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MAGAZINE & PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

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Welcome from the Editor

Welcome to our first edition of 2020. Once again, there are plenty of activities to participate in, including Audacious Jews with Jonathan Bergwerk (pg16) and the new Shirah with Cantor Sarah (pg19). We have a talk on Jewish Bletchley and our own Bingo evening. If you are a new or new(ish) member then we welcome you to one of our New Member events where you can come along and meet other members and leaders of our community for a social morning/afternoon (pg13).

Hope to see you at Radlett Reform

Laurence Turner

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New Members Events

25 JANUARY 2020

A cheese and wine havdalah



14 MAY 2020

**Join the Rabbis and Staff at our
coffee morning**



14 MARCH 2020

**New members Shabbat
morning service**



28 JUNE 2020

**Afternoon Tea with our Clergy
and Board**



At a Glance

Saturday 25 January

Havdalah, cheese and wine for new members

Sunday 26 January

Holocaust Memorial Day Musical Event

22 February

Bingo night

14 March

Shabbat morning service to welcome new members

18 March

Talk by Michael Kushner on Jewish Bletchley 7.30pm

27 March

Volunteers thank you Erev Shabbat with bring and share vegetarian/fish Chavurah supper

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I was recently reminiscing with my brother about growing up in Geneva, our school life and our shul life. We grew up at what was then the only one of two Reform synagogues in all of Switzerland (the other one was in Zurich). We

were both very involved in our community's youth group, and some of our closest friends were in that same group. Our rabbi, Francois Garai, always made sure that we, the teens of the community, had a place to go and a place to be Jewish in. He would reserve the third row on the left for us in services, and only allow others to sit there once he knew we were not coming or if we didn't fill the row. It is only a few months ago that I realised just how strictly Reform my brother and I were brought up. I never set foot in a synagogue that was not either Reform or Progressive until I was in my twenties and had begun rabbinic school, and even then it was, and still is, a very rare occurrence.

Because of my upbringing, while I realised that there were other streams of Judaism that did not agree with or recognise the Judaism that I practise, I never considered that my Judaism was not mainstream and normative. In fact, it was not until I arrived in Israel for the first year of my rabbinic studies and our campus was vandalized, that I appreciated just how deep the misunderstanding and even hatred can be.

Fast forward to 2020-here I am, a committed, confident, strictly Reform Jew, with still very little experience of a non-Progressive service, and extremely aware of just how deep the divide is, how difficult the challenge is of promoting our stream of Judaism, how unknown and misunderstood it really is.

I have recently returned from the Union for Reform Judaism's biennial conference in Chicago- the North American Reform Movement' gathering which brings together nearly 6000 enthusiastic and dedicated Reform Jews. During one of the plenary sessions, Cantor Barbara Ostfeld, the first woman ordained as a cantor in 1975, was honoured for all of her achievements, and during her acceptance speech spoke of Reform Judaism as "mainstream Judaism". It was the first time I have ever heard my Judaism defined as such. And it is true that in Northern America, Reform Judaism is the largest denomination- this translates into what I can only describe as an unapologetic practice of Reform Judaism- one which gives space to inspiringly forward thinking positions the movement might take on issues of society and an emphasis on a creative and experiential services and prayers. "lo bashamayim hi" teaches Torah- "it is not in the heavens", and we can also experience that unapologetic practice of our Judaism-it starts with shifting how we speak of it. We do not compare ourselves to other denominations to describe our Judaism, we should not define ourselves by them- we are mainstream; to quote singer/songwriter Elana Arian- our voices are powerful, and we deserve to have them heard

Rabbi Celia Surget



I've just spent a delightful weekend with family and friends celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Sha'arei Shalom, North Manchester Reform synagogue. The synagogue's history and my

family's are intertwined. My late grandparents were founder members and it wasn't long before my parents decided to move from the nearby Orthodox shul to join them. My brother's was only the second bar mitzvah to be held there. As teenagers/young adults, we were at home in the building, it was a small, friendly community where everyone was welcome. We were definitely active members, despite our family home actually being some 30 miles away. Later on, it just felt natural to volunteer as a brownie guide leader and to teach at the busy cheder. Therefore I was fortunate to experience the joy and extended-family feeling of Community at that formative age. I believe that was instrumental when I moved away from home in helping me to realise that I really wanted, indeed, needed to be part of a Jewish community - even when living in areas that seemingly didn't have an already established community.

