

JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY CHEDER – NEW TERM

10 January	First Day of Term – 9.30
17 January	PACT morning year 5
24 January	PACT morning year 6
14 February	Cheder Half Term



KIKAR KIDS SERVICE

Saturday 2 January
Saturday 6 February
10.00 - Crèche opens
11.00 - Kikar Kids
Under 5s Service in the Crèche
Junior Service for 5–9 year olds
in the Library
11.30am - Kids Kiddush
First Shabbat of each month

CHANUKAH RAFFLE WINNERS

1st £100	E Marcuson	04323	2nd £50	Z Cutner	07231
3rd £25	L Kenley	05650	4th £25	J Burns	03231
5th £10	J Lake	05130	6th £10	H Nyman	03441

Local Luncheon Groups -

January/February

Still running and happy to welcome new members.
Please let us know if you plan to attend

The **NW3** group –13.00 on **Wednesday 13 January & 17 February** at the **Giacomo**, 428 Finchley Road, NW2 2HY. Contact Deborah Jay on 020 7435 8835.

The **Edgware** group – 12.00 on **Tuesday 12 January & 16 February** at the **Orli Restaurant**, 295 Hale Lane, Edgware HA8 7AX. Contact Inge Strauss on 020 8958 9414.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to all celebrants:

Miss M Kinstead (89) 3 January
Mrs R Brent (95) 5 January
Mrs R Eisenfeld (84) 8 January
Mrs V Kendall (82) 14 January
Mrs L Simmonds (92) 18 January
Mr J Phillip (90) 23 January
Mrs A Carson (95) 6 January
Mrs G Oblath (91) 27 January



MUSIC AT BELSIZE

Third Season

See separate flyer for full
details of all events



BELSIZE YOUTH DISCO!



Time to get your groove on!

Saturday 9 January 7pm-10pm for years 7-10 @The BSS Hall
£15

Dress in your most sparkling outfit and come and dance the evening away to the best music, snacks and of course friends at the launching of the Belsize Youth Disco!

May I have a dance?

BMG invite you to breakfast!

On Shabbat morning **9 January at 9.00am** there will be fresh coffee and bagels and a warm welcome to those members who have joined our community over the year.

Please do join us, we would love to host as many of you as possible but would appreciate you 'booking in' with the office so we know how many bagels to buy!

BOOK CLUB

Thursday 14 January 2016 at the home of Gillian Barber and will be reading Year of the Runaways by Sunjeev Sahota.

Please contact Dorothy White to register your interest or for more information.

Dorothy White 020 8343 9990 or dorothywhite99@gmail.com



SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

Have you got a Family Simcha coming up?
Significant Birthday? Wedding Anniversary?
Aufruf? New Baby? Engagement?

Take the opportunity to sponsor a Kiddush on a Shabbat Morning.

Sponsors will be thanked in *News from The Square* & in *Our Cong* and it is greatly appreciated by the community.

This is all ordered directly by the shul and sponsors are not required to do the shopping but will need to set out and host the Kiddush.

Please contact Jennifer Saul in the Office

PURIM 2015

Erev Purim - Wednesday 23

March - 17.30 Dinner

18.30 Fancy Dress Parade

18.30 MEGILLAH ESTHER read
by our most recent B'nei Mitzvah

19.20 Purim Spiel

PURIM LUNCH & LEARN
Thursday 24 March – 12.30pm

All members and friends are invited to lunch and some songs.
More information to follow in next month's *Our Cong*!

Dr Hanan Alexander



Leading Jewish Educator and author Dr Hanan Alexander will be with us over the weekend of 5-6 February. He will address the Community during the Erev Shabbat Service on 5 February on the topic of "Mature Zionism – when is it legitimate to criticise Israel and when not?"

Following the Kiddush on Saturday 6 February he will talk on the topic of "What is Jewish about Jewish Education".

The Belsize Youth STARS TALENT SHOW

Everyone has a hidden talent,
which one is yours?

13 February 6pm-8pm

This is the time to perform
and show what you've got!
Singing, dancing, magic
tricks, etc.

For years 3-8 @ BSS Hall

Convince the jury if you/your group
wants to take the prize home!

The stage is yours!



£12, including popcorn, crisps and drinks.

