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Fri 6th July-Fri 28th October, 2012, Tammuz 16, 5772–Cheshvan 10, 5773



JULY

Fri 6 Jul, Tammuz 16, 7.30pm
Sat 7 Jul Tammuz 17, 10.30am
Havdallah Club Shabbat

Fri 13 Jul, Tammuz 23, 7.30pm
Shabbat Supper, 6.30pm for 6.45pm
Followed by a short service at 8pm

Fri 20 Jul, Av 1, 7.30pm
Sat 21 Jul, Av 2, 10.30am

Fri 27 Jul, Av 8, 7.30pm

Sun 29 Jul, Av 10, 3pm
Tisha b'Av service

AUGUST

Fri 3 Aug, Av 15, 7.30pm
Sat 4 Aug, Av 16, 10.30am
Outdoor picnic service

Fri 10 Aug, Av 22, 7.30pm

Fri 17 Aug, Av 29, 7.30pm
Sat 18 Aug, Av 30, 10.30am
Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Fri 24 Aug, Elul 6, 7.30pm

Fri 31 Aug, Elul 13, 7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Sat 1 Sep, Elul 14, 10.30am

Fri 7 Sep, Elul 20, 7.30pm

Fri 14 Sep, Elul 27, 7.30pm
Sat 15 Sep, Elul 28, 10.30am

SEPTEMBER (cont)

Sun 16 Sep, Elul 29 5772, 7pm
Erev Rosh Hashanah

Mon 17 Sep, Tishri 1, 5773, 10am
Rosh Hashanah

Fri 21 Sep, Tishri 15, 7.30pm

Tue 25 Sep, Tishri 9, 7pm
Kol Nidre
Fast Commences 6.29pm

Wed 26 Sep, Tishri 10, 10am
Yom Kippur
Fast ends 7.33pm

Fri 28 Sep, Tishri 12, 7.30pm

Sun 30 Sep, Tishri 14, 7pm
Erev Sukkot

OCTOBER

Mon 1 Oct, Tishri 15, 10am
Sukkot

Sun 7 Oct, Tishri 21, 7pm
Erev Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah
Service and celebration

Mon 8 Oct, Tishri 22, 10am
Simchat Torah service

Fri 12 Oct, Tishri 26, 7.30pm

Fri 19 Oct, Cheshvan 3, 7.30pm
Sat 20 Oct, Cheshvan 4, 10.30am

Fri 28 Oct, Cheshvan 10, 7.30pm

**Shalom and welcome to Etz Chaim,
summer 2012**

Message from Chairman, Ian Smiler

Hello and welcome to this edition of our community newsletter Etz Chaim.

Anyone who has visited the synagogue premises in the past year or so will have noticed that the exterior of the building has been in need of redecoration. It certainly had been noticed by me but we had to wait until the warmer summer weather. Well, the time has come and works have commenced. At the time of going to press the job is half completed but already the place is looking much better. So, next time you visit the synagogue, take a look for yourself to see the finished job.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

Best wishes, Ian



London 2012 - see page 12

Message from Editor, Alison R Noyes

I have noticed that topics running through this newsletter are the weather and the environment.

They are by no means unconnected and see pages 4, 6 and 7 as to why **it is so vital to exercise Tikkun Olam.**

And, on that note, the news from the shingle is that the short-haired bumblebee has been re-introduced to Dungeness (see page 8)!



I wish everyone an enjoyable, calm, bee-filled, and fruitful summer!

The deadline for the next issue is Friday 7th September 2012.

The editor reserves the right to edit, refuse, or postpone any material submitted for publication.

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God and the weather

It has been said of the English that most of our conversation is about the weather and that as soon as you visit England you will know why. That has certainly been true so far this summer. On many of the last 20 or so days we have seen pouring rain and sweltering sunshine alternating within a couple of hours of each other. Many parts of the country have endured floods, at a time which is still officially a drought, albeit the wettest drought on record.

