unfortunate victim chosen by the wardens. Depending on the quality of the “sermon”, the event could range from extremely entertaining to deeply embarrassing. Matters were not helped by the amount of whisky which may have been drunk by both giver and receivers of the oration.

Refusing the request to be the “Rabbi” was impossible. One was bound to secrecy. In our house the night before, our daughter Zoe speculated on who the dupe would be giving the sermon. Zoe said she hoped it wouldn’t be cringemaking and that she felt sorry for the poor person who had been chosen. She caught a look between me and Kate and immediately guessed the truth. This was followed by a series of moans and groans from both our son Ashley and Zoe, on the basis that they would never be able to face their friends again. Horror and dismay. Why ever did I agree to it? I was going to look very silly. They would never live it down.

This did not do my confidence any good. My worsening performance anxiety was not helped by my next seat neighbour Brian Robinson who, ten minutes before I was due to “go on” to a packed Synagogue, commented, “I wonder who the poor devil is, chosen to give the sermon”.

In the end it didn’t go too badly. I made certain to keep alcohol to a minimum, mention as many people as I could and keep it relatively short. It was along the lines of running the Synagogue the same as the NHS which, at that time, was making the great jump to become a market. One politician synagogue member commented that obviously I wasn’t a lover of the policy. Serves me right I suppose for not following the classic advice to never mix medicine with politics or religion. Anyway, I survived the experience and my children still spoke to me afterwards.

Stephen Hirst

INDUCTION OF RABBI HERSHI VOGEL ON 22 JUNE 1999

EALING
WALLY LEAF

OVER 300 PEOPLE including Ealing's mayor, Councillor Philip Portwood, were at Ealing Synagogue for the induction of Rabbi Hershi Vogel by Chief Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks.

Describing Rabbi Vogel, who arrived last autumn after three years at Croydon Federation Synagogue, as "vibrant and caring," Rabbi Sacks said he was confident of the minister's continued success.

To guarantee this, he would have to remember to "make everyone feel a treasure, believe in others more than yourself, and allow everyone to experience Judaism as a joy, rather than a burden."

Acknowledging his debt to his predecessors in Ealing's pulpit — particularly Rabbi Julian Jacobs, who retired in November to live in Israel — Rabbi Vogel said he was determined to build on their work.

He said he hoped to make "the past a springboard to the future, a future that I believe is looking brighter."

Ealing was, he said, "a very appealing and attractive community, and for us" — he included his wife, Zelda, and their two young children — "a real home from home."

He added that his feeling of "a sense of renewal and vitality owes much to this community's gift of warmth and friendship."

During the service — which was conducted by junior warden Neil Shestopal — Dorothy Kochan, a member of the Ealing board of man-



Left: Rabbi Hershi Vogel with his wife, Zelda, and the Chief Rabbi.

agement, spoke in praise of Mrs Vogel. "She is amazing, combining the roles of wife, daughter, sister, mother, teacher and headmistress," declared Ms Kochan. "She's had a tremendous impact."

Other guests included the president of the Board of Deputies, Eldred Tabachnik; Peter Sheldon, an honorary officer of the United Syn-

agogue; the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of London, George Bodin; and Chief Superintendent Peter Golding, of the Metropolitan Police.

Also present at the induction were Rabbi and Mrs Faivish Vogel and Rabbi and Mrs Shmuel Lew, the parents of Rabbi and Mrs Vogel and leading figures in the Lubavitch movement.

TIMELINE

MURIEL JACOBS WIZO SINCE 1948

Received Chairman's Special Award in 1998
and the Rebecca Sieff Award in 2004.

Ealing and WIZO

Ealing has been associated with and supported WIZO since the 1940s. The community continues to generously support WIZO through Jewish Women's Week. For many years, the committee was chaired by Muriel Jacobs z"l, who worked tirelessly for the charity.



Communal life continued to flourish. We celebrated Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies and the occasional wedding, “significant” birthdays and special wedding anniversaries. Cultural lectures continued to attract good audiences, including concerts by the Phantasia Quartet and the annual Supper Quiz, which were well supported and raised useful funds.

