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Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis speaking at Brighton & Hove Hebrew Congregation during the opening of the BNJC facility in June 2023.

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JEWISH CARE

The Chief Rabbi's Rosh Hashanah Message 5784

The term 'Yamim Noraim' (Days of Awe) contains within it the key to transformative living.

Unetaneh Tokef, at the heart of our High Holyday Musaph prayers, commences: "Let us now proclaim the power of this day, for it is awe-inspiring..."

Awe is an emotion that is often elusive and fleeting, but when experienced, it can be unforgettable and life-altering.

Dacher Keltner, Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Berkeley, defines awe as the experience of "vast mysteries." In a widely acclaimed paper, written together with the noted social psychologist, Jonathan Haidt, Keltner identifies five spheres of experience which give rise to the feeling of awe.

- Threat. When we encounter someone or something which has the power of life and death, such as a powerful natural disaster.
- Beauty. When we see a striking piece of art or place of rare natural splendour.
- Ability. When we appreciate in someone or something, an

extraordinary talent.

- Virtue. When we experience extraordinary acts of goodness which inspire us.

- Supernatural Causality. When we feel the manifestation of the Divine in our lives.

Fascinatingly, these spheres of experience combine in the most extraordinary way on our Days of Awe.

Standing before our Creator on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, we meditate upon our mortality and the gift of life. We are struck by the beauty of the sea of white in our Shuls and the rousing melodies of our prayers. We recognise in Hashem the capacity

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to help shape our lives and His boundless virtue to forgive us, no matter how frequently we err. Above all, our Days of Awe enable us to experience

the hand of Hashem on our shoulders, comforting us, guiding us, and pushing us to fulfil our potential.

Significantly, in an extraordinary series of studies, Professor Keltner showed that people who had reported experiencing more

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awe in their lives, were more charitable and more altruistic. Reflecting on these studies, he wrote, “awe imbues people with a different sense of themselves, one that is smaller, more humble and part of something larger. In the great balancing act of our social lives, between the gratification of self-interest and a concern for others, fleeting experiences of awe redefine the self in terms of the collective, and orient our actions towards the needs of those around us.” No wonder, therefore, that our Unetaneh Tokef prayer concludes with a call to engage in prayer, penitence and charity.

“... may our forthcoming Yamim Noraim, filled with heartfelt introspection and awe, inspire us to be more compassionate, more giving and more connected to our fellows. Let us strive to live each day with a renewed sense of purpose and a deep appreciation for the awe-inspiring moments that await us.”

With this in mind, may our forthcoming Yamim Noraim, filled with heartfelt introspection

and awe, inspire us to be more compassionate, more giving and more connected to our fellows. Let us strive to live each day with a renewed sense of purpose and a deep appreciation for the awe-inspiring moments that await us.

Valerie and I wish you all a shana tova umetukah, filled with awe and bountiful blessings.



Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis



by Rabbi Hershel Rader



Well, the past year has certainly been one of change for our community! We've moved to our new Shul, have a full slate of Minyanim and Shiurim and burgeoning attendances on Shabbat morning. We have, for the first time in years, a children's service as well as an introductory service – 'the Service for non-Shul Goers'.

There have been teething problems – some bigger and some smaller, yet very annoying – but after over three years off-site it's wonderful to be back in our own premises. Change and transition can be challenging and difficult; but the challenge and difficulty must be seen in the context of what we have gained.

We talk a lot about the future; which is absolutely crucial. But, as the Rosh Hashana liturgy teaches us, remembering

is also important. It isn't important because it's good to reminisce and wallow in the past. It's important because having a sense of our past can guide our future.

There is a parable of a man who set out on a journey. At each crossroads he carefully read the signpost, ensuring that he was heading in the right direction. Arriving at one crossroads he was dismayed because the signpost had fallen down. He had a choice of three directions; which was the right one? He could read his destination clearly on one of the arrows on the sign but had no idea in which direction it should point. Suddenly, the simple solution to his predicament dawned on him. He knew the place he had travelled from. All he had to do was raise the signpost with that arrow pointing to where he had come from and he immediately knew the path to his final destination.

