

# Had'a'shot

News & Views from Catford & Bromley Cheder

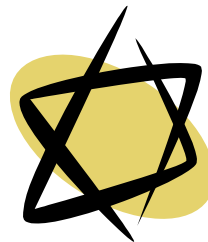


## A New Year—A new us

Welcome to a new term and a new era for Catford & Bromley Cheder. Yes, we are entering the 21st century. If you drop everything now, run to your computer, log onto [www.catfordsynagogue.org.uk](http://www.catfordsynagogue.org.uk). Go to Cheder classes, and you will see this newsletter there as well. The Cheder classes page will also highlight important information such as Cheder dates for the next term, things that we will be learning and who's going out with who. OK, we lied about the last bit, but you never know what you'll find until you take a look. This newslet-

ter is not about us, the Cheder education committee. It's about you the kids, you the parents, and of course all of the Catford & Bromley synagogue community. The Cheder is our future and that's why we are so lucky to have a small but strong Cheder community. So many people give so much to the Cheder and we are very fortunate in that way, but more help is needed. If you read Hebrew, you can help. If you can tell about Jewish history, you can help. In fact, if you just happen to be Jewish, you can probably help, and we would abso-

lutely love any offers of help as there is enough work to go round, and please don't forget, volunteering is much easier than having Paul come round and volunteer you.... So if you would like to get to us before he gets to you, or indeed want to talk to us about any aspect of Cheder, please feel free to contact us on the numbers on the back page



## Hello, Hello and a few goodbyes...

We are delighted to welcome three new teachers to the Cheder. Chaini, Penina and Leah all of whom are looking forward to getting to know us better. At the same time we wish belated future success to Shaina, Sorale, David and Rabbi Klein and to thank them

for all their help. We are also sad to say L'hitraot to Alice & Leah D as well as to Georgina C and Elliott B. We wish them all the very best. A big hello too, to Toby B, Emily & Rosie S, Sophie D and Sam B who will be joining the big Cheder as well as a welcome to the new

toddlers. Last term we tragically lost Eric our precious caretaker and now we welcome Ray and know that he will become as much a Cheder friend as Eric was.

Baruchim Habaim !!

## Catford & Bromley Cheder

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### Education committee

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## This term we will be:

We enter 5768 with three full classes. Chaina will teach the first class. Penina will look after the second class and Leah will take the Bar / Bat Mitzvah preparation class. Once a month, starting on 30th September, we will also have a toddler group ably led by Lauren S and Alexandra L.

In our first class, we will be concentrating this year on learning about the Jewish year. By the end of the year, the children will be able to identify all the months and the main occasions in them. This term we will focus on Tishrei and Kislev and the festivals in these months. The other classes will follow the same theme but will go

into greater detail.

In addition to the above curriculum, all the kids will spend time on Hebrew reading, learning from the prayer book and on special projects. We have a great list of new initiatives starting this term and don't forget to check in the next issue of Had'a'shot for more details.

## Cool phrases in Hebrew

**Hadashot—News**

**Ashkara—like totally**

**Kef—Fun**

**Balagan—Mess**

**Bamba—Peanut flavoured crisps**

**Ahla—Great**

**Beseder—Okay**

**Sababa—Cool**

Congratulations to:  
Gabriella L (20th Aug)  
Jessica L (30th Dec)  
Sam C (27th Dec)  
Max W (29th Aug)  
On their birthdays

If I haven't included you, its because I didn't know, so please let me know.

## "All Revved Up" - news from the Rev

Tishrei is the busiest month for Jewish holidays as there are a total of 12 days of Yom Tov. These Yomim Tovim also include the most important holidays of the Jewish year: Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

I always get asked about four things connected with Rosh Hashana and

Yom Kippur and I thought I might share them with you.

The shofar is blown on RH. It sounds something like a trumpet. However, unlike a trumpet, the shofar has no mouthpiece. One of the most important Mitzvot of RH is hearing all 100 sounds that the shofar makes.

A popular Minhag or custom during RH is eating apples dipped in honey, a symbol of our wish for a sweet new year. It's a highly recom-



## Jewish jokes

Little Sami was telling his friend Max all about his Chanukah presents. My daddy bought me a mouth organ. It's the best present I've ever had.

Why?

Because my mummy gives me extra money every week if I don't play it.

Naomi goes to her kosher butchers and asks, Mummy wants to know how much is the duck?

The butcher replies, £12. OK, says Naomi, Could you please send us the bill. I'm sorry, says the butcher, but you'll have to take the whole bird



## All Revved Up" - continued

mend practice, it's also yummy.

Another popular Minhag of RH is Tashlich ("casting off"). It is performed on the afternoon of the first day of RH, we walk to a stream, preferably one containing live fish, say a special prayer, and symbolically empty our pockets into the river, casting off our sins.

Among the most controversial High Holiday customs is Kaparot, which usually involves swinging a chicken over one's head as a form of penance. But you might be pleased to know that Rabbinic opposition to Kaparot has been strong and many people give Tzedaka instead.

**DID YOU KNOW:**  
This month's "Did you know" comes from Sam C  
Did you know that there have been 13 Israeli Prime Ministers since 1948

## Last time round

It does seem like a very long time ago since Lag B'Omer, but for those that made the journey to North London for the parade it was great fun. Didn't Jessica do well with her recital—well done to her.

Congratulations to Georgina C for getting a B in her Jewish studies GCSE—well done to her as well. Sam

& Zoe were busy at the end of last term in Shul and even managed to read Yigdal by themselves for the first time—Well done to them.

Well done, in fact to all the kids, they all worked very hard indeed and this was highlighted at our lovely prize giving and play that took place on the last Sunday of last term.



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To discuss any aspect of the Cheder,  
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The magazine is edited by Jonathan,  
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know if you have anything to add.

**THE NEXT CHEDER PARENTS  
MEETING will take place at:  
20:00 Monday 15th October  
ALL WELCOME !**

**Please contact Fiona or  
Jonathan or Natasha or Paul  
for details.**

## IMPORTANT DATES - September - December 2007

9th September	Cheder
13th September	Rosh Hashana childrens service 11.00am
14th September	Rosh Hashana childrens service 11.00am
21st September	Kol Nidrie
22nd September	Yom Kippur
30th September	Cheder & Succot Extraveganza
7th October	Cheder
13th October	Service with our Eshet Chayil Karen Waine
14th October	Cheder
28th October	Cheder
4th November	Cheder
11th November	Cheder
18th November	Cheder
25th November	Cheder
2nd December	Cheder
9th December	Cheder & Hanuka Party
16th December	Cheder

## Competition — Complete this High Holiday wordsearch

For your chance to win a great prize, just complete this issue's competition  
and hand it in to one of the teachers when you have finished.

# SHOFAR WORD SEARCH

Find the words going horizontally and vertically!

ROSH HASHANAH  
 YOM KIPPUR  
 ELUL  
 TISHREI  
 SHOFAR  
 TASHLICH  
 HIGH HOLIDAYS  
 JONAH AND THE WHALE  
 FISH HEAD  
 HONEY  
 MACHZOR  
 RAMS HORN  
 SHRILLY THE SHOFAR  
 CHARITY  
 APPLES  
 DINA  
 DANNY