2002

US restructuring led to a re-organisation of synagogue management. Women were allowed to serve on the Board of Management but initially not allowed to vote! Women were also allowed to hold (some) offices including Vice-Chair but not allowed to lead the community. Our first ‘Chairman’ was Dorothy Kochan, formally known as Deputy Chair.

2004-2008

The old Synagogue building became unfit for purpose. The decision was made to create a new Synagogue, modelled on the old, in the communal hall.

2006

Malcolm Brookes z”l spearheaded the raising of funds and acquisition of a new Sefer Torah, which was dedicated to Ealing Synagogue on 26 November.

We welcomed new members transferring from Hounslow Synagogue.

We celebrated with the Vogel family the Bar Mitzvah of their son Dovi in November, followed some months later by the Bat Mitzvah of their eldest daughter Chayala. Later that year, we celebrated with them the ‘upsher’ (first haircut) of their second son Mendy, a ‘first’ for Ealing.



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We're as old as the Shul.
So we celebrate today.*

*Nineteen-nineteen was a very special year
If it hadn't have happened, we wouldn't be here
It was then that we were born, and the Shul was founded
The flags were waving, and the trumpets sounded
I remember it clearly. Oh! Really - well, nearly
We mean it sincerely; old memories are dear.*

*Through age, wear and tear, our state of repair
Leaves much to be desired
But we still have our wits, and most of our bits
Though our systems should be rewired*

*The woodwork is creaking, and so are our bones
Our piping is leaking, but nobody moans
Our muscles are weakening, day by day
Severely restricting the games we can play.
So we've given up jogging and dancing and jiving
But we're still surviving, come what may.*

*Our wardens are superb, may their praises be sung
And our chazan's a marvel, an Elder but young.
Growing old is an honour, and not a disgrace
But the future brings plenty of problems to face.
However, we're sure that the council will cope
For as everyone knows, whilst there's life, there's hope.*





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EALING IN THE PRESS



Jewish Chronicle, December 8, 2006

Ealing members come out in force to welcome new Torah scroll

THE GRAND ROLL, the 100th anniversary of the founding of the United Synagogue congregation, is being celebrated in style with the presentation of a new Torah scroll.

Members of the congregation gathered for the presentation of the scroll in the synagogue on Friday evening in the presence of a large number of guests, including the Mayor of Ealing, Councillor Diana Pinner, local councillors and members of the Di Synagogue. Only attended the presentation of the scroll, which is a tradition of the congregation, which is a tradition of the congregation.

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ABOVE: PRESENTATION OF THE NEW SEFER TORAH

Clifford Lawton

BORN LONDON, JUNE 21, 1919.
DIED LONDON, FEBRUARY 23, 2008,
AGED 88.

ACTIVE FOR 50 years in West London's Jewish community and community relations, Clifford Lawton was the first chairman of the Jewish Council for Racial Equality, one of the first signatories to British Friends of Peace Now, and was involved in the United Synagogue, Board of Deputies and B'nai B'rith.

He was born in East London, the son of a small businessman and Labour party activist. His mother died soon after his barmitzva and his memories of the furniture being carried out of the house to help pay doctors' bills remained with him, contributing to his commitment to the disadvantaged. His father gave up a possible political career to look after the children.

During the Second World War he served as a captain in the Royal Army Service Corps in Gibraltar, which supplied the British campaign in Italy.

His honesty was proverbial — one shady Gibraltar businessman described him as "the only British officer we could not corrupt". Still stationed in Gibraltar after the war, he met his future wife, Regina Atlas. Once engaged to him, she was forbidden to accept presents from anyone who supplied the army, even if old friends.

This firmness of principle remained



Clifford Lawton in front of Clifford Lawton House in 1988

throughout his life. During 17 years as warden and chairman of Ealing Synagogue, where he moved in 1954, his sons had to get used to the fact that they would almost never be called up by him to the Torah, to avoid any semblance of nepotism.

