

<p>35th Annual Conference “Early Mourning”</p> <p>Our Annual Conference which was held on Wednesday 2nd November at Mosaic Community Synagogue has received some very positive responses and remarks to say how useful the conference has been to all our delegates. One such comment read: <i>“Thank you for yet another excellent conference!”</i> Congratulations to Judy Silverton, who chaired the Conference Planning Group this year; to all those who helped in any way; and to our speakers and, of course, all our delegates.</p>	<p>Charity Collection at Sainsbury’s, South Harrow</p> <p>URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS</p> <p>We still have several “slots” for volunteers who are willing to hold a collecting tin or bucket inside the store entrance (no “rattling” permitted) for an hour and a half on either Friday 16th, Saturday 17th or Sunday 18th December at Sainsbury’s, Northolt Road, South Harrow. If you could find just a little time to spare, please contact David in the Bereavement Care office (contact details above).</p>
<p>Coming soon ...</p> <p>Carol Singing at Harrow on the Hill Station Please come along and join the Bereavement Care ‘flash choir’ on Wednesday 14th December from 5.15pm – 7.15pm at the Station Concourse.</p> <p>Fish and Chips Singalong As a change from our annual Supper Quiz, please support our Fish & Chips Singalong with The Three Plonkers on Saturday 25th February 2017 at Mosaic Reform Synagogue from 7.00pm to 10.00pm. <i>Make it a party and bring your friends. Eat, drink and sing the evening away to songs you can’t forget!</i> Tickets £20 available from Bobbi Riesel 020 8428 7977 or email bobbi@riesel.co.uk</p>	<p>Recent Fund-raising & Awareness Events</p> <p>Huge thanksto the brave souls who turned up for a very wet Pinner Village Show in September. ...to Penny Bowskill and the volunteers for collecting £542 at Sainsbury’s Uxbridge on the first weekend in October. ...to Marianne Kittel and her team, who arranged the Bridge and Lunch at Pinner Hill Golf Club on 5th October.</p> <p>Harrow Heroes 2016</p> <p>Well done to Bridget Murray (Group Leader, St. John’s Church, Pinner) and to Jocelyn Tompkins and the Bereavement Group at St Alban’s North Harrow on being nominated for the 2016 Harrow Heroes Awards.</p>
<p>Courses at The Lodge</p> <p>Initial Bereavement Training (2 x days) Thursdays 19th & 26th January (9.30am – 4.00pm)</p> <p>Initial Bereavement Training (6 x evenings) Thursdays 2nd – 30th March & 6th April (7.30 – 9.30pm)</p> <p>Children & Grief Course Tuesday 7th March (9.30am – 4.30pm)</p> <p>Further details on the web-site or from the office.</p>	<p>“Charity of the Year”</p> <p>We are delighted that so many groups have recognised the importance of the bereavement support that we provide and have nominated us as their Charity of the Year. In addition to The Mayor of Harrow and Sainsbury’s South Harrow, we have also received a similar accolade from the Co-op Supermarket in Carpenders Park and the local Co-op Funeral Directors (including the Pinner Branch of H.C. Grimstead) and, in 2017, Kol Chai Synagogue in Hatch End will be supporting us through various events that they organise. Thank you all.</p>
<p>PQASSO (Practical Quality Assurance Systems for Small Organisations)</p> <p>We are delighted to have been awarded Level 1 of the PQASSO Quality Mark in October. The Trustees have been working with the PQASSO quality standards for several years – but these standards have now been assessed externally. Many thanks to all those who helped to prepare for this and to those kind volunteers who turned up on the day to speak to the Assessor.</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS!</p> 	<p>Mayor of Harrow’s Charity Fund-raising Events</p> <p>Having been nominated as one of The Mayor of Harrow’s Charities for this Mayoral Year, we feel it is important for us to try to support the events that are organised as Civic Events (such as the Civic Service and the Remembrance Day Parade) and other events that will be raising funds on our behalf. Please, therefore, keep the following dates free, and if possible try to support them:</p> <p>Supper Quiz in the Members’ Lounge at Harrow Civic Centre on Saturday 21st January 2017.</p> <p>Mayor’s Ball at Elliott Hall, Harrow Arts Centre on Saturday 4th February 2017.</p>

If you have any contributions for the next issue, please e-mail them to the office to arrive by Friday 24th February.

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