Our own Radlett Reform congregation is approaching 50 and the synagogue management team is hoping to have a whole year (November 2020 – November 2021) of activities and celebrations involving as many members as possible, demonstrating that we are every bit an inclusive, welcoming, friendly and supportive community as the Manchester community that I remember of my young adulthood.

The programme of activities and celebrations hasn't yet been defined. We know we want to offer opportunities to come together as a social community

outside of our regular religious services together with some fundraising events to try to ensure that our children and grandchildren will have a Radlett Reform community for at least the next 50 years. We want to involve as many members of our great community as possible – those who have been members a long time and those who have just joined and everyone in between!

What would you like to see? Perhaps some celebrations in Radlett and some more locally to clusters of our members in Welwyn, Borehamwood, Hemel or elsewhere? Activities for people on their own or as family groups? Activities for particular age-groups or inter-generational? Mid-week or weekend?

Big celebrations like this, even if they are actually a series of smaller events, take planning. There isn't yet an established team to co-ordinate this special year – we'd really love you to be involved. Maybe your skills are in graphics to design the publicity, maybe you have contacts that would be great to entertain a crowd, perhaps you are good at selling tickets, baking or making refreshments or will simply turn up and help where-ever is needed.

Please don't leave it to someone else – community just doesn't work like that, drop me a line with your ideas and to tell us how you'd like to be involved. Email me at chair@radlettreform.org.uk or catch me at shul. I and other Board members will be happy to hear from you.

Irene Blaston

It's in the Book – 'Being Jewish Today.' A must read.

Rabbi Professor Tony Bayfield CBE, Essex Boy, began his rabbinical life in a Surrey community, became Chief Executive of the then Reform Synagogues of Great Britain , [now Reform Judaism] and then its President.

His new book 'Being Jewish Today – Confronting the Real Issues,' is a must read for Progressive Jews. It explores the meaning of Jewish identity and its relationship to Jewish tradition and belief, BUT from the perspective of the modern Western World.



From an account of the journey of Jews from ancient times to the present, he then considers Jewish identity, Israel and anti-semitism. He covers Torah, ethics and belief, not least the questions of universal suffering and divine inaction.

Reviewers include journalist Danny Finkelstein: 'This inspiring book has made me a better Jew who understands and knows more,' and former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams: 'A deeply humane reflection on Jewish identity.'



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Mini Learners Nursery

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Exciting news! Due to popular demand, Mini Learners Nursery at Radlett Reform Synagogue will be offering full day care as well as term time only spaces.

We are open and are accepting children from 8am-6pm Monday to Thursday and until 1pm on Friday.
Hot kosher meals provided by The Baby Nurse.

Parents will be able to book term time places and add weekly holiday schemes to cover the rest of the year.

The camps are also open to other children under 5.

FEE2, 15 and 30 hour free childcare places are available.

We are offering a discount of 50% off the registration fee for members of Radlett Reform Synagogue.

For more information or to arrange a viewing please contact minilearnersmanager@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you.





JEWISH BLETCHLEY PARK

Talk by Bletchley Park Guide - Michael Kushner

During World War II over 200 Jewish personnel worked at Bletchley Park. This is a fascinating story of how the British Secret Service employed many Jews. Numerous of which came from Eastern Europe and also Germany itself.

Some became brilliant codebreakers others became very important people after the war. Now many of the secrets have been revealed, this unbelievable story can be told. This talk is an adapted version of "A Journey to Station X."

Wednesday 18 March 7.30pm
at Radlett Reform Synagogue

Tickets: £7.50 members / £10 non-members

bookings: radlettreform.org.uk/box-office
or 01923 856110

CALLING ALL RECIPES

Have you ever wondered where you could find an interesting recipe for dinner or maybe for an upcoming Jewish holiday meal? We have an answer for you.

We are compiling a Community Cook book to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Shul and give you those answers and more.

We are looking for your recipes. Even better, with descriptive memories.

For example:-

- This was my Grandma's recipe that I have modernised a bit.
- This is a recipe my kids came up and we make every Hanukkah.
- This is my family's Brisket recipe. It is a combination of multiple generations. It has my Grandma's Hungarian influence with a lot of garlic, my Mother-in-Law's method of cooking, and my input of adding wine.