A chartered secretary and public administrator, he spent the last 15 years of his career as director of the Industrial

Dwellings Society, one of the largest Jewish housing associations in the UK.

Combining his administrative skills with his sense of social responsibility, he modernised the organisation, knew the tenants personally and, for the first time in the IDS's history, realised the need for a social worker. He was honoured after his retirement by the naming of a new sheltered hous-

ing project in East London as Clifford Lawton House.

After retiring as warden, he became synagogue elder for over 20 years until his death. Other roles included chairing the Hebrew classes committee, representing Ealing Synagogue at the Board of Deputies, and acting as mentor and adviser to every minister from the 1960s.

A life member of the United Synagogue Council, he served as member of the Board of Deputies' defence and group relations committee, president of B'nai B'rith's Selig Brodetsky Lodge and chair of its southern regional council, treasurer of the Jewish Museum, master of his Freemasons' Lodge, and vice-chair of Ealing Borough Council's Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education. In 1966, he received the Mayor's Award for his outstanding contribution to community harmony in Ealing.

As chair of the Ealing branch of the Council of Christians and Jews and a member of its national executive, he was awarded a special certificate in 2007 in recognition of 50 years' service to dialogue in the UK.

His unimpeachable integrity was allied to a desire for compromise and love of peace in all his public functions. But he was never intimidated by the majority.

Predeceased by his wife in 1992 and their eldest son in infancy, he is survived by two sons, Michael and Clive, and two granddaughters.

ABOVE:
CLIFFORD LAWTON
OBITUARY 2008

Woman US shul 'chair'

By JOY SABLE

EALING Synagogue has become the first United Synagogue congregation to have a woman as *de facto* chairman.

Dorothy Kochan has been vice-chair since May, when the West London congregation failed to find a male candidate to stand for the top post. She was this week described by a synagogue spokesman as "acting chairman" — although, in keeping with US policy, without a casting vote at board meetings. The remaining senior management includes two male wardens and a male financial representative.

Under a US policy change last year, women were for the first time permitted to stand for election as synagogue honorary officers — but not as chairpersons, and with the proviso that male officers retained the casting vote on decisions.

Mrs Kochan said that the arrangement in Ealing had the full consent of the US.

When asked to comment on this, a US spokesman said: "Ealing Synagogue has not formally notified the US of its election results," adding: "It is not possible for a woman to hold the position of chairperson of any United Synagogue."

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Ealing Synagogue has woman in top job

Continued from page 1

She said the minister, Rabbi Hershi Vogel, had been "very cooperative. We are working within the halachah, and therefore he is very supportive, and so are the wardens."

She stressed that the absence of a suitable male candidate was not a deliberate ploy to test the US regulations, but simply a case of no one being willing to take on the commitment.

"I was asked to take the vice-chairmanship without realising at the time that there wouldn't be a chairman," she said.

Jacky Lipowicz, senior warden of Ealing, told the JC: "It's a unique situation and we're happy to see how the year pans out."

"It's actually taken a burden off of us. We're delighted for the women in the community."

Warden Neil Shestopal initially said he was "delighted" with the situation and described it as "very harmonious."

He added: "It is a very positive thing. The relationship is good; it's businesslike, it means that there's a mutual respect. It's working very well and I think it's a breath of fresh air in the shul."

However, Mr Shestopal later telephoned the JC back to say that Mrs Kochan "is not acting chairman. She is vice-chairman, acting as chairman in the absence of the chairman."

Rabbi Vogel told the JC that he thought Mrs Kochan was doing "a phenomenal job."

"I believe — and the rest of the community do as well — that I work with people based on their ability and not their gender," he added.

Asked whether Mrs Kochan's position might be seen as undermining the US ruling against women's serving as synagogue chairmen, he said he felt that US policy-makers "have their reasons, but if my community is happy with this team, I will support her."

Mrs Kochan said that she intended to remain as acting chairman...

Ealing promoting relative values at 90

By JAY GRENBY

▶ AMONG THE 200 guests at Ealing Synagogue's 90th anniversary dinner were people with links to the shul's earlier days.

