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Our Cover

Our cover is a watercolour of the Jewish Convalescent Home on Saint Patrick Road, Hove.

Erratum

The material on the Rothschild Brothers featured in our last issue was compiled, with our thanks, by our member Gordon Franks. We regret the omission of this information regarding his involvement. Anyone wishing further information on the Rothschild brothers are welcome to contact Gordon via the shul office.

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The Chief Rabbi's Rosh Hashanah Message 5785

During this most painful year, in addition to the trauma of the terrorist atrocities, the capture of hostages and the tragic war, we have been subjected to a constant barrage of falsehoods. Of these, none has been so insidious as the morally inverted claim of genocide, the modern-day blood libel.

On Yom Kippur, we will chant Kol Nidrei, a prayer steeped in history and emotion. Fascinatingly, historians differ on its precise origin. Many believe that it was composed as a remedy for Jews who had been forced to make oaths of conversion to Christianity. While Kol Nidre declares 'all vows' made to God null and void, it was used as a pretext by medieval antisemites to portray Jews as untrustworthy in business and other civil matters. Despite assurances that Kol Nidrei did not apply to vows between people, the lie persisted, causing deep-seated hatred.

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up its boots. Sadly, in the era of social media, this is truer than ever, particularly where Israel is concerned.

In just one such example, in July, a well-known medical journal published a letter on its website. The authors estimated that the total number of casualties in Gaza attributable to Israel might eventually reach 186,000, if one were to factor in the impact of secondary causes, such as lack of housing and poor healthcare infrastructure. No attempt was made to assign any responsibility to Hamas, nor to differentiate

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between the deaths of combatants and non-combatants, nor identify the 'Gaza Health Ministry,' on whose data its conjecture was based, as Hamas-run. Nevertheless, campaigners

attributed this 'new data' to the journal itself, rather than to a letter it had received. Some claimed that the journal had 'released a study,' while others stated that the estimate was 'peer reviewed.' Before long, millions had read it and it was cited by activists,

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British Parliamentarians, and a UN Special Rapporteur.

Kol Nidrei is chanted during our deepest moments of personal and communal introspection. In our confession of the High Holy Days, we call out to Hashem in candour: “You know the hidden secrets of every living soul. You search the innermost chambers of the conscience and the heart. Nothing escapes You. Nothing is hidden from Your sight.” This is a moment of the purest honesty.

The Torah instructs us, “Distance yourself from falsehood,” because it is not enough to be truthful; we must create an environment intolerant of falsehood.

Indeed, despite the centuries of lies and hatred, Kol Nidrei has endured because we have always found solace in moments of perfect truth between ourselves and Hashem.

When we know in the deepest recesses of our souls where truth ends and falsehood begins, no lie can diminish us.

The truth will prevail. Am Yisrael Chai!



Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis

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From the Rabbi

What to Pray For?

by Rabbi Hershel Rader



A New Year brings new opportunities. Not just because this special time provides an opportunity for reflection and resolve but also because standing before the Heavenly Judge is unlike any other judgement we may experience.

There is a profound difference between earthly judges of flesh and blood and the Heavenly Judge. If a defendant is found guilty in the earthly court, then there's really not much room for clemency on the part of the judge. The law is the law and must take its course. The accused may shed rivers of tears, but no human judge can be certain if their remorse is genuine. Expressions of regret are touching but of very limited legal consequence. After all, a human judge may make a decision based only on 'what the eye

can see'. The misdeed was seen to have been committed. The remorse; who knows? Perhaps the defendant is a good actor! Conversely, the Supreme Judge does know whether the accused genuinely regrets his actions or is merely putting on an act. That is why the heavenly judgment of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is so special. Nothing can come between us and G-d who is ready to forgive and answer our prayers; just as He answered those of the great Jewish women – Sarah and Chana – we read about on Rosh Hashana.

The question is: What should we pray for? People's priorities, and therefore their desires, change over the course of their lives. This should happen automatically with the passage of time and the maturity that brings. Manifestly, so many of the desires of a child are different from that of an adult and a young adult's from a parent. Circumstances will also create change in our perspectives and sense of what is truly important. As Jews, this past year has brought a new set of circumstance which

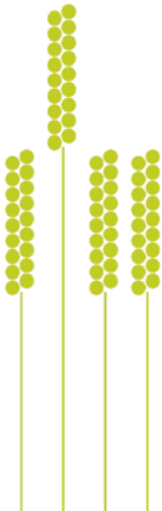
has shaken our world. We have witnessed the most brutal attack on our people since the holocaust. Terrible, brutal atrocities were carried out against young women which were too terrible and obscene to describe here. Tragically, in a perverse combination of ignorance and bigotry, the world seeks to blame the Jews!