So, send us your recipes. Don't worry too much about the format; we will take care of that.

We have included an example to help get you started. See example below.

We look forward to seeing all those great recipes.

Sincerely;

The Cookbook Group

Please send recipes to **cookbook@radlettreform.org.uk**

A RECIPE FROM CHARLENE'S KITCHEN PASSOVER APPLE CRUMBLE

Apple Crumble is a family favourite in my home with its presence on many of our Shabbat and other family dinner tables. The challenge was how to have this non-Passover sweet during the Passover period. I achieved this by changing out flour and the traditional oatmeal for matzo flour and matzo meal and increasing the flavourings. I hope you like this as much as my family does.



EQUIPMENT

Baking Dish, Approx. 20x20x5 cm/2 L, Measuring Spoons, Measuring Cups, Large Mixing Bowl, Disposable Gloves

INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons (30 grams) Unsalted Butter
or Parve Unsalted Margarine
4 cup Sweet Apples, about 4 medium Peeled, Corded, Sliced,
2 tablespoons (30 ml) Vanilla Extract
2 tablespoons (25 grams) White Caster Sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (58 grams) Matzo Meal
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (80 grams) Matzo Cake Meal/Flour
1 teaspoon (4 grams) Ground Nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon (1.4 grams) Ground Cinnamon
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (165 grams) Dark Brown Sugar
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup (76 grams) softened Unsalted Butter or Parve Unsalted Margarine
1 to 2 tablespoons (15–30 grams) Unsalted Butter or Parve Unsalted Margarine

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees C (375 degrees F). This will take 20 to 30 minutes.
2. Grease baking dish with the 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter or margarine.
3. Place peeled, sliced apples in large mixing bowl. Add nutmeg, vanilla, and 2 tablespoons white sugar and mix; coating all apple slices.
4. Pour coated apple slices in the greased pan. Pat apples into pan so there is an even surface.
5. To make the crumble topping, combine matzo meal, matzo flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, dark brown sugar, and softened $\frac{1}{3}$ cup butter or margarine in previously used bowl. Mix/combine ingredients well. Butter or margarine should be well incorporated into the dry ingredients. I use my hands (with disposable gloves) to do this. It seems to work best.
6. Sprinkle crumble topping over the apples. Pat topping so there is an even surface. Cut remaining 1 to 2 tablespoons butter or margarine in small pieces and distribute over topping.
7. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes or until apples are tender and the topping is golden brown.
8. Serve warm and, if desired, with dairy or non-dairy cream or ice cream.

ALTERNATIVES

- You could change the apples to peaches, pears, or fruit of choice.
- You could add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of dried sweetened cherries, raisins, apricots, or cranberries.
- Depending on the fruit you choose, change the flavouring from vanilla to almond or maybe even orange, or no flavouring at all.
- An other change would be to use ground almonds in place of some or all of the matzo meal.

Paul Janes 1944-2019

Paul Janes who died in December and his wife Helen were, in 1971, one of the 16 founding families of the then Bushey Heath Reform Community, subsequently the Bushey and District Reform Jewish Community prior to its move to Radlett in the early 80s.

Paul followed the Hyman and Young families in taking up the huge challenge of supporting the fledgling Menorah Jewish Community in Belarus. His work with its young leaders Ira and Misha, who were married here in Radlett, and in bringing over teenagers for time with our community, helped them to revive Judaism in the town of Grodno. [Grodno suffered grievously under Nazism and was the seat of the famous Bielski Brothers uprising to fight them).

Radlett Reform owes a debt of gratitude to both Helen, who chaired the community for four years and still works for it, and Paul for his support for the Jews of Belarus. Zichrono L'vracha – may his memory be for a blessing.

Barry Hyman

Radlett Reform / Boreham Wood FC Supporters Group



Halfway through the season and Boreham Wood are sitting comfortably, just outside of the play-off places. Could this season finish with another trip to Wembley?

Two years ago, over 4000 'locals' showed up at the famous National Stadium to see if The Wood, could do the unthinkable and reach the football league. Unfortunately, on the day, it was a bridge slightly too far, but what a wonderful atmosphere. It was also wonderful to see so many member of Radlett Reform Synagogue there on the day.