We are told in the Torah that, if we live the way God would like us to, then among other rewards, the rain will fall in its due season. To the rational mind of the 20th Century this link between morality and the weather seemed not a little unlikely. Early Reform and Liberal liturgy omitted the second paragraph of the shema from services and those rational doubts were the reason that even now this passage is read silently in many of our synagogues, including our own.

How ironic is it that we now know there is a connection. The Torah acknowledges our responsibility towards the planet that God created for us - we are commanded "to dress it and to keep it". Midrash reinforces the message, by having God say "look after my world for, if you spoil it, there is no-one to repair it after you". The duty of Tikkun Olam - the repairing of the world - has been acknowledged in Judaism for millennia.

But we Jews have not taken that responsibility any more seriously than anyone else and today we are facing the consequences of our neglect. We are learning fast, and hopefully not too late, about the ozone layer, about global warming, about carbon footprint and the phosphorous cycle. We are

learning about the effect of our behaviour on the essence of our world - food miles, rain forests, endangered species, pollution and the like. In the light of our responsibility to look after the world, we are being forced to accept a very painful truth - far from being irrelevant to the weather, our behaviour is intimately connected to it. Climate change may not be new, but we cannot evade our share of responsibility this time round.

Most of us know all this, of course. Unfortunately, however, if there is to be a way forward it is not about knowing but about doing. My guess is that Jews continue to eat as much cod as anyone else, travel by air just as often, use our cars just as much.

Such behaviour is not a true Jewish response. After all we knew first and it took many centuries for others to see the truth. So we should be leading by example, not following the crowd. I urge all of you to take a good look at the message from Rabbi Avraham Soetendorp in this newsletter (pages 6 and 7). Read the Earth Charter and take it seriously. **Ask yourself what you personally can do - and then do it!**

Perhaps when we emerge from the summer into the High Holydays we can all have one less sin to repent of.

For all that, I wish you all a summer of health and happiness.

Rabbi Cliff Cohen



Havdallah Club

The summer is - just about - here and we are approaching our Havdallah Club service. *continued opposite*

We are holding it slightly earlier this year, on Shabbat 7th July. Yet again the children of our community have put together an impressive service. Their writings reflect their growing maturity, coming together in a service well worth attending. Please join us for what promises to be a beautiful experience.



The service starts as usual at 10.30am. We're looking forward to seeing you there and reporting back on it afterwards. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Benjy and Zak for their contributions to the Havdallah Club. Their enthusiasm adds to the fun of all the shul's children.

Hélène Cohen

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Mazeltov!

Tom and Rivka Dodds proudly announce the Bat Mitzvah of their second grand-daughter, Abigail at Gloucester Liberal Synagogue on 12th May 2012. The ceremony was conducted by Rabbi Anna Gerrard.

Abigail read her portion from the Torah confidently and then thanked her parents and grandparents for their love and encouragement. Her Dvar Torah echoed the hope that Israel and her neighbours can find peace and harmony living off their common land.

After the Kiddush we all went to Natalie and David's house in

Cheltenham for luncheon. The weather was warm and sunny and we were all able to sit in the garden. The young children enjoyed themselves playing on the climbing frame and trampoline and hiding in the bushes.

Tea and coffee were served later before the guests went home"

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Mazeltov!

On the birth of a son to Reva Dyett and the proud grandmother, Kay Levy. (both are shul members). His name is Caleb Naphtali, and he was born on 19th May 2012.

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Mazeltov!

We're British, you know!

To Ari Ahmadi, who became a British citizen after taking the oath at a ceremony in the Bishop's Palace, Maidstone under the watchful eye of the Deputy Lieutenant of Kent, Lady Nelson on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th June 2012.



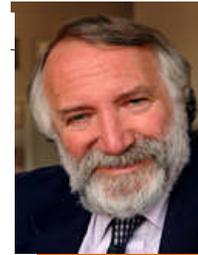
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And a Thank You

To all the lovely people who have sent their good wishes to me for my operation; thank you.

Your thoughts are a help to healing.

Carol (Gietelink), Hazel Fischer's sister and Godfrey's sister-in-law



The Rio + 20 Summit - June 20-22

Message from Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp (written prior to this newsletter).