Have these changes in circumstances changed us at all?

What are we going to pray for this Rosh Hashana? Chana prayed for a child; something she desired greatly on a personal level. Life carries on and we all have needs and requests important to us as individuals. Rosh Hashana is certainly a time to ask for G-d's blessings on this very personal level. But we would have done that last year too. The question is whether the situation of our people will move us to include our nation in our set of priorities? Whether, over these Days of Judgement, we will spend time reflecting on what we can contribute to our people and homeland? Whether we will bring our resolve in this area before Hashem and ask him to grant the

peace and security we need and desire?

These few words, written at a time when things are changing so rapidly, cannot really do justice to the topic. But one thing is for sure; at this time in our history we once again find ourselves in need of help from above. For our people Israel and all of humankind. Let's think about that and bring those thoughts to the forefront as we contemplate a New Year. Perla and I wish the community a very Good and Sweet Year.



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Helping you prosper

08 Chairperson's Message

by Susan Conway

It has been a very difficult year for the Jewish Community following the events of 7 October 2023.

However, I am delighted to report that the shul is "in good heart". Attendance on Shabbos has been very high, and we are obtaining a minyan on almost every evening and morning.

Our ladies have produced elegant kiddushim for the shul, and we have had numerous compliments from visitors who have been visiting BNJC and joined our services. We have celebrated with many members and dedicated kiddushim for them. Our numbers on a Shabbos are often about 100 people.

One donor has generously paid for a new Ner Tamid which is on order from USA, and we hope to have this in situ shortly. He was a visitor for the Pesach Holiday. Another donor has generously donated sufficient funds for an electronic board to be used for service information and this again will be installed in the near future. Visitors who have been called up have made donations to the Charity Box and the monies are sent to the Charity in Israel for disadvantaged children.

We have had two Friday night meals where the Novellino restaurant has catered for us at a very reduced cost and we have another shortly. They were very enjoyable events and well attended. We have had many visitors with

young children, and it is lovely to have them attending services with their parents. We also have children's services at 11 am and these have been well supported. They have been conducted by Rabbi Matt Marks

We said "Goodbye" to the four volunteer girls from Israel and we are anticipating welcoming the new four girls very soon. We believe their visas are coming through this week, and so then they will be joining us. I shall be introducing the new volunteers at a kiddush shortly.

We are now celebrating our bicentenary and have had the privilege of a second visit from the Chief Rabbi who officially declared our Synagogue open. We celebrated this event with a civic service attended by many dignitaries including the Mayor of Brighton & Hove, the deputy Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff and the MP for Hove Constituency. This was followed by a special tea. A beautiful Order of Service was designed by Michelle Cooperman, who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes on this and research into the history of Middle Street Synagogue as well as collating the silver and historical treasures of the Synagogue. She has also been responsible for guidance and advice on the computers used at the shul office.

Michael Crook led the celebrations for the Bicentenary Sub-Committee

and I wish to thank him for doing so most ably. He was joined by Michelle Cooperman, and her husband Martin Cooperman, a former chairman of the shul.

The mechitza is now the subject of a sample which is awaited of its proposed construction and will then be ordered after the Board's approval and should be available in the near future.

The Ten Commandment Tablets are being removed from the white frame and will be mounted differently and this will take place at the same time as the mechitza is installed.

We had a very successful Barbecue at a private house in Hove and it was the subject of many compliments.

We have arranged an excellent chazan for the High Holidays and are looking forward to welcoming our members to the Shul. We no longer have reserved seating and so it is "first come first served" on the High Holidays. Cards with the times of services will be going out shortly and the information will also be shown on our website and on the "WhatsApp"

We have many new members to the shul and are delighted that they have chosen to join us. With the closure of the Holland Road shul, we have had many visitors join us, and we are pleased that they are coming and want to assure them that they are really welcome to join us.

We would like to make country membership available for visitors who are visiting the shul in greater numbers.

Thanks to the large numbers of visitors, we are enjoying greater support for the shul. Rabbi Rader and Mrs. Perla Rader have been stalwart supporters of the shul in so many ways, some apparent to the community and some behind the scenes.

The mikvah is now finished. It is beautiful! For those who have not seen it, I recommend a visit. The same is really special and is very elegant and beautifully designed.