So why not come down and join us for the second half of the season, bring the kids and cheer The Wood on , all the way to the playoffs.

All home games, currently 3pm Kick-off

Jan 25—Barrow

Mar 14—Torquay

Feb 8—Halifax Town

Mar 28—Dag/Red

Feb 22—Yeovil Town

Apr 13—Bromley

Feb 29—Hartlepool

Apr 25—Chorley

Find us in the West stand

Holocaust Memorial Day Concert

Sunday 26th January 2020, 4.30pm

*Join the Radlett Reform Synagogue community for
an afternoon of memory through music.*

*The programme will include readings and
compositions from and about the Nazi genocide of
Jews across Europe during the Holocaust.*

*We will commemorate those lives lost through
beautiful and haunting melodies.*

118 Watling Street, Radlett WD7 7AA



Audacious Jewish Lives — With Jonathan Bergwerk



Music, Israel, Social Justice and Religion

This popular course looks at the lives of influential Jews, covering the broad range of Jewish life. We will look at what they did, what they believed and their contribution to the Jewish story.

15 January	George Gershwin	An American composer and pianist who wrote inspired Rhapsody in Blue, An American in Paris and Porgy and Bess. He also composed the smash hit Swanee, as well as hundreds of songs with his brother Ira, including I Got Rhythm, Embraceable You and 's Wonderful. A musical extravaganza with Alan Byers.
29 January	Abba Eban	A South African-born, British scholar and influential Zionist who became an Israeli diplomat, politician and one of the greatest statesmen of the 20th century.
4 March	Simone Veil	A survivor of the Shoah, who was responsible for establishing the law legalising abortion in France and was the first President of the elected European Parliament. Joint session with Rabbi Celia Surget
11 March	Hillel	A first century rabbi, who became the greatest sage of the second Temple era and one of the biggest influences on Jesus.
25 March	Claude Montefiore and Lily Montagu	The founders of Liberal Judaism and opponents of Zionism. Why are there both Liberal and Reform Jewish movements in the UK?

Each session is stands on its own and you do not need any prior knowledge. You will get comprehensive notes plus a lively debate in a friendly atmosphere.
All sessions will take place between 7.45pm and 9.30pm in the Jon Young Hall.



Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group, made up of a group of about 6 volunteers, makes calls to members who have recently been bereaved to offer support.

Over the past couple of years, we have run two workshops concerned with matters relating to end of life issues and bereavement and loss, covering such aspects as legal issues, burial rights and different ways of burial, life limiting conditions and the rights and choices concerning decision making for relatives and ourselves. We had a number of excellent and informative presentations including the Office of the Public Guardian, Paperweight, who offer help with paperwork and financial matters, Inheritance Tax information, and from Consultants in Palliative Care at the Watford Peace Hospice and St. Luke's Hospice.

End of life issues are always difficult to talk about, yet very important to us all. In order to continue to support the community in the best way we can, we would like to know if there are other ways that members feel would be helpful to them regarding end of life issues. Would further workshops be useful? If so, what topics might be helpful to explore? Could we be offering support to bereaved members in other ways such as a regular group?

We would welcome your thoughts about this so we can offer the best service possible that is relevant and helpful to you. Please contact Helen Janes, email address - csw@radlettreform.org.uk or call the synagogue office on 01923 856110.



Supporting
one another

Caring for one another is an important part of belonging to our community. **LINK** is our community support network looking after the needs of our members by providing a sympathetic ear and practical assistance such as:

- Shopping
- Home and hospital visits
- Arranging lifts
- Providing meals

Our professional Community Support Worker, Helen Janes, can also offer care and welfare support and advice covering any number of needs, concerns and worries that members may have. She is supporting our Clergy with their ongoing pastoral care duties. Please call her directly on **01923 856110** if you would like to discuss health concerns, home or family problems and financial difficulties. She is available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Helen's email address is csw@radlettreform.org.uk.

The Learning Circle



At Radlett Reform we are pleased to offer a range of Adult Learning opportunities that make studying enjoyable and useful. We offer day and evening classes at a variety of levels, so that you should be able to find something that suits your level of expertise. Whether you are a total beginner or an advanced studier you will be made to feel very welcome by the friendliness of our tutors.

Free for Radlett Reform Synagogue members except where stated.

£40 per term for non-members.