For a full version, and online links, please visit <http://www.soetendorpinstitute.org>

There is more than a glimmer of hope. A truly global alliance of concerned citizens is emerging, expressing international solidarity and real concern for our planet in an unprecedented way.

Let us use the Rio + 20 Summit to show world leaders the commitment of ever increasing sections of the world population to responsible and sustainable living. Let us before the start of the summit gather in prayer and action, in Rio and wherever we are and demonstrate in many different ways that the global transition to justice, sustainability and peace has already started and will be unstoppable.



During a very moving ceremony in Belgium, His Holiness, the XIVth Dalai Lama warmly welcomed our delegation of spiritual leaders and added his revered signature to our statement. We are also glad to report that the entire Elijah Board of World Religious Leaders gave its support to our Manifesto.

The exchange between business and spirituality and the collaboration between the generations were the central threads of a forum in May, realised via the dedicated and compassionate leadership of Brigitte van Baren, director of Inner Sense. Both conference days concluded with an inter-generational sharing of lessons from the past and visions for the future expressed in a Feather ceremony. **We intend to draw on these experiences and organize similar ceremonies at key moments during the Rio+ 20 Conference, and look forward to collaborating with the Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers in this endeavor.**

The Hon. Lyonpo Dorji Wangdi, Bhutanese Minister of Labor and Human Resources as his special representative to our conference. He delivered an impressive key note address on the international initiative launched by Bhutan to define a new economic paradigm based on sustainable happiness and well-being. Among the further speakers of the event were my brother Imam Ilyasi, Chief Imam of India, my very dear friend Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Cape Town, my Maori sister Pauline Tangiora, my cherished colleague Dr. Katherine Marshall, and many more.

With respect to the conference statement, please note the following:

“Our religious and spiritual traditions command us not only to feed the hungry but to give of our own bread. This is not a deed of charity but of justice. We therefore call upon each citizen of the world community to pledge each year to our capacity an extra Millennium Share of 0.1 % of one’s income to raise the necessary funds to alleviate abject misery and realize the Millennium Development Goals. We commit to support the creation of a Council of Conscience of esteemed men and women to administer this fund.”

How many times have we heard from our governments that “we do want to make poverty and hunger history but do not have enough funds to achieve this goal”. So we do need to lead by example and give an extra percentage – on top of everything else that we do and give – to help realise this universal aspiration.

By endorsing our statement we will count on your support in working towards the creation of the Millennium Share Fund and the Council of Conscience. We also hope that you will collaborate with us in exchanging experiences, knowledge and wisdom of how religious and spiritual communities can be role models of sustainable living and mindful consumption and work together for creating the new economy.

Let us sanctify time and use the next 7 days to call upon our leaders that we will not allow the Rio+ 20 Conference to fail. Let us urge them in thousands of marches, prayers, and local activities to seize the historic opportunity to show courageous leadership for creating the just, sustainable, and peaceful future we really want. I myself am now embarking after Shabbat on the journey to Rio with the tender conviction that through all our joint efforts the process of healing the Earth and ourselves will be intensified.

Ani maamin - yes I believe with all my heart and mind that we are moving forward in Tikun Olam, mending the world. To quote my father Yaakov ben Awraham of blessed memory who wrote out of his hiding place in a hole in the ground: "it is our duty to mend the world so that it becomes the world God desired - a world filled with cooperation, love, truth and righteousness".

May the Source of All Life bless the work of our hearts and minds, hands and feet with blessings of peace

Please support our work to deliver a strong and unified message of the world's religious and spiritual traditions to the Rio + 20 Conference with a donation to the Soetendorp Institute.



Short-haired bumblebee release at Dungeness RSPB Reserve on 28th May!