We are in exciting times with the shul arranging activities as often as possible, and I am very happy to take suggestions for members' events.

The shul is owned by the Congregation, and I welcome volunteers to serve on the Board and also to assist with events. There are vacancies for Board members to be co-opted.

I wish to thank our treasurer Lindsay Bloch and our office staff, Angela and Natalie and the CST volunteers and everyone who has contributed in any way to the well-being of the shul.

I take this opportunity of wishing everyone a "Happy New Year" and well over the fast.

With best wishes,
Susan Conway



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About my family, about my generation

by David Schaverein z'l

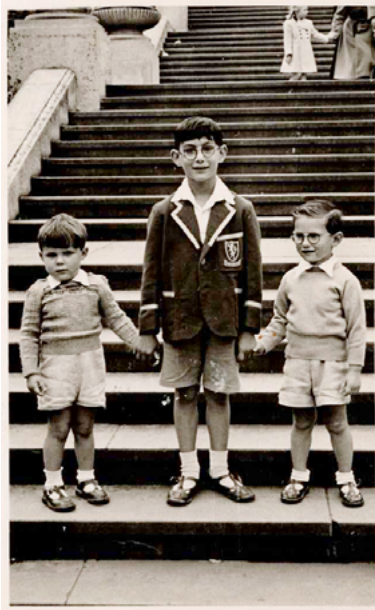
This article by David Schaverein z'l arrived approximately one month before his recent passing. David was always contributing to the life of our Congregation. We are blessed he has given us a glimpse into his family's life.

I am the eldest of four siblings. We were brought up identically except I spent three years (1950-53) at a Jewish Prep School. During that time my sister was born.

My two brothers were close in age, born 14 months apart after the war. They were like chalk and cheese. The younger was very sporty. He was goalkeeper for Brighton Boys in his age group, captained Hove Rugby Club and played local league cricket to a reasonable standard. Our other brother had no hand/eye coordination and could not catch a tennis ball. The youngest brother was a physical education teacher and had no interaction with anyone else Jewish.

Unsurprisingly he married out.

My middle brother went to Birmingham University where he lived at the local Hillel House. He roomed with a rabbi's son. By the end of the degree course, the rabbi's son had lost his faith. And my brother made Aliyah. He had an arranged marriage and became a frum rabbi.



For me, marrying out was never a consideration from the time I left boarding school I started

mixing with the local Jewish community and meeting other Jewish pupils at Hove Grammar School and fellow pupils at Middle Street Infants School cheder before joining Hove Maccabi where I met my wife-to-be. She was from near Heathrow Airport and was sent by her mother to Maccabi to meet local Jewish boys. We started dating and the rest is history.

My sister never married. She spent two years in Israel (1970/71) on a Kibbutz and as an au pair. After returning first to Brighton she moved to London in 1977 and has lived there or in the suburbs. She has maintained friendships for fifty years with fellow members of B'nai Brith Young Adults of her generation together with her peers from her Bat Chayil. In terms of Yiddishkeit, my rabbi brother is first by a long way. I am second, my sister third and our younger brother a long way last.

Opening our building for our future

by Michael Crook

The formal opening of our new Shul at 29 New Church Road was held on Sunday 9 June 2024. It was a momentous day in the 200-year history of the Brighton & Hove Hebrew Congregation. The Shul was full for the Civic Service attended by the Chief Rabbi, and the atmosphere was one of respect and anticipation. The order of service and history of the Congregation were provided to each guest in a programme beautifully designed by Michelle Cooperman. She also provided a lovely display of some of the history of Middle Street Shul.

In attendance were the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, the Mayor of the City, accompanied by his Consort, the High Sheriff, Councillors and representatives of other religions. At the commencement of the service there was a procession of some of the Congregation's Torah scrolls, including the Montefiore Sefer of 1875, and the Sefer presented by Phillip Salomons, which dates from the late eighteenth century. The Seforim were then placed in the open and empty Ark, as a symbol of the completion of the Shul. The Chief Rabbi in his address highlighted this emotional moment. The service was conducted by two Chazanim, Shlomo Brummer and David Rome, who harmonised beautifully together. It was



Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis carries the Sefer Torah

very moving, and included appropriate psalms, and Prayers for the Royal Family and the State of Israel.