Term Dates: Jan 7 - Mar 31. Please check individual class details for any changes to the above information.

Some classes require advance booking, so please contact the synagogue office by calling **01923 856110** or by email: **office@radlettreform.org.uk**

Jews with Views

with Rabbi Paul Freedman

An informal weekly discussion group of topical news of the week from a Jewish point of view.

Wednesdays during term times

10:00 - 11:00 in the Jon Young Hall



Study Judaism

Novel Talmud

with Rabbi Paul Freedman

Meeting each week, we will be studying texts from the novel 'As A Driven Leaf' by Milton Steinberg

Thursdays during term times

11:15 - 12:45 in the Menorah Hall



Understanding Judaism

with Rabbi Paul Freedman

A relaxed class covering festivals, lifecycle events, home observances and history. Ideal for anyone wanting to learn or update their understanding of day to day Judaism or looking to convert.

Tuesdays during term time

21:00 - 22:00 in the Menorah Hall



with Cantor Sarah Grabiner

Learn some more kosher chords and heimische harmonies. For anyone with a guitar who knows a few chords.

Tuesdays during term time

20:00 - 21:00 in in the Main Synagogue Hall

Gimmel's got Going

This is an informal group for adult members who can decode the Hebrew alphabet and wish to improve their fluency in Siddur Hebrew by studying the theology and origins of various parts of the Shabbat Shacharit Service.



Each session is more or less independent. We meet from 9.15 – 10.15am before the service on the third Saturday in each calendar month. All welcome: one off or regularly.

Each week will start with reading at least one passage from the Siddur. The group will then focus on a part of the service, looking at some of the ideas behind the prayer(s) and the origins, Biblical or otherwise, of the verses and phrases used.

Date	Topic
18th January	The various forms of the Kaddish
15th February	Concluding songs: Adon Olam (and Ein Keiloheynu)
21st March	Verses of Song: Yishtabbach (and more)
18th April	Torah



Shirah

with Cantor Sarah Grabiner

Join Cantor Sarah to learn some new melodies
25 Jan; 22 Feb; 28 Mar; 25 Apr



09:15 – 10:00 In the Menorah Hall

Hebrew Classes

Siddur Hebrew

19:45 - 20:45 Tuesdays

From complete beginners to more advanced learners

Siddur Hebrew 1

Taught by Marilyn Kornhauser in the Menorah Hall

For those who want to start by learning the Hebrew alphabet.

Siddur Hebrew 2

Taught by Dani Kornhauser in the Library

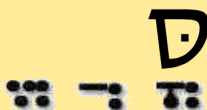
For graduates of Siddur Hebrew 1 but also open to new students who are a bit more confident in their Hebrew reading.



Pointless? (Hebrew Dots for Dummies)

Shabbat Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Paul
After kiddush on 25 Jan, 1 Feb, 8 Feb.

Why are there three different vowels pronounced 'a'? When is an 'a' an 'o'? (Spot one at 50 paces.) What does a sh'va sound like? Why do some letters have a dot in the middle even if it doesn't affect the pronunciation? All these mysteries and more... For those who can read (though not necessarily understand) Hebrew and would like to know a bit more about Hebrew 'pointing' (vowels and other dotty stuff) to improve accuracy and understanding, this is a course of three Shabbat 'lunch and learn' sessions. We'll provide extra challah and inspiring insights. You bring curiosity and hummus, cheese or salad to share.



Chataf Chataf Chataf
Segol Patach Kamatz

Leaving a Legacy to Radlett Reform Synagogue?

The UK Jewish community is extraordinarily charitable with nearly 80% donating to charity each year, but only one in four leave a legacy.

Leaving a legacy to Radlett Reform Synagogue in your will, however great or small, will ensure the future of this community for the sake of generations to come. It really is as simple as filling in a one page form with the help of a friendly solicitor.

Many people don't realise how important this form of giving is. Others are not sure that they can look after their families and still make room for charity but they can; it doesn't matter what size your gift is, just that you make one. So please, consider leaving a gift to Radlett Reform Synagogue in your will.

Be remembered for your passions, family, friends and charity.

If you don't, who will?



For more information, contact the synagogue office



Rwanda Sisterhood Association (RSA)

In conjunction with our member, Dame Helen Hyde, we are supporting victims of genocide. We are collecting brand new items for "Mamma Packs" for vulnerable Rwandan mothers who may give birth alone.