Jerold Assosohn's late father David was one of the founder members of the congregation in 1918. Also present were Evelyn Shindler, daughter of Max KanaL, the other founder member, and Marion Crystal, whose parents were the first couple to be married at the synagogue in 1921.

After addressing the gathering, Chel Rahill and Sacks went on a walk-

about to meet and greet as many fellow diners as possible. He made a presentation to Neil Shestopal, in recognition of his loyal and dedicated service. Mr Shestopal has been a warden in addition to his role as the shul's honorary chazan since 1977.

Another speaker was educationalist Clive Lawton, who was born and raised in Ealing and whose late father Clifford served the community as warden.

Although not a fundraising event, an £8,000 profit will, said an Ealing officer, "go towards maintaining our shul at least until we reach our centenary".

All jazzed up at Ealing

By JAY GRENBY

▶ THE LAST notes of a jazz concert signalled the final farewell to Ealing Synagogue's communal hall before the builders moved in to convert it into a new edifice combining both shul and community meeting-place.

Some 80 members and friends were there to listen to a trio band, including pianist Dave Frankel and singer Coral Cooke with the support of Conrad Simpson and saxophonist Maureen Hardman. The evening's proceeds, boosted by a raffle and sealed auction for an exclusive afternoon at Highgrove with tea and a tour of the Prince of Wales's gardens, totalled more than £1,100, which will go towards the building fund for the new shul.

MEMORIES

Nearly 65 years ago, two little boys at Ealing Cheder made a promise to themselves that when they were both 40, (their birthdays were 3 months apart) they would become wardens of Ealing Shul.

Neil Shestopal z”l became a very successful lawyer and I became Chairman of the Kosher Butchers, continuing in my wonderful late father’s footsteps, to ensure that everyone in our community and beyond could have kosher meat.

But our hearts lay in Ealing Shul. Neil reminded me of our promise when we both became 40 and we stood as wardens.

We both were elected and the next chapter of history at Ealing Shul began, Neil with his brilliant davening and me as the organiser and fundraiser.

For many years, I held the position of Senior Warden, supported by Neil. We worked very well as a “dream team” alongside Susan Hayman and the late Hans Stern. One particularly memorable incident during my tenure was being approached by the US one Tuesday morning. I was informed that all future burials for Ealing Synagogue members would take place in Waltham Abbey because Bushey

was no longer a viable option. I phoned Neil and discussed a way forward. A decision was reached and the US were informed that, as of the next week, we would both resign as wardens and that we would in future walk to Hounslow Synagogue. We were to call an Extraordinary General Meeting at the Synagogue, telling all members to resign and join Hounslow. Hounslow’s membership at that point was substantially less. Within one hour, the US had reconsidered their decision and reinstated burial at Bushey.

I thoroughly enjoyed fundraising on behalf of the Shul, engaging The Grand Order of the Water Rats, with lots of shows at the Mayfair Theatre.

We became one of the most dynamic Synagogues in London, small maybe in size but large in achievements.

Neil and I cultivated a whole group of young men who became Shomrei Shabbat, helped us run the services and ensured we had regular minyanim. For the first time ever, we had Friday night and Motzei Shabbat services, throughout winter and summer. Neil, with his impressive Chazanut, was able to adapt tunes to every occasion, Bar Mitzvahs, Aufrufs etc. and made the Shul a really happy place.

I remember the Yom Tovim, where I would sit in the Wardens’ Box while Neil was davening. I liaised with Susan, the secretary, to make sure everyone was seated correctly.

During the course of our tenure, we had both the happiest and saddest occasions to deal with. Many memories flash by, too numerous to mention, but one in particular was quite amusing.

I used to make the announcements on a Shabbat and on this particular occasion, I had just returned to the Shul after spending a week holidaying with my family in Eilat. Rabbi Jacobs z”l had spent a week in Jerusalem. I came back with quite a sun tan and he came back with no sign of the sun on his skin!