Rabbi Rader commented: This outstanding event, graced by the presence of the Chief Rabbi and Lady Mirvis, marks a new chapter for the Brighton and Hove Hebrew Congregation. Our community has always been enterprising and forward looking. Forming Brighton's first Congregation, building our stunning Middle Street Synagogue,

realising the need for a sister Synagogue in Hove in the 1950s and now a Synagogue which is a welcoming modern sanctuary for the 21st Century and beyond.

The Chief Rabbi congratulated the leaders of the Congregation who

L: The Chief Rabbi addresses the congregation

R: The Mayor of Brighton & Hove offers thanks to the congregation





BHHC Chairperson Susan Conway, Lady Mirvis, The Chief Rabbi, Peter Kyle MP, Rabbi Rader and Perla Rader

had the foresight to seek to accept that complete redevelopment of the site was the way forward, and thanked Tony Bloom and the Bloom Foundation for their magnificent contribution to the creation of the 'best in class' BNJC complex. He also complimented Rabbi and Perla Rader for their leadership of the Congregation through a very challenging period.

In his address Rabbi Rader commented on the fact the Congregation was formed less than a decade after the end of Napoleonic Wars. In the community's 200 years the world has gone through immense change and upheaval, experiencing industrial revolution, political revolutions, the rise and demise of empires, two world wars and massive technological advances which have landed men on the moon. For the Jewish people we have seen western migration, the Holocaust and a return to our homeland. Throughout this change and upheaval Jews have gone to Shul and recited, essentially, the same prayers and studied the same Torah, giving us constancy

The Organising Committee: Michael Crook, Rabbi Rader, Susan Conway, Michelle Cooperman and Martyn Cooperman

and an enduring sense of purpose and spiritual identity.

Following the service refreshments were served, and everyone joined together to celebrate with a toast to the Brighton and Hove Hebrew Congregation. The Deputy Lieutenant and the Mayor gave speeches of thanks.

Congratulations and thanks are due to the organising committee, to those who arranged the refreshments, our security lead Stewart Macintosh and the BNJC security team, and our hard-working caretakers Richard and Alison Durrant.

Thank you and appeals

The Board and members wish to express sincere gratitude to all those who have generously contributed to the Congregation to enable the purchase of various items for the further enhancement of our new modern shul.

We would like to acquire a new Menorah in time for Chanukah and we are creating a fund to enable us to restore and repair our valuable items of silver, our Sifrei torah and vestments. If you would like to donate for either of these items, please contact the Rabbi in the first instance.



Spotlight on the Jewish Convalescent Home in Hove

The following was reported in the Brighton Gazette of Thursday 25th May 1891 and recovered from the files of the British Newspaper Archive.

On Sunday last in the presence of a numerous and influential company of the Jewish fraternity, a branch of the Convalescent Home for Jews was opened at St Patrick's Road, Hove. About twenty-two years ago a Jewish Convalescent Home was founded at Norwood in memory of Judith, Lady Montefiore, but it has for a long time been felt desirable to open a seaside branch of the Home, where many hopeful and deserving cases might be dealt with. The idea was mooted by Mrs Bischoffsheim and Mrs N M Adler, the late wife of the late Chief Rabbi. Mrs Adler was President of the Institution, and took a lively interest in its welfare, an interest which she seems to have transmitted to her son, Mr Elkin Adler, one of the indefatigable honorary secretaries of

the parent home. Mrs Bischoffsheim has been one of the most active promoters and generous donors to the new home at Brighton, and in this respect has received invaluable aid from Mrs Solomon Joseph and Mrs Lucas.

The building is erected in the "English domestic style" of "red brick and tiles." The ground floor has two sitting rooms for women, a large sitting room for men and a large day room for children, the Matron's room in the centre. There is a separate staircase for men opening from the corridor, and a similar staircase for women and children. The corridor, running from East to West, divides in the centre of its length, from which open bath rooms for men and men's w.c.'s with large stone closet, and on the eastern side of the division bath rooms and w.c.'s for the women. The kitchen and dining rooms with all domestic offices, are built in rear of the East wing. The two staircases lead to a corridor on the one pair floor over the

ground floor corridor, and is similarly divided. From the Western portion of this corridor the men's bedrooms are reached, and from the Eastern portion those of the women and children, and from the same corridor men's lavatories and lavatories for women. The staircase of the eastern corridor is continued up to rooms in roof, used by the domestics; and for vestries and stores. Hot and cold water is laid on to all portions of the building, the arrangements of which are very complete, and there is a spacious recreation ground in the rear. The architects of the work are Messers T Lainson and Son; and the builders, Messrs Humphry and Sons, of Western Road, Hove and Messrs Garrett, Middle Street, Brighton. It has cost between £2,000 and £3,000, and will at present accommodate ten men, ten women, and ten children, free of charge. In order to meet the wishes of the patients who are able and willing to contribute to their own