This coming year will mark the 200th anniversary of our community – the Brighton & Hove Hebrew Congregation. It started as the Brighton Hebrew Congregation. It moved

from one location in Brighton to another. Middle Street Synagogue was consecrated in 1875. New Church Road was added over 60 years ago. We now have a brand new Shul for the 21st Century. It is vital that we maintain the Orthodox traditions which have guided our community in the past while building on them and innovating for the future.

A woman who has been very involved in the community over the years recently said to me 'the Shul has enhanced my life'. Communal involvement can be so rewarding; particularly when the community has so much going for it – both old and new.

The United Synagogue has just celebrated its 150th anniversary, which puts our achievement of 200 years in a very positive perspective! Let's celebrate this landmark year by taking advantage of all the good things our new development has to offer; both for ourselves and, through our communal involvement, the benefit of others.

Perla and I wish you all a very Good and Sweet Year.

Sunday 10th September

Selichot 8.00am
Shacharit 8.30am

Erev Rosh Hashana - Friday 15th September

Selichot 6.45am
Shacharit 7.30am
Candle lighting 6.57pm
Mincha/Maariv 6.55pm

1st Day Rosh Hashana – Shabbat 16th September

Morning Service 8.15am
Torah Reading 10.00am
Musaf 11.00am
Sermon 12.30pm
Mincha 6.50pm
Maariv 7.15pm
Light Candles after 8.02pm

2nd Day Rosh Hashana – Sunday 17th September

Morning Service 8.15am
Torah Reading 10.00am
Shofar 10.45am
Musaf 11.00am
Sermon 12.30pm
Mincha 6.25pm
Tashlich Meet at Shul 6.45pm
Maariv and Yom Tov Ends 8.00pm

Fast of Gedaliah – Monday 18th September

Fast Begins 4.54am
Selichot & Shacharit 7.00am
Mincha & Maariv 6.20pm
Fast Ends 7.42pm

Shabbat Shuva - Friday 22nd Sept

Candle Lighting 6.42pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6.40pm

Shabbat 23rd September

Shacharit 9.30
Mincha 6.25pm
Maariv & Shabbat Ends 7.46pm

Erev Yom Kippur – Sunday 24th September

Selichot & Shacharit 7.00am
Mincha 2.00pm
Candle Lighting & Fast Commences 6.37pm
Kol Nidre Service 6.30pm

Yom Kippur – Monday 25th September

Morning Service 9.30am
Torah Reading 11.30am

Yizkor 12.15pm
Sermon 12.30pm
Musaf 12.50pm
Mincha 4.40pm
Neilah 6.25pm
Fast Ends 7.41pm

Erev Succot – Friday 29th September

Candle Lighting 6.26pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6.25pm

1st Day Succot – Shabbat 30th Sept

Morning service 9.15am
Torah Reading 10.30am
Musaf 11.30am
Mincha & Maariv 6.10pm
Candle Lighting after 7.30pm

2nd Day Succot – Sunday 1st October

Morning service 9.15am
Torah Reading 10.30am
Musaf 11.30am
Mincha 6.10pm
Maariv & Yom Tov Ends 7.28pm

Friday 6th October. Hoshana Rabbah – Erev Shemini Atzeret

Shacharit 7.00
Candle Lighting 6.10pm
Mincha & Maariv 6.10pm

Shemini Atzeret - Shabbat 7th October

Morning Service 9.15am
Torah Reading 10.30am
Yizkor 11.10am
Musaf 11.30am

Night of Simchat Torah

Mincha 6.00pm
Maariv & Hakafot 6.15pm
Candle Lighting after 7.15pm

Simchat Torah – Sunday 8th October

Morning Service 9.15am
Hakafot & Torah Reading 10.30am
Musaf 12.15pm
Mincha 6.05pm
Maariv & Yom Tov Ends 7.13pm

Erev Shabbat – Friday 13th October

Candle Lighting 5.55pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 5.55pm

Shabbat Bereshit – 14th October

Morning Service 9.30am
Mincha 5.40pm
Maariv & Shabbat Ends 7.00pm

08 Chairman's message

by David Seidel

Back in Toronto, when I was in my third year of law school, I was a member of the editorial board of the school newspaper. It was hard work. Every week was spent hunting down content. Every Thursday night was a layout session (back then we glued articles to flats). Every Friday morning was a trip downtown to take the latest issue to the printer. Our biggest achievement was we published a sixteen-page weekly broadsheet, and, we more than tripled the number of contributors from the previous year.