As I welcomed him back from Israel, I made the observation that obviously “the sun shone on the righteous” much to the amusement of the congregation.

I could write a book about the happy times spent in Ealing and so wish the present Synagogue and the lovely Rabbi Vogel (whom Neil and I appointed) and his family Mazal and Bracha with all their undertakings.

Jacky Lipowicz



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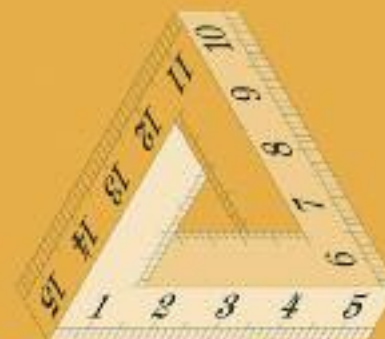
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in the success of this wonderful
community over the past 100 years

**Ayalah and Ashley,
Meital, Limor, Erez and Natan Hirst**

TIMELINE

THE

PAST 10

YEARS

2010

In July, we mourned the loss of our dear Jack Lukeman z”l, Financial Representative, chairman of the Social committee and editor of the “The New Ealing Review”.

2011

On 21 May, we moved into our new Synagogue. The rededication by Chief Rabbi Emeritus Jonathan Sacks was held on Chol Hamoed Succot.

2012

Ealing Cares (Welfare) launched their now regular Communal Lunches.

2013

Melava Malka with Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld, Jonny Turgel and the Shabbaton Choir.

2014

Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis attended a Tefillah breakfast.

In November, a UJIA appeal for Jordan River Village in the Galil was held with Topol as our special guest.

The 95th Anniversary Dinner was held in the Synagogue hall.

2015

We participated in the first ShabbatUK.

2016

In November, we mourned the loss of our Warden, Elder and Chazan, Neil Shestopal z”l.

2017

In January, Ealing Synagogue held workshops for schools as part of Holocaust Memorial Day events.

In May, our Synagogue hall was renamed “The Neil Shestopal Hall”.

2019

Ealing Synagogue holds ten events, one for each decade, including Choral Shabbaton with Rabbi Lionel Rosenfeld, Purim Spiel, Bagel Bake, Arts & Crafts Exhibition, “Knock Knock” (a one man play with Niv Petel held in conjunction with the UJIA) and a Supper Quiz etc.

EALING SYNAGOGUE IS 100 YEARS OLD.

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FROM OLD TO NEW



ABOVE:
RABBI HERSHI VOGEL AFFIXING THE MEZUZAH
TO THE FRONT DOOR OF THE NEW SHUL

Extracts taken from “Bob the Builder” by Dawn Shestopal, which featured in the Pesach and Rosh Hashanah issues of “The New Ealing Review” in 2011 and 2012.

“The fun part has been choosing colour schemes, upholstery, kitchen units and general design. Great spending other people’s money. More difficult was prioritising our needs to keep within the budget allocated by the United Synagogue.”

“The moveable Bimah came without castors. Actually, I wasn’t supposed to tell you that if Neil’s Musaf is too long for your taste, you could open the partition doors, give the Bimah a good shove and Neil and it will trundle down the hall into Kiddush.”

“We were so proud of our replicated Aron Kodesh and the altered original doors from the old Shul. What we had not foreseen was that, despite being locked and alarmed, you could revolve the doors so that they were back to front, thereby exposing the Sifrei Torah. What works a treat for the stage at the National Theatre was a disaster in Ealing Synagogue.”

“Although on 18 May the Hall was still a building site, on 20 May there was a dress rehearsal and on 21 May the show opened. And what a show. Two hundred people including our two architects, Cheryl and Leon and two of our builders, shared the emotion and the excitement – but what would the reviews say? On the day there was a standing ovation. Since then, as the inevitable flaws came to light, there have been a few grumbles, some quiet and some not so quiet – but we expected no less. We are, after all, Jews. If we grumbled when we left Egypt, what were we going to do on leaving our beloved Shul?”