Needed:

- New baby grows (0-3 mths)
- New Wool + knitting needles
- New Baby hats
- Sterile gloves

Look out for more details soon as to how we in Radlett are supporting this and other charities



BMM & Cheder Dates

BMM - Tuesday

Jan 07– Mar 31

Half Term: Feb 18

BMM - Saturday

Jan 11 –Apr 4

Half Term: Feb 22



Cheder - Clore Shalom

Jan 12– Mar 29

Half Term: Feb 16 and Feb 23



Scouts
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'Put your phone down and what are you left with? Just teamwork, courage and the skills to succeed.'

Bear Grylls, Chief Scout

Call 01923 850 885
or
Visit www.4thradlett.org.uk

Children & Youth

We offer a range of activities for children and teenagers of all ages. Here are some of our main ones.

If you would like any information on our youth activities, you can either email our youth team on **zone@radlettreform.org.uk** or contact Rabbi Celia Surget on **rabbicelia@radlettreform.org.uk**



Cheder

Cheder is held on Sunday mornings from 10:00 - 12:30 and is open to children of our members from Reception to Year 6. During their time at Cheder, our students study Hebrew, become familiar with, amongst many other topics, the Jewish festivals, history & Reform Jewish values. Students take part in cooking, arts and crafts, singing, dancing, Mitzvah days and before you know it, the year is over!

If you have any questions about Cheder or would like to sign your child up, please contact Carol Green on **headteacher@radlettreform.org.uk** or our Youth Administrator on **youthadmin@radlettreform.org.uk**.

BMM: Bar/ Bat Mitzvah Mechinah (preparation)

The Mechinah programme is a four term programme which helps each student prepare to lead a service as Bar/Bat Mitzvah. During their time in the programme, the students will learn their Torah portion, prayers and have the opportunity to make new friends or strengthen friendships.

During the first three terms, classes take place on a Tuesday from 17:45 - 19:15 and during the fourth term on Saturday mornings from 09:00 - 10:00.

Bar/Bat-Mitzvah dates are allocated when a child is in Year 6.

If you have any questions about the process or would like to know more about what a Bar/ Bat Mitzvah celebration is at Radlett Reform Synagogue, please contact Rabbi Celia on **rabbicelia@radlettreform.org.uk**.

Hadracha

Radlett Reform Synagogue is proud to be offering our highly successful year-long Hadracha course, covering leadership skills in a Jewish environment. This course is open to everyone who will be in Year 9 as of September 2019. Graduates of the course will receive a Certificate in Youth Education and Leadership from Leo Baeck College.

The course is 10 sessions long (one academic term) and offers both practical and theoretical learning. Participants have the option of attending either Sunday morning at Clore Shalom School, 10:00 - 12:30. On completion of the course students will be eligible to work for any of our youth programmes from **September 2020**. Please note that if you are earning Duke of Edinburgh awards, undertaking this programme and volunteering at events can currently be counted towards your volunteering hours.

To enrol for this course please contact: Rabbi Celia on **rabbicelia@radlettreform.org.uk** or email our youth team on **zone@radlettreform.org.uk**.

Zone

This is Radlett Reform's youth programme offering a range of activities for children aged 4 - 11. From holiday schemes to residentials and youth club activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy some time away

from their parents.

Working with other local Progressive communities and RSY-Netzer we supply regular activities for young people.

RSY-Netzer, the youth movement associated with Progressive Judaism, is an open and welcoming community. It's a great place to meet other young Jews, engage with Judaism and make it relevant to our lives.

We are involved in RSY-Netzer Venture Days; day long or over-night programmes that give young people the opportunity to socialise with likeminded others, try new things and develop with confidence.

We also encourage our young people to participate in RSY-Netzer's amazing events from **Shemesh (Summer Camp)** to month-long **Israel Tour** and **Shnat**, the post 6th Form Gap Year programme.

For more information on RSY-Netzer please take a look at their website www.rsy-netzer.org.uk.



Family Corner

We have reserved a special corner within our synagogue for the younger members of our community, aged 0 - 6 and their families, who may find sitting still, on a big chair, for a whole service a bit of a challenge. There are plenty of toys and books, with an easy escape route to a separate area if needed. Seats are provided so that parents can stay within reach and there are baby changing facilities nearby and even space to leave your buggy or pram.