One particular layout session fell on my birthday. Without my knowing it, our cast of volunteers made it into a surprise party for me. It really was a surprise. I still have the birthday card I was given. I remember one particular inscription from a friend. He wrote: "Remember, the battle is the fun part". What he meant was we feel our most alive when we are not complacent. After thirty-five years, those words and their meaning still ring true for me.

It is the battle against complacency – the battle against accepting things as being good enough in favour of striving to make things better – is something in which our Congregation has been involved especially in recent

years and for which we should all be proud.

Shortly after I became Chairman, I was asked what I thought the role of the shul was. I said the shul has three objectives: (1) honour the past; (2) provide for the present; and (3) build for the future. I hope we have been and are doing that. And although we are in our new shul, it is still early days in what is now a period of transition, a period of moving away from what we had to moving to what we now have.

This is my last Chairman's message. With apologies to the late Ian Dury, I have reasons to be thankful. My family for their patience while I have been active with our Congregation's affairs. Rabbi Rader for his quiet wisdom, kindness, support and humour. Volunteers and members who have shared their experience, excitement and friendship over the years. Thank you all. I have learned a lot from all of you.

Best,



Claim Long Lost Family Medals & March for Remembrance

by Fiona Palmer

AJEX's new and emotive Campaign which strives to re-connect people with their family's medals from the First and Second World Wars. The AJEX Family Medals Campaign has been launched to help reunite any Jewish family who does not have their own or family members' medals from war and other service, with these precious honours, and to guarantee the legacy of Jewish service lives on.

AJEX hopes members will join our Family Medals Campaign and be reunited with any medals in time to proudly wear them at the AJEX Annual Remembrance Parade & Ceremony to be held this year on 19th November 2023. It takes time to get the medals so now is the time to act with AJEX's help and discounts on copies of medals!

This initiative is a powerful reminder that it is never too late to right the wrongs of the past and do our bit to ensure the sacrifices made by our community are never forgotten.

For more information, please contact AJEX through its website at www.ajex.org.uk

Fiona Palmer is the Chief Executive of AJEX.

Forthcoming stonesettings

The following stonesettings have been scheduled.

Evelyn Evans	3 September, 2.00 pm
Shirley Halmer	22 October, 12 noon
Lou Mann (HHC)	22 October, 2.00 pm

Closer to the date of a particular stonesetting, we suggest you check with the shul office to find out if there have been any changes to any of the details.

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Chief Rabbi attends Shabbat of Unity at BHHC

by Jonathan Metliss

On the weekend of 17 June 2023, the Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis and Lady Mirvis attended the Brighton and Hove Hebrew Congregation in New Church Road, Hove, for the official opening of the new community centre, which took place on Friday evening, 16 June.

The event was attended by over 200 people including members of the synagogue, guests, and local dignitaries from the City. The ceremonial ribbon cutting was carried out by the Chief Rabbi after a series of speeches in the packed Synagogue orchestrated and introduced by Rabbi Hershel Rader, the Rabbi of the Brighton and Hove Hebrew Congregation.

Speeches were made by Mark Sugarman, Chief Executive of BNJC (Brighton and Hove



Jewish Community), Tony Bloom, Chairman of the Bloom Foundation who were behind the new development, fellow trustee Natasha Isaacs and the Chief Rabbi himself. The Chief Rabbi spoke, in particular, about the resurgence and revitalisation of the Brighton and Hove Jewish Community as a result of this new development.