Cantor's Courses 2016

How Our Jewish Liturgy is Shaped

Three sessions on the second Tuesday of the month

7.00-8.30pm, in the library

12 January: Structure and elements of the service

9 February: Re-imagining God

8 March: Liturgy as history and identity

Learn to Leyn (chant)

The Ancient Tradition of Reading Scripture

Five sessions on the last Tuesday of the month

7.00-8.30pm, in the library

26 January, 23 February, 9 March,

26 April and 31 May

(Only for graduates of Part 1)

Cantor Heller invites B'nei Mitzvah to...

An Erev Shabbat opportunity to learn and share.

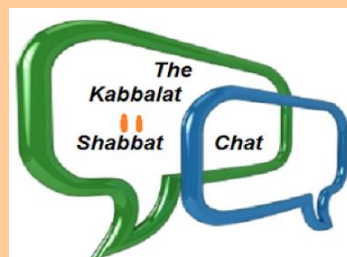
Let's learn: to make Kiddush; to sing Lecha Dodi; the lessons of the Parsha.

Now on the second Friday of each month at 5.30pm in the Library.

Refreshments provided.

Next sessions: 8 January

5 February



THE BELSIZE YOUTH MACHANEH 2016

Years 4-10, Price: £ 135

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GOLDEN TICKET

DATE	TIME	PLACE
11-13 MARCH	6PM (SHARP)	WOODROW HIGH HOUSE

THIS GOLDEN TICKET ENSURES ADMITTANCE

Including accommodation, catering and fun activities-
unforgettable experiences with old and new
Belsize Friends.

GREETINGS TO YOU, THE LUCKY FINDER OF THIS GOLDEN TICKET,

FROM THE BELSIZE YOUTH! WE SHAKE YOU WARMLY BY THE
HAND! FOR NOW, WE DO INVITE YOU TO COME TO OUR
MACHANEH AND BE OUR GUEST FOR A WHOLE WEEKEND. US,
BELSIZE YOUTH, WILL CONDUCT YOU AROUND THE CAMP,
SHOWING YOU EVERYTHING THAT IS TO SEE AND
AFTERWARDS WHEN IT IS TIME TO LEAVE, YOU WILL BE SENT
HOME WITH A TREASURE OF CHOCOLATES.
WE SHALL SEE YOU THERE.

Yohel and Michelle: youth@synagogue.org.uk

Willy Wonka

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

10 January - 9.45 - 11.00 Rabbi Altshuler -
The Great Philosophers and the Jewish
Response – Voltaire, Montesquieu
11.15 - 12.30 TBC

17 January - 9.45 - 11.00 Rabbi Altshuler -
The Great Philosophers and the Jewish
Response - Jewish enlightenment - Moses
Mendelssohn
11.15 - 12.30 TBC

24 January - 9.45 - 11.00 Rabbi Altshuler -
The Great Philosophers and the Jewish
Response -David Hume—You cannot
“prove” the existence of God!
11.15 - 12.30 Dalia Lichfield - Reflections
on the 'Give Peace a Chance' Conference
held in November 15 in Israel.

31 January - 9.45 - 11.00 Rabbi Altshuler -
The Great Philosophers and the Jewish
Response - Jean-Jacques Rousseau—the
Social Contract—Republicanism
11.15 - 12.30 TBC

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SHABBAT

A Service to commemorate the
Anniversary of the end of the
Holocaust will take place on
Friday 29 January at 18.45
and will include Mazkir
Al Kiddush Hashem

Belsize in Berlin 1-5 May 2016

Be part of a very special and unique five day tour of Berlin lead by Rabbi Altshuler and Thomas Harding, author of *Hanns and Rudolf* and *The House by the Lake*. The tour will include a day trip to the Wannsee Conference House, Max Liebermann's Villa and the recently restored Alexander Haus aka 'the House by the Lake', as well as Jewish and non Jewish sites/sights in Berlin.

Only 30 places available so show your interest and book a place (or places) now by contacting the
Rabbi (rabbi@synagogue.org.uk)
or Claire Walford (claire.walford@yahoo.com)

SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2016

**Rabbi Altshuler and Cantor Heller together with their families
invite you to join them for**

2nd Night Seder at The Synagogue following the Service at 18.45.

Please contact the Synagogue Office either by telephone on 020 7794 3949 or office@synagogue.org.uk
if you wish to attend. Prices TBC