You should know that the UK only retains 2% of its meadows, hence the decline of bumblebees here (and elsewhere). Yet bumblebees are a keystone species; important pollinators both for the economy and wildflowers. Honey bees may be useful, and Jews like honey, but we can in fact live without both it and them. We have 27 bumblebee species native to the UK but in 2000 the short-haired bumblebee (*Bombus subterraneus* (BS)) was declared extinct here. However, in the 1880s it was deliberately taken to New Zealand to pollinate red clover since New Zealand has no native bumblebee species. So the Short-haired Bumblebee Partnership was formed in 2009 with the aims of reintroducing the short-haired bumblebee to the UK from New Zealand and restoring habitats in the Dungeness/Romney Marsh area by working with farmers, land-owners and conservation groups.

Attempts, led by Dr Nikki Gammans, to bring queen bees back from New Zealand in 2009 and 2010 failed due to genetic weaknesses and the difference in seasons. Therefore, the reintroduction source was switched to Sweden; the Swedes are far more careful with their roadside verges! Five volunteers went on the trip in April to collect up to 100 queens. These were emerging from hibernation, already fertilised, and well fed before their journey. They were quarantined in Royal Holloway College for four weeks to ensure they had no parasites. Pollen was collected from a multitude of local bees across the release site (not least by volunteer Alan Kenworth with superhuman patience) to provide food for the queens in quarantine.

Thus, one woman, three years plus, 60 farmers, 650 hectares of red clover and dead white nettle, and 51 healthy, short-haired bumblebee queens from Sweden. The night before the grand morning Nikki, our very own Bee Lady, moved onto the reserve in her campervan, with her partner and 51 chilled bees.

The press, both English and Swedish, scientists, special bee helpers, bee enthusiasts, Nikki's parents, some volunteers, and sundry persons gathered in the RSPB visitors' centre. Walking in, one could hear the "murmuring of innumerable" humans. There was on a table by the entrance a splendid queen bee cake, supported by nearby sponge cake workers. Everyone whirred around, chattering, before being ushered into the conference room. The site manager introduced Nikki, who talked, in her relaxed manner, lucidly and knowledgeably as ever, including taking questions from the floor. No-one droned on.



We were divided into four groups. I was in one led by Alan Kenworth and off he went carrying a blue chill box housing eight bees, each drowsing in her vial. Off we went after him half way round the reserve. With us were the man whose great, great grand-uncle had taken chilled BS to New Zealand in the 1880s, and a man from the Natural History Museum who was the last person to have seen BS in the UK!

The moment had come. Alan released a bee, easing her out of her tube. Off she flew. Bee History! He offered bees to each of us in turn. My bee, and a couple of others, flopped to the ground. Quick, don't tread on her! Oh dear. But, no, she was just still torpid and, after being placed on a yellow flag iris, and having a good meal, she exercised her legs and then flew off. Fifty one bees flew off into an unusually warm, calm morning. **Alison R Noyes**



David Fox on the Board of Deputies

You will have read in the last newsletter that I have agreed to represent our community on the UK Board of Deputies. This is the first time we have had representation on this important body and I am very much looking forward to the role. So, what is the Board, what does it do, and what is the role of Deputy all about?

This is how the Board describes itself:

The Board of Deputies is unique in being the only democratically elected and national representative body of the British Jewish Community, whose welfare it exists to protect and promote. The duties of a Deputy are central to the Board's ability to represent efficiently and effectively the interests and aspirations of the British Jewish Community.

What is my role as a Deputy?

1. To represent and express the interests and views of the Constituency to the Board, its Divisions and its working groups.
2. To carry Board policy back to the Constituency, ensuring a clear and uniform understanding of the Board's policies.
3. To promote and encourage support for the work of the Board in all its aspects, including taking active steps to ensure that the work of the Board is adequately funded.

As well as being expected to participate in plenary sessions of the Board, I may also be asked to become involved in a Division or working group

reflecting my particular skills and experience.

Over time, I plan to submit items to our newsletter to update our community on the Board's activities, highlighting aspects of the Board's work relevant to our interests and community. If you have any topics you would like me to raise through the Board, please feel free to discuss them with me or any of the other TDRS Council members.

Does this cost us anything?

We do have to pay an annual subscription charge to the Board which will be paid for from synagogue funds.