Celebratory meals were

held at the community centre over Shabbat at which the Chief Rabbi spoke, covering a number of topics such as antisemitism in the UK, the opening of the multi-faith centre in Abu Dhabi and the message of the Sedra, Shelach Lecha , the subject matter being the spies sent by Moses to survey the future land of Israel

On Shabbat morning, a sumptuous Kiddush was provided by the Brighton and Hove Hebrew Congregation, sponsored by ex officio board member and Jewish Weekly Chairman Jonathan Metliss, who also recited the haftarah quite beautifully.

Each event and all the synagogue services were without exception extremely well attended and supported, befitting the occasion.

Rabbi Rader said “the enthusiasm, energy and creativity shown over this special weekend, where we were honoured by the presence of The Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis and Lady Mirvis, bodes extremely well for the resuscitated and re- invigorated Brighton and Hove Hebrew Congregation and for the local Jewish community in general.





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Update from the Jewish Small Communities Network

by Ed Horwich

Rosh Hashanah is a both a joyous and contemplative time.

Traditionally it's time when families gather and communities swell. It's a time also to look inside ourselves, at what we have done and what more we could do.

For some the circumstances won't afford the opportunity to be with others. However, we can look inside ourselves whether we are in synagogue or not.

We spend much of the time during these holy days contemplating the bond we have with God. Avraham was by himself when taking Isaac to be sacrificed. Moshe was by himself when he received the Torah from Hashem.

When we gather en masse in synagogue we have to mentally divorce ourselves, make ourselves separate and alone, to take that look inside and have that personal one on one conversation with God.

But being 'by yourself' is not the definition of being alone. When we look inside ourselves this Rosh Hashanah, we will all be together as a Jewish people, Bnei Yisrael. As it is said, we were all under the mountain, both those living then and the generations yet to come, when Moshe brought us the Torah from God.

Whether we are crushed shoulder to shoulder in a synagogue or by ourselves, wherever we are, we will share being both alone and yet together as well.

A lot of people don't live in North London

The 2021 UK Census prompted us to look again at the number of Jews living outside the major cities. This revealed a much higher number than previously estimated, at around 65,000. That means 25% of the total Jewish population are either fully engaged with a smaller community or living remotely and engaging when they need to.

Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took part in our survey. The response was phenomenal and has given us the evidence we need to plan for the next three years.

Our 1st Annual SUMMIT for Small Communities takes place on 22nd October 2023.

The second annual Judaism Talks Conference is happening in November.

During the rest of the year you will find our "Antisemitism and Me" workshops, our training for lay members to lead services, virtual study groups, in-person regional meetings, and skills development to help your management team.

I hope you can join us.

Shana Tova Umetuka - Have a happy and sweet new year and wishing you well over the Fast.

G'mar Chatima Tova - May you be sealed in the Book of Life.

[Ed Horwich is the Chief Executive of the Jewish Small Communities Network.](#)

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Jonathan Metliss versus...

Jonathan Metliss is the Chairman of Action Against Discrimination and the Jewish Weekly.

BBC's never-ending bias against the State of Israel – 10 July 2023

I was appalled by the BBC's coverage of the events in Jenin last week. Not only did the presenter Anjana Gadgil claim in an interview with the former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett that "Israeli forces are happy to kill children" but the BBC in its coverage insinuated that the subsequent car ramming and knifing in Tel Aviv was somehow a justifiable response for the actions of the Israeli forces in Jenin.



As bad, was the reporter Jeremy Bowen claiming that Palestinians were forced to flee the new State of Israel in 1948 during the War of Independence. Does he not know that the new State of Israel was invaded by five Arab

armies and that Jordan occupied and annexed the West Bank formerly part of the British mandate. Furthermore, Arab leaders called on Arab residents to flee Israel for fear of being killed by the Israelis and promised that they could reclaim their properties and more when returning, after the nascent Israeli State had been defeated.

Does the BBC not realise that these terrorists in Jenin are not only fighting a proxy war for Iran but are the self-same terrorists that the West is fighting

worldwide, in Europe, the USA, the Middle East, Afghanistan and elsewhere?

So where have the UK Jewish

leaders been in the face of these falsehoods by the BBC and its reporters?

