

Message from the Editor: Karina Katz

I was thrilled to receive numerous congratulatory emails in response to our first Newsletter Supplement; I trust that this Supplement will be equally well received. The details our contributors share reveal how many unique and inspiring individuals comprise our community. It is a privilege to be given a window into their lives and I hope you feel as enriched and uplifted as I do by their example. Wishing the entire kehilla Shana Tova Umesuka.



Meet Tolly Rose

Many members of North Hendon cite Tolly, whose inspirational davening uplifts the kehilla, as one of the main attractions of our shul. Tolly lives in Golders Green with his wife Esther and their children Pini, Rikki, Dovid,

Rachelli and Eliezer who attend Menorah Primary and Menorah Grammar Schools. Tolly works as a solicitor during the week.

How many years have you been at North Hendon?

This will be IYH be our eleventh Rosh Hashana at North Hendon - so it is just over ten years.

What do you enjoy about North Hendon?

More than anything we enjoy being part of the Kehilla. From the day we joined everybody has been so friendly and we have made many friends in the shul. BH the shul seems to understand the nigunim and nusach and are happy to help me out by singing along! It's also a very good shul to bring our children to primarily because of the respect shown for davening - I know my children have gained so much from davening near to the Rabbi and his boys. I feel that when we are davening together we are among friends but everyone takes their davening seriously.

What (if any) annual prep do you put in for Yomim Naroim?

I spend a lot of time preparing and looking through the davening, working on the nusach and nigunim. I also spend time focusing on the meaning of the words - I then also usually try and pick a particular part of the tefilla to focus on such as the Avoda or certain parts of Mussaf.

How do you look after your voice?

When it comes to this time of year I try to sing as much as possible to keep it warmed up.

Do you have any advice for budding young chazonim?

There is more to davening than simply choosing appropriate nigunim or having a nice voice. That can be good for concerts and even then we have to understand and feel in touch with the words we are saying. The most important thing however is to remember before Whom we are speaking and to Whom we are speaking. On a practical basis it is important to listen to and pick up what you can from those who know their nusach. Personally I was fortunate to hear my uncle almost every week in Manchester - from whom I have learned almost all my nusach. Then be confident, have a go and enjoy it!



Football

Joey Katz, junior football correspondent, writes that on Sunday 15 June the 5 aside football game between North Hendon Shul's Over 25s team and the

Under 25s team turned out to be a thrilling encounter.

Despite the game getting off to a slow start the deadlock was broken by Weisz: 1-0 to the Over 25s. Soon after Barron scored from a tight angle, 1-1. A few minutes later Rabinowitz scored an outstanding top corner shot and Taylor set up another goal for Barron to score. After a great counter-attack Rose scored a powerful shot and managed a further goal also; not only a great chazan but terrific football skills too!



After that the 'old men' of the shul started to tire and it became one way traffic. Barron, clearly the player of the match, was able to intercept a free kick and tap it into the back of the net. Taylor achieved the next goal and a minute later Rifkin stepped up scoring another two.

The closing stages of the game saw Bergman score a long range effort and Taylor score with a volley. Barron then added another two goals to his account and Rabinowitz and Taylor were credited with the last two bringing the final score to 14-3 to the U25s.



The game was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. The O25s took their defeat in good grace perhaps recalling Shlomo Hamelech's dictum in Mishlei that, "A righteous man falls down seven times and gets up." Thanks are extended to Ashley Katz for organising the game.

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Aviguyil's Bas Mitzvah

Aviguyil Taylor has the distinction of being the first girl to celebrate her bas mitzvah in North Hendon Synagogue. Aviguyil attends Hasmonean Girls School and her wide-ranging interests include cooking, singing, dancing, gymnastics, reading and spending time with her friends. Her parents Samantha and Paul, siblings Elianna, Michal and Yosef, brother-in-law Moishy and niece Hadassah also shared in this special occasion.

The festivities began in shul on Shabbos Parshas Balak where Aviguyil was presented with a Tenach and the kehilla were invited to join the family for a kiddush in the hall. Samantha commented on how beautiful the flowers in the ladies' gallery looked and recalls the amazing sense of simcha in the shul. Paul expressed his delight at having had the opportunity to share this important milestone in Aviguyil's life with such a wonderful, warm kehilla.

On Sunday evening family and close friends were invited to a seudah at home and this was followed a week later by a party at home for Aviguyil and her friends. The girls put a huge amount of effort into decorating and boxing biscuits and cupcakes to be presented by GIFT as Shabbos treats for local families. The spectacular weather meant that the girls were able to enjoy supper in the garden and in addition, a bouncy castle further enlivened the evening's activities. The party ended with the girls sitting on the bouncy castle and singing their hearts out in the beautiful, balmy weather. Samantha believes that for Aviguyil the highlight was celebrating her bas mitzvah with family and friends and the feeling that she had made a meaningful Shabbos contribution to families in the community.



Libby's Bas Mitzvah

Libby Maurer celebrated her bas mitzvah together with parents Esther and Julian and siblings Raffi, Natan and Maayan. Also present to share in her simcha were her grandparents Ruth and Henry Ereich and Marlene and Jack Maurer. She was particularly honoured by the presence of great grandmothers Rebbetzin Cooper and Mrs Anita Firman. Additionally Libby's aunt and uncle from Israel, Michelle and Alex Daulby, were able to attend along with their family.

Libby attends Hasmonean Girls School and is known not only for her love of animals but also because she is extremely artistic which is reflected in her talent for elaborate braiding and in her incredibly detailed and intricate nail designs. Libby and her family marked the occasion with a series of family meals.

Friday night was a collaborative effort; her mother catering and her grandmother hosting her bas mitzvah seudah. During the seudah Libby, in line with the advice of her great grandfather the late Rabbi Cooper zl, delivered a d'var Torah. She spoke about the great grandmother she was named after and about their shared passion and love for animals in the context of what she had learned from the Torah.

On Shabbos morning the family attended shul, which had been decorated with flowers and Libby handed out sweets to the children. The Maurers hosted both a kiddush at home for family and close friends as well as inviting the entire kehilla to a co-sponsored shul kiddush the following week. On Sunday Libby's entire class, other close friends and family joined her at the JW3 for a private screening of a film exploring the friendship between two twelve year old immigrant girls in America one of whom was Israeli. This was followed by films about the family that Julian had produced.

Julian commented on how Libby has extremely inspirational, female role models in her family and how wonderful it was for all the generations of their family to witness how Libby has transitioned from childhood to join this group of impressive women. Julian and Esther also appreciated the effort that family members had made to come from abroad and how fantastic it was for Libby to be the focus of attention that weekend. Libby's highlight was the opportunity to celebrate the occasion with her family from London, Manchester and Israel. She enjoyed sharing her d'var Torah and welcoming her friends to the kiddush at home.

Shul Contacts

We have been made aware that the Shul needs to have more open and clearer communications with its members. For many years we have been using group emails to help us communicate better with our members. It has come to our attention that we need to better communicate what these group emails are along with numbers where appropriate. Below is a useful list:-

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