4th Radlett Scouts

4th Radlett Scout Group is a predominantly Jewish Group, meeting at and supported by Radlett Reform Synagogue.

Beavers - for boys and girls aged 6 to 8.
Tuesdays, 18:00 - 19:00 in the back hall at the Synagogue

Cubs - for boys and girls aged 8 to 10½.
Mondays, 18:45 - 20:00 in the back hall at the Synagogue

Scouts - for boys and girls aged 10½ to 14.
Wednesdays, 19:15 - 20:45 in the back hall at the Synagogue

For further details on how to enrol please contact the Group Scout Leader, Jo Hulman via the synagogue office or take a look at www.4thradlett.org.uk.



Social Action

Radlett Reform is proud to be part of several social action initiatives, including collecting food for the homeless in aid of New Hope in Watford, Dementia Friends & Mitzvah Day, as well as participating in other local social action events both in Radlett and the wider Hertfordshire community.

Food Collection

Could you donate some fruit, coffee, sugar, cakes, biscuits, soup etc? Usually on the 2nd Sunday of every month, we take food to a marvellous centre for the vulnerable and homeless, that provides a meal and caring help for approx. 60 needy folk 6 days a week.

Non-perishable food can be brought to the synagogue at any time. If you would like to donate fresh fruit then please contact the synagogue office for details of where to take them on the relevant collection days.

Dementia Friends Initiative



This initiative was formed to not only raise awareness of dementia within the local community but encourage the community to take action and make a difference to people living with dementia. People with dementia sometimes need a helping hand to go about their daily lives and feel included in their local community. Dementia Friends is giving people an understanding of dementia and the small things that they can do that could make a difference.

Anyone who would like more information about booking an Awareness Session or becoming a Dementia Friend can email office@radlettreform.org.uk For additional information please take a look at the Dementia Friends website at www.dementiafriends.org.uk.



Family & Friends Carers Support Group

Second Wednesday of each month

1.30pm - 3.00pm

please just turn up

Come along and meet other family carers, share your views and find out what help is available locally

If you would like further information, please contact Helen Janes
csw@radlettreform.org.uk Tel 01923 856110

Do you have any new ideas?

We have clubs and groups suitable for a wide range of ages and interests.

However, if you would be interested in setting up a new club or group based at the synagogue, please contact the synagogue office.



Synagogue Choir

If you have a good voice and enjoy singing and would like to help enhance some of our Shabbat morning services, as well as High Holyday services, then why not join our synagogue choir? For more information about joining our choir please contact the synagogue office.



September Club

This is a social club for synagogue senior citizens which has now been running successfully for nearly 20 years.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month to hear a range of interesting speakers or enjoy a light hearted quiz.

Then there's time to chat over a delicious tea with sandwiches and home-made cakes.

The atmosphere is warm and friendly and we are always delighted to welcome new members.

3rd Thursday of the month

14:30 - 16:00 at the Jon Young Hall



Watling Table Tennis Club

The rear hall of the Shul has been the home of the club since it started 19 years ago. We currently have about thirty members, some from our Community, some from Orthodox and other Progressive Communities and friends from the local area.

We field three teams in the Watford Table Tennis League and the club is well-known in the Jewish table tennis fraternity, as there are few Synagogue-based clubs around. Over the years, some of our players have participated in the Maccabi National Championships and played in the European Maccabi Games.

We welcome practised players who want to play league table tennis. For more information, please contact Malcolm Soloway via the synagogue office.





Radlett Bridge Training

Ever wanted to know how to play Bridge? Then why not come and join our new “Learn to play Bridge” club. Please email social@radlettreform.org.uk or call the synagogue office.

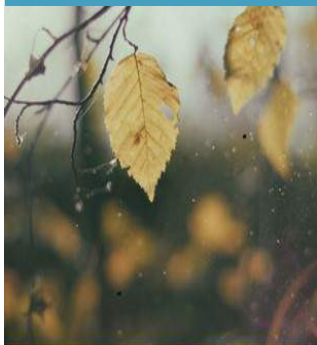
Mondays

10:00 - 12:00

£3 per lesson

MONTHLY WALKING GROUP

2pm



Join us for a local walk in friendly company.
Walking approximately 1 hour / 3-4 miles.