The BBC has such a long tradition in misreporting events in Israel and Gaza and local antisemitic incidents to the

detriment of the Jewish community and then people wonder why antisemitism in the UK is increasing.

Another example is the arrest of a man for a terrorist offence aimed at the Hove Hebrew congregation in Holland Road, Hove.

This is not good and it is time for the Jewish community and its leaders to wake up and respond seriously and effectively to this anti-Israel diatribe from the BBC.

[Amnesty International Award to Gary Lineker](#)

[Letter to The Times - 23 May 2023](#)

[So it goes on. The smug and self-congratulatory](#)



Match of the Day presenter, Gary Lineker, is to receive a Sports and Human Rights award at a ceremony hosted by Amnesty International in Rome on Wednesday, 24 May.

He has been described as a staunch advocate for the rights of refugees and migrants.

You could not make it up. This is the man who compared the immigration policy of the UK Government to the policy of Nazi Germany in the 1930's for which he was taken off the air by the BBC. Remember, this followed a tweet containing false information condemning the shooting of a Palestinian footballer by Israeli soldiers, the footballer turning out to be a Hamas terrorist who was shooting at the soldiers.

Does this man have no shame? He is both disruptive and dangerous and should be properly sanctioned by the BBC, as well as the other football pundits who have consistently supported him.

This is so patently wrong and absurd. It should

also be noted that he will be soaking up praise in Italy, a country led by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni who has warned of "an invasion" of migrants and refugees. I fail to see Lineker's criticism of this policy. It should be noted that Amnesty International is no friend of the State of Israel and that he will be receiving his award alongside a Palestinian footballer.

All sane people should be criticising the granting of this award. As has recently been said, "perhaps it is time for Gary Lineker to hang up his microphone, as he did his boots long ago".

I sincerely hope so.

Radio 4 Midnight News – 10/11 July 2023

From BBC News:

We appreciate you getting in touch about the midnight bulletin you heard on Radio 4 on 10 /11 July.

You're right that we shouldn't have said the 'occupation of Palestinian territories' was illegal. As you say it's the settlements that aren't compliant with

international law and we could have written here "...Israel and the territory it has settled illegally". The version of the story on our website made this point correctly – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-66086671>.

We are always mindful of our responsibility to report fairly and accurately, and the Middle East conflict is one of the most complex and sensitive stories for BBC News to cover. We are sorry therefore for the wording used on this occasion.

Many thanks for highlighting this and your feedback has been passed on to senior editors.

Refuah shelaimah

We wish a refuah shelaimah to all members who are unwell and pray that they will be restored to health.

Long life

We wish long life to all members who have lost loved ones since our last issue.

The High Holy Days: A British Perspective from the past

Research by Gordon Frankss

From the London Morning Advertiser of 26th September 1822:

GRAND WHITE FAST OF THE JEWS

Yesterday was one of the strictest days in the Hebrew religious persuasion - it is called the White Fast and is kept with much solemnity. The Hebrews from all parts of England and the British Isles, assembled in town, and repaired at sunrise to their synagogues, where they remained until sunset, and during the day they neither ate nor drank. Those who are particularly strict in the observance of the Jewish rites, wear the shrouds in which they intend to be buried. Even those who live on the meats [forbidden by their great lawgiver Moses] during the remainder of the year, abstain from them on this day, and they meet the congregation in order to acknowledge and atone for such sins. As soon as the stars appear, or the evening closes in, the Hymn of Death is repeated three times over in a loud voice, by the whole of the congregation, the High Priest, the Rev Dr Herschell repeating it first. The effect is extremely solemn. The whole of the congregation return immediately after the hymn to break their fast, by a sumptuous

entertainment, consisting of all sorts of fish, tea, coffee &c. Afterwards, at about eleven or twelve o'clock, an excellent supper follows, consisting of vermicelli soups, fowls, wines &c. &c. The following week their Grand Tabernacle Fete commences, which lasts eight days, during the whole of which time the most extravagant entertainments are given.