“It has been a great privilege to be involved in this fantastic venture for the Community and to work with Mike, the Steering Committee and our wonderful, painstaking and empathetic architects Leon and Cheryl. I hope the Community will similarly like the results of our decisions and understand that we did the very best we could.”

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MIDDLE ROW: RENOVATIONS OF THE COMMUNAL HALL
BOTTOM ROW: OUR NEW SHUL
BOTTOM ROW, RIGHT: THE HALL SET UP
FOR OUR 95TH ANNIVERSARY, NOVEMBER 2014



95TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER - NOVEMBER 2014 AT EALING SYNAGOGUE



PHOTOS FROM VARIOUS EVENTS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS FROM THE OLD SHUL TO THE NEW COMMUNAL HALL

EALING AND THE UJIA: FRANKLYN ELLISON



Many years ago, Jacky Lipowicz had the idea to support Emek Medical Centre in Afula, Northern Israel. This was done through the good offices of UJIA and contributions were raised at annual dinners, which Jacky funded, to which Ealing Liberal Synagogue members were also invited.

The Ealing UJIA committee was, of course, instrumental in all of this. I was a member of the

committee for several years and president for some. Margaret and I went twice to Afula and saw the development of the infrastructure and the new equipment, which Ealing's donations helped to fund. Our daughter, Rachel, produced a film of the neonatal department, which was shown at one of the early dinners. The hospital's present director, Orna Blondheim, attended two dinners in the early stages of Ealing's involvement.

Between January 2003 and July 2009, the Ealing community raised £506,826.00, which was used for departmental renovations and the acquisition of medical equipment.

The community can feel very proud of this achievement, amazing for what had, by then, become a smaller community than in its heyday.

Other projects supported by Ealing included Shlomi High School, the Jordan River Village and the Carmiel Children's Village.

A highlight of Ealing's fundraising for UJIA was a visit to Ealing in November 2014 by Topol, who was at the time chairman of the Jordan River Village.

Carmiel Children's Village.

A Report for Ealing UJIA. August 2019

"Without Ealing's generous support, UJIA would have been unable to commence its programme of improvement and refurbishment. Thanks to you, the children's quality of life will be greatly improved. Their new homes will allow them to live as a family, in modern conditions that meet Government standards, whilst the educational, enrichment and therapeutic programmes will give them the opportunity of a better, happier and successful future. May we reiterate our invitation for you to visit Carmiel Children's Village once again, to meet some more of the young people who live there. In the meantime, we take this opportunity to thank you again for your generous and deeply appreciated commitment."



CONGRATULATIONS EALING SYNAGOGUE ON YOUR CENTENARY

UJIA would like to thank Ealing Synagogue and its members for decades of loyal support. Your lifelong connection to the communities and people in Israel has made a real difference to the lives of so many.

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FAR LEFT:
FRANKLYN AND MARGARET ELLISON
VISITING THE BABY UNIT
AT EMEK MEDICAL CENTRE
WITH DR MOTTI LIPSHITZ

LEFT:
BARBARA YOUNG Z'L
AFFIXING A MEZUZAH AT THE
OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE
SHOMERA AFTER-SCHOOL
CARE UNIT

MIDDLE AND BOTTOM ROWS:
EALING SYNAGOGUE'S FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE JORDAN RIVER
VILLAGE FOR CHILDREN WITH LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESSES. OUR
GUEST WAS TOPOL WHO WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE VILLAGE



Student leader is given senior UJIA position

**FINCHLEY
JC REPORTER**

THE OUTGOING chairman of the Union of Jewish Students is to be the United Jewish Israel Appeal's new director of strategy and communications.

Ashley Hirst, 24, will succeed Anthony Wagerman, who left the UJIA last October. Mr Hirst, who takes up his new role in August, will focus on formulating communications strategy and the development of programmes.

A graduate in maths from Manchester University, Ealing-born Mr

Hirst will also join the senior executive team and become a member of UJIA's board of directors.

Chief executive Jonathan Kestebaum said: "Ashley is one of the outstanding young talents in this community. We are proud and delighted to have him as a senior member of our professional team."