In addition, we are expected to ask our members to contribute an additional, **voluntary** £25 levy; this will appear on the next membership bill you receive. Please note that, whilst we are encouraged to ensure our community contributes through this scheme, it is equally important to emphasise that this is a voluntary contribution.

Illustrious body!

The Board was established in 1760 when George III came to the throne and the Spanish & Portuguese Jewish community made him a loyal address.

Similar declarations of loyalty to the Crown had taken place, since 1738, before Deputies were appointed as representatives of the London Jewish community. By 1817 the Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities appeared to have to have united as one body.

The Board's reputation blossomed in the 1830's after Moses Montefiore was elected as President.

And now some words from Marc StClare



The Name Game

We all have them and use them frequently - and they don't wear out! They are our names and have interesting origins. Originally people were known by a single name but in time needed to be identified more specifically.

So people became recognised primarily in two ways. Firstly, through the family; you were the son or daughter of, say, Moishe ben Yitchak. However, when Moishe subsequently married, the family name would change from Yitzchak to Moishe as his son would be Reuben ben Moishe. His paternal connection in naming from ancestors was not an exclusively Jewish practice. It was fairly universal among many ancient peoples: the Romans, Arabs, Indians, etc.

Secondly, the other features incorporated into your name were where you were from or what you did. Obvious examples are Elijah the Tishbite, Michael York, Joseph a carpenter, or Peter Archer. This

enhanced specific recognition and gave us all our unique identities but not necessarily unique names.

Records show Sephardi Jews having surnames in the 11th century but, after passing the Edict of Tolerance, the Austro-Hungarian Empire required in 1787 that all Jews have surnames. This resulted in numerous German sounding names being acquired and many are still with us today.

From your location came the names Berg, Blatt and Wald, mountain, leaf and forest. Your occupation meant you were Sneider, Kantor or Sher, tailor, singer, or scissorman, although Sher could also mean a mole catcher. Perhaps he used scissors to catch them! The word man[n] in German means person, so you have Silburman and Goldman, while Jacobson refers to one's father. The name would change with the country you settled in; thus Weiss became White or Blanc.

This, coupled with the desire to assimilate and avoid persecution, resulted in the adaption and use of the names we have today. So, who do we have amongst the TDRS congregation? Well, Roth meant you had red hair or a ruddy complexion. We have a Fox, a Wolf but no Meercat (though we do have a Kat). The ancient tribes of Israel all had an animal symbol, with the Wolf representing the tribe of Benjamin, hence a possible derivation. Fox is from the German Fuchs - someone who was cunning or clever, or perhaps stole chickens! Our illustrious Mr Fischer's ancestors were certainly fishermen or more likely fish dealers.

Cohen is the most common Jewish name (some 3%) along with variations Kogan, Kohn, Kahn, etc. It meant you were descended from Aaron, priest of

the Temple and a priest thereafter. However, apparently in Russia in the 1900s many Jews changed their name to Cohen since being a member of the 'clergy' meant you were exempt from military service. My own name derives from Sklar which is Polish for glazier, glass worker. Presumably the double-glazing business in 15th Century Poland wasn't all that hot which is why I'm here now!

We mostly knew our grandparents, and perhaps great-grandparents, but have very little personal knowledge of our specific forebears. Our names are this link to them and perhaps provide a small insight into them and their lives.

Marc StClare



The Shul's Spring Picnic by Jon Leigh

"Dear Rabbi

Can I please explain why I did not attend the Shul's Spring picnic this year?

In spite of the latest information from the Met Office, whatever date you choose for any event will inevitably be the wettest day of the year and so the picnic will be eaten wearing waterproofs and wellingtons, under leaking, dripping umbrellas. I am sure that everyone will, in spite of the smiles on their faces, all be thinking "I'd rather be at home in the warm and dry". *Now I wonder what recent day that reminds us of! Ed.*

Also, in spite of the cold and wet, all the wasps in East Kent will be coming out of hibernation and making straight for the strawberry sandwiches Mrs

Goldberg has spend many hours preparing. Mr Finklestein will as always bring his dog which, if you remember, last year attacked the senior warden's wife with a head not out of place in an England-Ireland rugby match. And before the apple strudel hits the ground the little terrier will wolf the lot.