From the Brighton Guardian in 1838:

On Thursday the Hebrews celebrated Succoth, the Feast of Tabernacles or as it sometimes called the Feast of the Gathering in the harvest. At sunset that evening the Jews of this town repaired to the synagogue of the German Jewish congregation in Devonshire Place and said the form of prayer and thanksgiving appointed for the Festival. After which the better class of persons of that community instead of sitting down to meat in their houses as is usual at the commencement of the Sabbath repaired to the several tabernacles which they had previously erected as enjoined in Leviticus, c23, v42. When every preparation was completed the master of each family took a glass of wine in his right hand and said the Kodush, or grace, adding " Blessed art

thou O Lord our God! King of the universe who hath sanctified us with his commandments and commanded us to dwell in a tabernacle". On the evening of Friday which was denominated "the Second Feast" they went again to the synagogue and after saying the prayers for the festival, and before the praise, they took the Citron, the branch of the palm tree, myrtles and willows, some in the right hand and others in the left, and said an appropriate grace. The willow trees are displayed in commemoration of the "Blessing of the Waters". Wednesday next "the Feast of Branches" or as they term it "Hoshana Rabba" will

be celebrated, and the following day, which is called the "Day of Solemn Assembly." will be more strictly kept than any other days of this feast. The modern Jews keep nine days of this festival instead of eight for which they assign astronomical reasons. On these great festivals many respectable Christians attend the services in the synagogue, where they are always cordially welcomed by their Hebrew friends, who politely furnish their visitants with English versions of the ritual which is of course sung and said in the LOSHEN HACOUDESH or Holy Language.

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This Rosh Hashanah, I would like to focus on two wonderful events which demonstrate the esteem in which the Jewish community is

held in this country. The first of these was the coronation of King Charles III in May. I was privileged to be invited to represent the Jewish community at the coronation. The King has said on a number of occasions that he wishes to be the 'protector of faiths' and he has been as good as his word. Having experienced King Charles' warmth towards our community on several occasions, I know he will be a wonderful monarch both for the Jewish community and the wider nation. I wish him much success.

Leading the service on that day was the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. We were delighted that he accepted our invitation to be interviewed by historian and novelist Simon Sebag Montefiore at Bevis Marks Synagogue this summer. We invited every Board of Deputies-affiliated synagogue to send representatives to this wonderful event. The Archbishop spoke with great passion of his personal commitment to fighting antisemitism, the duty of care that universities

have for their Jewish students and the historic relationship between the Church and the Jewish community. His views were both heartfelt and heartwarming for all who were there.

The Board's key work is in two areas. Firstly, we engage with politicians, civil society, and other faith groups throughout the UK at national, regional and local level, sharing with them the Jewish community's views about a wide range of topics including antisemitism, Israel, religious practice and social issues. Secondly, we work proactively to advance causes of great concern to our community. For example, we run Pikuach (The Jewish Ofsted) to inspect our Jewish schools, helping to ensure they provide an excellent Jewish education. We also have our Jewish Living Experience Exhibition, which is travelling around the country educating children and adults about the Jewish way of life, and we are developing a new online digital programme to teach non-Jewish children around the UK about Jews, Judaism, Israel and antisemitism.

There are still threats to the safety of our community. We have previously campaigned successfully to have both Hezbollah and Hamas proscribed in their entirety as terrorist organisations. We strongly believe that the Government has a duty to ban the state-sponsored terror group the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). In July we

held an event in Parliament which featured impassioned evidence from advocates of proscription.

There is still bias against Israel in the media. One particularly egregious example occurred recently when a BBC News presenter, in an interview with former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, said that “Israeli forces are happy to kill children”. We contacted the BBC’s Director General to protest in the strongest possible terms. On this occasion the BBC apologised swiftly for the unacceptable language, but we must continue to be vigilant and proactive.

This is but a snapshot of the extensive and varied work the Board of Deputies carries out for the Jewish community. We do all this on an extremely modest budget, largely funded by your communal contribution. We are very grateful for your support; please know that whatever your interests or concerns as members of our community, the Board of Deputies is here to advocate on your behalf.

I wish everyone a Shana Tovah and a happy year ahead.

Marie van der Zyl is the President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.



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