Contact Helen for more info:
csw@radlettreform.org.uk 01923 856110



שבת שכולם

Shabbat Shalom!

Check Renew each week for dates

Shabbat Services in Radlett

Weekly - Friday night 18:30
Weekly - Saturday Morning Service 10:30



Erev Shabbat Services

Local Erev Shabbat Service with Chavurah Supper.

1st Friday of the month. Please bring a vegetarian/ fish main dish and/ or dessert.

18:30 at Welwyn

18:30 at Hemel Hempstead



Young family service at Borehamwood

17:30 1st Friday of month

Family Friendly Chavurah Services

3rd Friday of the month. Please bring a vegetarian/ fish main dish and/ or dessert.



Shabbat Morning Service #2

1st and 3rd Shabbat morning of the month.

Providing a mixture of regular shacharit and alternative style services; something to suit everyone as an alternative to our Shabbat Morning Service #1.

10:30 in the Menorah Hall



Shabbat Morning Interactive Family Services

Join us for these fun, interactive Shabbat morning services, perfect for children under 11 and bring your entire family along!

4th Shabbat morning of the month

10:30 in the Menorah Hall



Pre-Schoolers' Kabbalat Shabbat

Welcoming Shabbat with candles, kiddush and songs for 0-3 year olds.

Friday mornings - 10:30 - 11:00 in the Synagogue

Kuddle Up Erev Shabbat Service

A monthly local Kabbalat Shabbat service for under 5s in Borehamwood. Bring someone you like to cuddle for songs, blessings & challah!

Usually 3rd Friday of the month*

16:15 in Borehamwood (please call the synagogue office for venue details)



Shabbat Morning Tots Service for ages 0-5

2nd Shabbat morning of the month

10:30 in the Menorah Hall

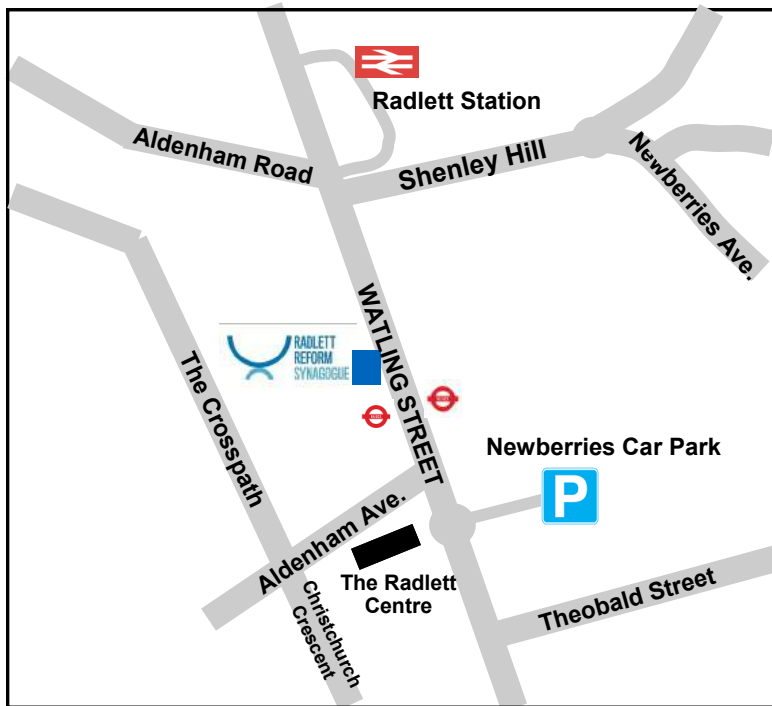


Not able to get to a service? Travelling but still want to attend?

You can join our Friday night and Shabbat morning services anywhere you have an internet connection - from a desktop, laptop, tablet or phone. Simply go to our website and click on the button.



join our services live



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Where to park

- Newberries Car Park, pay and display behind the shops & in the service road opposite the synagogue.
- Free parking on some neighbouring streets. Check signs for any restrictions and please respect residents; park considerately.

Public Transport

- Radlett Station - approx 5 minutes walk to the synagogue.
- Buses: 602; 632; 655; 656 & 42 outside/opposite the Post Office in Watling Street .

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