The junior members will start a game of French Cricket and, whilst Miss Shapiro used to be very athletic in her youth, no-one wants her to fall and break her ankle again as she did last year. The youngsters will, as ever, find throwing stones at the ducks in the pond more fun than playing an old fashioned game with a load of has-beens - and there will be turmoil, again.

I would want to travel to the picnic in my own car, rather than take the community bus and, as I always have a large amount of material necessary for work, could not take anyone with me. I do of course have constantly to check the security of the car - and while there update myself on the latest football scores. Since I will have to leave early in order to return home and prepare for my evening surgery, I feel my apologies are best presented now.

I do hope everyone has a wonderful time in spite of the cold and damp and I trust the coach does not break down, again, on the way home.

Best Regards, Alfie Congregant"



Games Maker

So, I hear you ask, what is a Games Maker? Well, I'll tell you. Games Makers are the army of 70,000 volunteers helping at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We will be at all the Games venues across London and elsewhere around the UK, as well as many non-sporting locations, such as Heathrow Airport.

The list of jobs undertaken by Games Makers is too long to include here but we share some common attributes. We are all unpaid volunteers, provided with a daily lunch ticket, allowed (in London) to free public transport, and wear a uniform.



This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to take part in the Games (in a non-sporting capacity of course) although none of us will actually get to see any of the sporting activities themselves.

So why did I sign up? Well, to be part of it. I've enjoyed visiting many events both overseas and at home, meeting many different people on the way, and the opportunity to be involved, be part of such an event attracted me.

Although I'm a volunteer it is still a job of work, not a holiday, albeit for me very different from my normal desk-bound job as an accountant. I will be volunteering for 10 days over the

Olympic period, including the opening and closing ceremonies, commuting from home in Margate each time, and wearing my uniform with pride. I'm part of the Transport Team based at Russell Square, London. After the Games, what will I have to show for my efforts? Personal satisfaction, memories, and, well, I do get to keep the uniform! **Ian Smiler**



What TDRS members do outside the shul

We really want to hear what you do, so please write to the Editor. Notes will do as the Editor can write your story from these. Please include a photo, by email if possible!



Abraham Heschel

“Why does the Bible surpass everything created by man? Why is there no work worthy of comparison with it? Why is there no substitute for the Bible, no parallel to the history it has engendered? Why must all who seek the living God turn to its pages?”

Set the Bible beside any of the truly great books produced by the genius of man, and see how they are diminished in stature. The Bible shows no concern with literary form, with verbal beauty, yet its absolute sublimity rings through all its pages. Its lines are so monumental and at the same time so simple that whoever tries to compete with them produces either a commentary or a caricature. It is a work we do not know how to assess. The plummet line of scholarship cannot probe its depth nor will critical analysis ever grasp its essence. Other books you can estimate, you can measure, compare; the Bible you can only extol. Its insights surpass our standards. There is nothing greater.”

Charlotte Green, a contact of Mark Negin's, has recently placed on the internet some Old Testament Bible stories in verse, rabbinically improved, which draw on ancient Jewish sources as well as on the Bible. Some are in the first person so they are a bit different! The book is called *Rhyming Bible Stories*. At present it is obtainable only for downloading to a Kindle but only for £1.95. If people are interested, Mrs Green could provide hard copies. The stories are in her maiden name, **Charlotte Sebag-Montefiore** (take note!) and the link is <http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0085BITMM>. Here is a charming and lively example:

Moses and the Bulrushes

<p><i>When I was a baby boy cradled in the water someone robed came down to bathe it was the Pharaoh's daughter.</i></p> <p><i>She sought a cleaner, purer path she hated palace ways she wanted to renew herself live simply all her days.</i></p> <p><i>"Oh look", she said, "right over there a charming little boat it must have something in it for it's low, but stays afloat."</i></p> <p><i>She just could not stretch far enough I was beyond her reach her arm grew longer – 60 ells she pulled me to the beach.</i></p> <p><i>In a flash, her skin was healed for she had been unclean her skin glowed really beautiful the loveliest you've seen</i></p> <p><i>She picked me up, and smiled and said "He has the sweetest face a handsome boy, he bears the mark he's of the Jewish race."</i></p> <p><i>"Don't save him" cried her girls, alarmed for Pharaoh has decreed that Jewish boys should all be drowned a cruel fate indeed.</i></p> <p><i>You really mustn't break the law that we must all obey. You know the dreadful punishment it is our Pharaoh's way."</i></p>	<p><i>The angel Gabriel swooped down and took those girls away Just one remained for my Princess to serve her every day.</i></p> <p><i>"Goodness" cried the single maid "they've all just disappeared I do not know where they have gone it's absolutely weird!"</i></p> <p><i>Just then I gave a little cry 'twas nearly time to feed "He needs to eat" my Princess said "Who'll help us with his need?"</i></p> <p><i>My sister Miriam stepped out she'd watched me all the while "I know a nurse", she quickly said and gave a little smile.</i></p> <p><i>"I think he really ought to have a nanny of his race someone he's familiar with he'll recognize their face."</i></p> <p><i>She ran to fetch my loving Mum we both were very pleased she knew that now the danger'd passed I'd not be drowned or seized.</i></p> <p><i>Fostered by the Pharaoh's daughter I would be alright I'd stay a baby with my ma and leave when grown in height!</i></p>
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The Community Security Trust was formed in 1994, with charitable status. It is the only organisation in the country to collect, analyse, respond to and publish statistics relating to anti-semitism. The findings are presented annually in the *Anti-Semitic Incidents Report*.

We provide security for Jewish community events and locations to protect the wellbeing of our community so we can each lead the Jewish life of our choice. **CST is available 24 hours a day** for anyone unfortunate enough to suffer or witness anti-semitism.

It is challenging work only possible with the help and co-operation of our community, its leaders and institutions. This is a working partnership in the most meaningful sense of the word.

We need you to share the responsibility. Please contact your local CST and offer to help, whether by performing security, passing on potentially useful information to us or the police, or helping fund the work. We do not charge the community for our services and rely entirely on charitable donations. See <http://www.thecst.org.uk>

Today our community is largely able to be Jewish in whatever way we want, by being religious, secular, cultural, political, charitable, sporting, or other. On the whole our community is successful and well integrated into the rest of society. We have come a very long way indeed since the newly arrived immigrant generations of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

CST sincerely hopes that its efforts help our community feel confident that someone is standing up in defence of its rights. We are determined to work against anti-semitism and the fear it causes. We want to deter those who wish to harm us and we work with politicians, police and others in ensuring that our concerns are understood, heard and acted upon.

CST secures over 1,000 communal events annually across Britain. In the last three years we have installed security upgrades at many 100s of communal buildings, including window shatter-proofing and full security planning and equipment at new sites, such as schools.

Anti-semitism and security threats do not define our Jewish lives but they have concerned many of us in recent years. There is the potential for terrorism here in Britain and most people are aware that the numbers of reported anti-semitic racist attacks are sadly considerably worse now than in the 1980s and 1990s. Furthermore, the recent school shootings in Toulouse, France were a terrible reminder of the shocking reality of anti-semitic terrorism.

Predicting the future is very difficult but we need to be aware of the potential for further trouble; not merely because of pro Al Qaeda type threats here in Britain, but also from what may yet occur here (and around the world) as a result of tension over Iran and the rest of the Middle East.

Whatever the future holds CST will be there for its Jewish Community. In return, we ask that the Jewish Community is equally there for its CST.

All of this relies on partnership between CST and you. We welcome you to join us in that partnership, in whatever way you can.

Condolences

We send our condolences and prayers to the family of Shirley Marks on the sad loss of Shirley

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May her memory be for a blessing*



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