

# בית הכנסת קהלת יעקב

The Congregation of Jacob Synagogue  
incorporating

חברה ישראל ובקור חולים

Chevra Yisroel & Bicur Cholim & Stetziver Synagogue

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Over 100 years of service to our community

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## The Jacobette Volume 4 News Letter of the Congregation of Jacob

### A Note from Our Warden

We approach the New Year with trepidation on how we will be judged for the following year. Tefillah (prayer) Tzedokah (charity) Teshuvah (repentance) are the remedies for our future.

Genuine prayer can be so uplifting so join us for prayer not only for the High Holydays but for the whole year.

Charity is an integral part of the Jewish religion and you (our community) excel in this aspect. Now is an ideal time to make amends by improving our relationship with G-d, family, friends and colleagues.

Shekoiach to Jacqueline Levy and David Russell on completing the labours of Jacob.

Many thanks to all the community, who support our shul so generously with their unpaid work and donations. I would like to mention my heartfelt satisfaction in working with so many talented individuals that make our Shul what it is today.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Yakov Potash is Chasan Torah and David Russell is Chasan Beraishis this year.

On behalf of the board of management and kehilla wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. – Kesima Kasiva Tova.

We should all merit the messiah speedily in our days (moshiach bimhairu beyomainu).

Be gezint.

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### A note from the Editor

It is with great pleasure that I have accepted the editorial of our magazine for the second year running – and what an exciting year it has been.

The rebuilding continues; the whole Shul has now been rewired. Around 80 people at our Purim celebration, and recently, over 100 people at the European Day of Jewish Culture and Heritage which was hosted by Lady J.

I feel the one factor that makes us successful is our warm welcome. It draws new people into our community as family members, and if that is not enough to keep them, we feed them wine and whisky until they can't leave! – But seriously...

Our website goes from strength to strength, and as the Web Master, designer and author of this site I am qualified to tell you how fantastic it is! It is visited on average 35 times a day from a host of people spanning 66 countries.

All that is left for me to say is Happy and sweet New Year to all our readers.

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## The Labours of Jacob

Congratulations and thank you to David Russell and Jacqueline Levy for their incredible efforts that raised close to £3000.

The Labours of Jacob set off from Kehillas Ya'akov in Stepney at the unearthly hour of 7am and had to finish back there in exactly twelve hours time, having cycled the kabbalistically significant distance of 36km (in gematria 18 is equivalent to Chai - life - and so because there is two of them...) and completing an array of labours across London:

- Running a full circuit of Victoria Park
- Ice skating 20 circuits at Alexandra Palace
- Swimming the circumference of the bathing pond on Hampstead Heath
- Completing a full-round of crazy golf at Broomfield Park
- Rollerblading around the Serpentine in Hyde park
- Rowing boats across the lake in Regents Park
- Climbing the 311 steps of the Monument to the Fire of London
- Bowling till we get a strike at Elephant & Castle superbowl
- Complete a round-the-clock darts in Aldgate

David  
Russell (right)  
and  
Jacqueline  
Levy (left)  
Set off on  
Their  
challenge

## Special Prayer

This Yom Tov, please spare a thought for those professional people who endanger their lives every day so that we may have a relatively safe life, and the ability to enjoy our freedom.

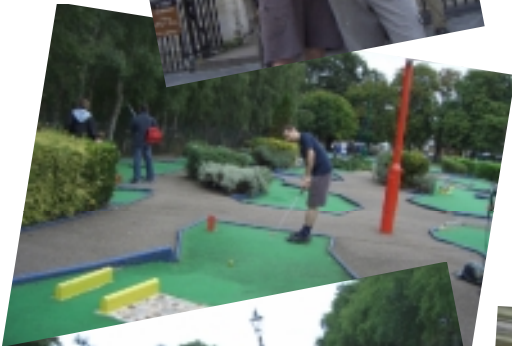
Please spare a thought for the victims of natural disasters such as Hurricanes, Tsunamis and Earth Quakes and acts of Terrorism in London and Throughout the World.

We offer a special prayer for all those that lost their lives, their families and friends.

We also offer a prayer and safe return to our armed forces throughout the World, fighting Terrorism on our behalf.

We pray that everyone still involved in keeping us safe should all have devine protection.

Amen



## We Need Your Help

Our community is struggling to regenerate our synagogue. Not only the restoration of our building, but the regeneration of the number of people in our community.

We need each and every one of you to come through our doors and help make a minyan. Why not join us by becoming a member?

We also need your donations. Money is very short and we have lots to do.

Why not try your hand at organising a fund raising event. We need innovative people to take up this challenge. Is it you?

Please find the time to complete the Yizkor form if required and return for the attention of David Behr at the shul as soon as possible.

# Purim 2005

## Open Day as part of The European Day of Jewish Culture and Heritage



Photo by Brian Nathan

As part of the B'nai Brith European Day of Jewish Culture and Heritage 2005 the Congregation of Jacob Synagogue was host to a talk by Lady Jakobovits followed by an open day on Sunday 4th September 2005

It was a very successful event attended by close to 100 people.

Many thanks to all the people that supported us. In particular we would like to thank Barbara Nathan and her team at B'nai Brith for their positive portrayal of our Shul; and Barry Davis and Cyril Hiller for lending us their wonderful voices; and Ruth Franks for presenting the entire event.

A special shekoiach to Lady J, a true Lady who enthralled us with her life story and wonderful insight into being a Chief Rabbi's Wife.



Photos by Michael Gold





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## Announcements

### Deaths (We wish the families long life)

Sally Chinman	Sylvia Persell
Mrs S Feldman	Lou Rolnick
Mrs A Harries	Jack Samuels
Geoffrey Hyer	Kevin Van West
Zangwill Mittalman	Estelle Weinberg

### Get well Soon

Theresa Brandes	Ted Morris
Marlene David	Barbara Passes
Rivka David	Arthur Pragg
Bobbie Glanz	Shirley Pragg
Barbara Gold	Esther Rosenberg
Sally Hamer	Annie Rosenbloom
Cyril Hiller	Albert Stone
Manny Howard	Anna Tzelniker
Raymond Howard	Sid Wein
Marylin Lancer	Jean Weinstein
Rita Lancer	Simon Weinstein
Ronnie Mansfield	Pat Weinberg

### Mazel Tov

#### Births

Mazel Tov to the Potash Family

2 Grandson's born to Rabbi Ephraim and Myrna

Yossi and Ester Potash - Nachum Tzvi born a few months ago.

Shimon and Emanuelle - baby boy born 3 weeks ago not named yet as awaiting bris.

#### Birthdays

Aden Yitzchak 1<sup>st</sup> birthday  
 Jessica Goldstone 1<sup>st</sup> birthday  
 Jacquielne Levy - Happy Birthday  
 Max Levitas 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
 Michael Gold 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday

#### Wedding

Adam Gold and Sam Russell

#### Wedding Anniversary

Rev Ari and Meryl Cohen  
 Yechezkal and Marlene David  
 Russell and Susan Eisen  
 Henry and Bobby Glanz

#### Special Recognition

Albert Leiberman and Alf Kreitzman in attaining over the age of 90

We wish Tamara Cohen hatzlocha in her new school