maintenance while receiving recuperative benefits of a healthful seaside resort, one ward has been set specially apart for them, and should this ward be largely availed of, it may possibly be hereafter extended. Although the building has been opened free of debt, it still needs gifts and donations to meet its immediate wants, and annual subscriptions to ensure its effective conduct in the future. The fact of its being the natural off-shoot of an existing institution rather than a new and experimental undertaking is claimed to be an additional justification for a renewed appeal to a generous public.

Amongst those present on Sunday was Captain Sassoon, Mrs Flora Sassoon and several members of the family, the Rev Dr Adler [Chief Rabbi elect], Mrs Bischoffsheim and daughter, Mrs Adler, Mr Elkin Adler, Mrs Scharp, Mrs Langenbach and daughter, Mrs George Raphael and Miss Raphael, Mr and Mrs G S Joseph,

Mr F Philips, Mr F D Mocatta, Mr and Mrs Lewis Davidson, Mr Henriques, &c, the company altogether numbering about one hundred.

After a short dedicatory service, conducted by the Rev Dr Adler, assisted by the Rev A. C. Jacobs, of Brighton, Captain Sassoon gave a short address and formally declared the building open. He explained that the Home would have been opened some six months ago, but some extensions not at first contemplated had been carried out. This was not a new idea, but was simply the extension of a well recognised charity in London. He was pleased to see himself surrounded by so many ladies and gentlemen of influence in the community, who took such a lively interest in the welfare of the poor. He thought Brighton very aptly chosen for the Home, and congratulated the committee on their selection, because Brighton was especially free from the microbes

and the bacilli of the prevailing epidemic. He hoped the Home would be the means of invigorating those who came to seek health at such an invaluable institution. He had very great pleasure in mentioning the names of Mrs Bischoffsheim, one of the most munificent donors, who, together with the late Mrs Adler, was one of the first to moot the idea of this seaside Home.

A vote of thanks to Captain Sassoon was moved by Mr F D Mocatta, who said he was pleased to see the grandson following in the footsteps of the late David Sassoon. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr Lewis Davidson whose wife was an energetic worker on the Committee and President of the local branch. A vote of thanks to the clergy and honorary choir brought the proceedings to a close.

[A contrasting view...](#)

From the Minutes of Brighton Hebrew Congregation

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Spotlight on the Jewish Convalescent Home in Hove (continued from p14)

Sunday June 16th, 1907
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The President read a letter from Mr Stephany, the Secretary of the London Board of Guardians re cooperating with them in establishing consumptive Jewish Families in Brighton. The Secretary was directed to reply that while deeply sympathising with the consumptive poor, Brighton was absolutely unfitted for the reception of such families, as it was decidedly not a centre of industry and the past experience of this congregation extending over a great number of years certainly not two families

have been able to continue here or even make the semblance of a living although the small charitable living in connection with the Synagogue has invariably rendered them assistance apart from the fact that trade in Brighton has for the past ten years been greatly depressed and able bodied men such as tailors and costermongers &c have been unable to obtain a living; the climate is a most severe one for any but the robust as there are many months in the year when such people as contemplated by the Board to locate at Brighton could scarcely venture outside

the house. For those poor who are seeking to obtain a living by Hawking fruit &c there are so many police restrictions, that they can scarcely do so and they leave the town on the approach of winter.

The research on the Jewish Convalescent Home in St Patrick's Road, Hove was compiled, with our thanks, by our member Gordon Franks. Anyone wishing further information this aspect of local history are welcome to contact Gordon via the shul office.

Forthcoming stonesettings

As of the date of publication, the following stonesettings are scheduled for between Rosh Hashana and Pesach 5485:

Hilary Freedman 13th October at 3.00 pm

David Bloom 23rd March at 2.30pm

Unless advised otherwise, all stonesettings will take place at Meadowview.

All arrangements are subject to change. Closer to any particular date, we suggest you check with the shul office to find out if there are any changes to the arrangements.