Commenting on his post, Mr Hirst said: "I feel very fortunate to have the chance to play a role in the UJIA at this time and to continue my involvement in the Jewish community."

■ The UJIA raised over £200,000 at a telethon on Sunday to launch its week-long appeal to aid Israeli victims of terror.

More than 280 volunteers manned phones for the appeal.

"The response demonstrates the compassion and concern our supporters feel for the Israelis in their hour of need," said UJIA chairman David Cohen.



NEIL SHESTOPAL Z"l

Extracts by Michael Mars and Brian Robinson from the booklet presented at the UJIA Tribute Evening, 19 October 2017, in honour of Neil Shestopal. Proceeds from the evening were in support of the Carmiel Children's Village.

For all of us in the Ealing community, Neil's contribution is well documented and legendary. His love for his Shul was unbounded.

Neil was a mensch. He was our cherished Chazan and Elder, the man who sat on each and every committee and who worked tirelessly and with joy to ensure our continued status in the United Synagogue. Neil had his eccentricities and no-one laughed more at his "Neil-isms" than he did – such as wishing a friend "long life" when he mistook her aromatherapy candle for a Yahrzeit candle. But everyone laughed with him, not at him.

We continue to miss his affirming presence and there is a personal and communal void which cannot be filled. Neil will always be remembered with warmth and a smile.



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**From all the team at
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has been proud and
happy to be a member
of the Ealing Kehilla for
a very long time.

May this association
continue for many years
to come.

**David, Lynda, Debra, Penny, Gail
and Grandchildren**

Joyce Frankal and family

wish the Ealing Community
every happiness and success
for many more years ahead

After 55 years of membership
of this warm and most supportive
community, we wish Ealing
Synagogue many more years
of continued success

Dorothy, David and Sukey Kochan

We are grateful that we grew up
in such a lovely community
and we look forward
to celebrating your 120th!

Michael and Clive Lawton

Pat and Graham

from Goldmine Jewellers
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Congratulate Ealing Synagogue
on their Centenary

**Sybil and Peter Sabel
& Family**

**Wish this function
every success.**

**Joan, together with the Michaels,
Goschalk, Coten, Lovat, Coutts and
Greenberg families**

**Wish the Ealing Synagogue a hearty
Mazal Tov on reaching
its Centenary.**

**Mazal Tov to the entire
Community of Ealing Synagogue
in this special year.**

Dawn Shestopal

**Evelyn, Leslie,
Ruth, Ron & Rachel Sommer**

**Congratulate Ealing Shul on its
100th birthday and wish it well for
the future.**

Angela and Jeff Corne

**Wish the Ealing community a
hearty Mazal Tov on the
occasion of its 100th
Anniversary.
Long may it continue to thrive.**

Carole Lateman and Nigel Bewley

**Wish Ealing Synagogue a hearty
Mazel Tov on its Centenary.
Here's to the next 100 years!**

**Mazal Tov to all.
Best wishes.**

Ann and John Curtis

**Congratulations.
A wonderful achievement.**

Basil and Penny Mann

**Mazal Tov and Best Wishes on
Ealing Synagogue's Centenary.**

**Estelle and Michael Jacobs,
Children and Grandchildren.**

**A huge Mazal Tov to the Ealing
community on reaching 100 years!
Keep well and keep going!**

Yvonne Caplan and Family

**Congratulations on your
Centenary
from Peter Halpern.**

**In memory of my dear parents.
Saul and Estella Halpern z"l**

Mazal Tov from the Prestons

Robin, Aviva, Sarah (Dritz) & David

With very best wishes.

**From Isabel Kosky,
Children and Grandchildren.**

With very best wishes

From the Mars Family

**Heartfelt wishes to Ealing
Synagogue on its Centenary!**

**Ilana and Menashe Tahan
and Family**

**Stephen and Kate Hirst
with Ashley and family
and Zoë and family**

**Wish the Ealing Synagogue
Mazal Tov on reaching One Hundred
Years**

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and Family**



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