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Cartoonists Against Racism: The Secret Jewish War Against Bigotry

Rafael Medoff and Craig Yoe

Dark Horse Books, 2024

Available for £16.55 from [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

review by David Seidel

Echoes of the past have been reverberating since 7 October 2023. This is a given. Cartoonists Against Racism: The Secret Jewish War Against Bigotry offers insight into past challenges facing Jews in Europe. Today, however, members of the local community are not only sickened by the kidnappings and violence in Gaza, but we are also appalled by the normalisation and acceptance of antisemitism in modern day Britain, Europe, North America and beyond. Jews are once again being dehumanised and not taken seriously.

But what can be done about it?

We have created a monument or garden at Palmeira Square in honour of: (1) those hostages still in captivity; (2) those hostages who have been released; and (3) those hostages who are no longer with us. Services are held daily. But what is important here, and what others do not appreciate, is honouring the hostages is not an either/

or initiative. We pray for the freedom and health of all kidnapping victims, regardless of race or religion.

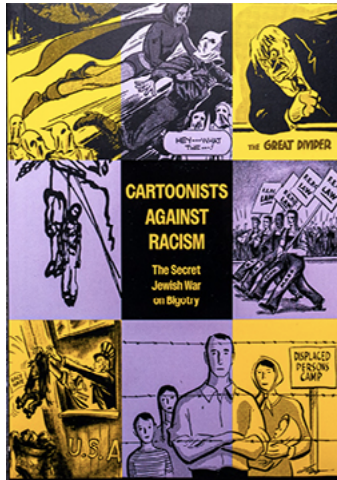
In addition, we organise counter protests to the biweekly gatherings of pro-Palestinian supporters at The Clock Tower. Our voices may be heard, but how much do people listen or want to listen? More importantly, government and law enforcement officers appear to be impotent in dealing with the issue unless (as in the case of riot charges) it strays into the realm of attacks on British society generally.

Here is where Cartoonists Against Racism becomes strategically important.

In the 1930s, faced with the rising tide of antisemitism from Germany, the US government enlisted the aid of Jewish organisations, most notably the American Jewish Congress (AJC), on what to do, especially when face with disinterested law enforcement. Today, Jewish communities can learn much from the AJC and, in particular, the strategy put forward by

Richard C. Rothschild (1896-1986).

According to Cartoonists Against Racism, Rothschild was convinced counter protests, statistics and denials about what antisemites were saying about Jews were not only ineffective but could even be counterproductive.



His reasoning was antisemites would never be talked out of their prejudices, and any attempted arguments necessitated repeating the original antisemitic accusations in order to refute them. Indeed, it led to the problem of Jews “broadcasting” what antisemites were promoting.

What Rothschild suggested was a shifting of the battleground. What was needed was to promote societal values of which the fight against antisemitism was just one aspect. To this end, public service messages were issued in print, radio and all available media on all the values for which Western society stood. Instead of just Jews, messages promoted the similarities between all people. Instead of standing up for one group, it was about what was right for all peoples and, conversely, what was wrong with certain attitudes. For example, on radio Superman battled the Ku Klux Klan. In the same vein,

if anyone objected to any idea or to any one group, you knew their frame of mind and, who was an enemy of Western society.

Most of this 148-page book provides examples of the cartoons that were published owing to the efforts of the AJC. There are captions such as “Democracy means teamwork in everything”, “Down with labor unions, foreign born, Jews, Catholics, Protestants”, “God made us neighbors Let justice make us friends”, “Instead of finding a solution to a social problem racism finds a scapegoat”. The messages are not subtle. In this battle for hearts and minds within the context of prejudice, they could not be. But they were effective despite being rather harrowing, because they went beyond one issue.

We can only hope it is not too late for this generation to learn from the past.

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The following are three statements released by Action Against Discrimination (“AAD”) regarding recent events.

Labour and the sales of arms to Israel

Action Against Discrimination (“AAD”) utterly and unequivocally condemns the recent decision of the Labour Party, Foreign Secretary David Lammy and Sir Keir Starmer to suspend certain arms sales to Israel, just days after six Israeli hostages were discovered murdered by Hamas. This is a disgrace and an appalling lack of sensitivity that shames Britain.

This follows the iniquitous decision of the Labour Party to restore funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (“UNWRA”) in Gaza.

The Labour Party and Lammy have conveniently forgotten why the war in Gaza started in the first place. This is a short-sighted decision that works against any long-term peace and sends a very

problematic message to Iran, the sponsors of Hamas. The UK Jewish Community who flocked to the Labour Party should be greatly concerned. Lammy is being “true to his colours”, notwithstanding his recent visit to Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and is guilty of gesture politics to appease the hard left of his party.

It should be noted again that the new Labour cabinet contains at least six members who are not sympathetic to Israel’s position and cause.

David Lammy himself has repeatedly called for the establishment of a Palestinian State, the arrest of Benjamin Netanyahu and the end of arm sales from the UK to Israel. Shabana Mahmood, the new Justice Secretary, has been prominent on pro-Palestinian marches. Lisa Nandy, the new culture secretary, was chairman of Labour Friends of Palestine, Ed Milliband, the new energy secretary, has a history of criticising

Israel. Richard Hermer, the new Attorney-General, criticises Israel and opposed the anti BDS bill. Lastly, Starmer himself called for the establishment of a Palestinian state and recently re-affirmed his support and respect for the antisemite Jeremy Corbyn, brought Diane Abbott back into the Labour fold despite her antisemitic slurs, and dropped the litigation against the Corbyn element of the Labour Party.

Milliband and Hermer both happen to be Jewish and Hermer is now being shadowed by Sarah Sackman, the new Solicitor General who supports his views on Israel.

AAD again expresses incredulity at how the Jewish Community and its leaders have flocked back to, and shown support for, the Labour Party notwithstanding the above and its leaning against Israel and the pro-Gaza and Palestine sentiments as well as the decisions of the party, of which this is a perfect example.

Jonathan Metliss, chairman of AAD, said “I, and many others in the Jewish Community who have expressed wariness and anxiety on Labour’s attitude to Israel, are feeling vindicated and justified in their fears. The decision to suspend arms sales is totally disheartening for the UK Jewish Community and shows a complete disregard for the security and interests of the UK’s ally, the State of Israel, brutally attacked by Hamas terrorists on 7 October 2023.”

Sadly, this is a sign of things to come. Starmer, Lammy and their left-wing cohorts can no longer be trusted by the UK Jewish Community.

The German election results

AAD notes with anxiety the success of the far-right party AfD in the elections in the eastern German state of Thuringia with 32.8 per cent of the vote with 30.6 per cent in neighbouring Saxony. This is the best election result for the far right since the time of the

Nazis and Thuringia will be the first far right state parliament since the war.

Jonathan Metliss, chairman of AAD, said “This is clearly a worrying trend although also demonstrating divisions between east and west Germany. Notwithstanding that Germany is a big supporter of the State of Israel, this is a development to be wary of and Jewish communities must keep a watchful eye on what happens next.”

“Sadly, history has an awful habit of repeating itself “

The Criminal Justice System and Gabriel Abdullah

AAD utterly condemns the leniency directed towards 34-year-old Gabriel Abdullah who made antisemitic comments and brandished a knife at staff in Kay’s supermarket in Golders Green in January 2024.

At Harrow Crown Court, Abdullah was given two suspended, non-custodial sentences

for such a serious offence. This sets an appalling precedent and, arguably, acts as an encouragement to “would be” antisemitic offenders.

Sadly, this treatment is consistent with the lukewarm response by the Metropolitan Police towards antisemitic and anti-Israel chanting on the so-called Palestinian peace marches, clearly an incitement to racial hatred. Putting it simply, it “beggars belief”.

The established authorities, including the Courts and the police, must clamp down harder on this antisemitic behaviour and strongly protect the Jewish Community. This is an uncomfortable situation, coupled with the return of Diane Abbott to the Labour fold and Labour’s commitment to a Palestinian State, wherever that is.

Yet again, the law has been shown to be a complete “ass”.

Chag Sameach from everyone at CST



As we congregate once more for the Yamim Tovim, we naturally reflect on the year that was. For reasons we all know, this has been one of the most challenging years for our community in recent memory. And yet here we are, standing strong together, as unified as ever.

It is our mission to facilitate Jewish life and ensure that every Jewish life in our country is protected from those who wish to harm us. But the fulfilment of this mission relies on you, our community, placing your trust in us to provide the best physical and emotional security we can.

In listening to our advice, being mindful of personal security on the streets and online, you play your part. In volunteering, ensuring that you have the tools to protect the friends

and family sitting next to you today, you play your part. In giving what you can to support us, helping us to continue and expand our vital work, you play your part.

You do your part so that we can do ours, securing more communal centres, events and gatherings across the UK than ever before. Our commitment to you is unwavering, whatever this coming year may bring, we will be here for you and we thank you for being there for us in return.

From everyone at CST, we wish you a Happy New Year, and a safe and meaningful fast.

Mark Gardner
CST Chief Executive



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Sunday 29th September

Selichot 8.00am
Shacharit 8.30am

Wednesday 2nd October

Selichot 6.30am
Shacharit 7.30am
Candle lighting 6.17pm
Mincha/Maariv 6.20pm

**Thursday 3rd October 1st Day
Rosh Hashana**

Morning Service 8.15am
Torah Reading 10.00am
Shofar 10.45am
Musaf 11.00am
Also at 11.00am – Toddler's Service, Children's Service and Young Adults 'Chabura' Discussion Group
Sermon 12.30pm
Mincha 5.45pm
Tashlich meet at Shul 6.00pm
Maariv 6.50pm
Light Candles after 7.22pm

Friday 4th October 2nd Day Rosh Hashana

Morning Service 8.15am
Torah Reading 10.00am
Shofar 10.45am
Musaf 11.00am
Also at 11.00am – Toddler's Service, Children's Service and Young Adults 'Chabura' Discussion Group
Sermon 12.30pm
Mincha/Maariv 6.15pm
Candle Lighting before 6.13pm

Saturday 5th October Shabbat Shuva

Shacharit 9.30am
11.00am – Toddler's Service, Children's Service and Young Adults 'Chabura' Discussion Group
Mincha 5.45pm
Followed by Seuda and Shabbat Shuva Drasha
Maariv & Shabbat Ends 7.17pm

Sunday 6th October Fast of Gedaliah

Fast Begins 5.27am
Selichot 8.00am

Shacharit 8.30am
Mincha & Maariv 5.50pm
Fast Ends 7.00pm

Friday 11th October Erev Yom Kippur

Selichot 7.00am
Shacharit 7.30am
Mincha 2.00pm
Light candles by 5.58pm
Fast Commences 5.58pm
Kol Nidre Service 5.55pm

Saturday 12th October Yom Kippur

Morning Service 9.30am
11.00am – Toddler's Service, Children's Service and Young Adults 'Chabura' Discussion Group
Lunch for children till age 11 at 12.30pm
Torah Reading 11.30am
Yizkor 12.15pm
Sermon 12.30pm
Musaf 12.50pm
Mincha 4.00pm
Neilah 5.45pm
Fast Ends 7.03pm

Wednesday 16th October Erev Succot

Candle Lighting 5.47pm
Mincha/Maariv 5.45pm

Thursday 17th October 1st Day Succot

Morning service 9.15am
Torah Reading 10.30am
11.00am – Toddler's Service, Children's Service and Young Adults 'Chabura' Discussion Group
Musaf 11.30am
Mincha/Maariv 5.45pm
Candle Lighting after 6.52pm

Friday 18th October 2nd Day Succot

Morning service 9.15am
Torah Reading 10.30am
11.00am – Toddler's Service, Children's Service and Young Adults 'Chabura' Discussion Group
Musaf 11.30am

Mincha/Maariv 5.40pm
Candle Lighting before 5.43pm

Saturday 19th October Shabbat Chol Hamoed

Morning service 9.30am
11.00am – Toddler's Service, Children's Service and Young Adults 'Chabura' Discussion Group
Mincha 5.35pm
Maariv & Shabbat Ends 6.49pm

Sunday 20th October

Shacharit 8.00am
Mincha/Maariv 5.30pm

Wednesday 23rd October Hoshana Rabbah

Shacharit 6.45am
Erev Shemini Atzeret
Candle Lighting 5.33pm
Mincha/Maariv 5.33pm

Thursday 24th October Shemini Atzeret

Morning Service 9.15am
Torah Reading 10.30am
11.00am – Toddler's Service and Children's Service
Yizkor 11.10am
Musaf 11.45am

Night of Simchat Torah

Mincha 5.35pm
Maariv & Hakafot 6.05pm
Candle Lighting after 6.39pm

Friday 25th October Simchat Torah

Morning Service 9.15am
Hakafot & Torah Reading 10.30am
11.00am – Toddler's Service and Children's Service
Musaf 12.15pm
Mincha/ Maariv 5.30pm
Candle Lighting before 5.29pm

Saturday 26th October Shabbat Bereishit

Morning Service 9.30am
11.00am – Toddler's Service and Children's Service
Mincha 5.15pm
Maariv & Shabbat Ends 6.36pm

ROSH HASHANA GREETINGS 2024

Rabbi and Mrs Rader, the Honorary Officers and all members of your Board of Directors wish all of our Congregants a very happy and healthy New Year and an easy fast.

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