

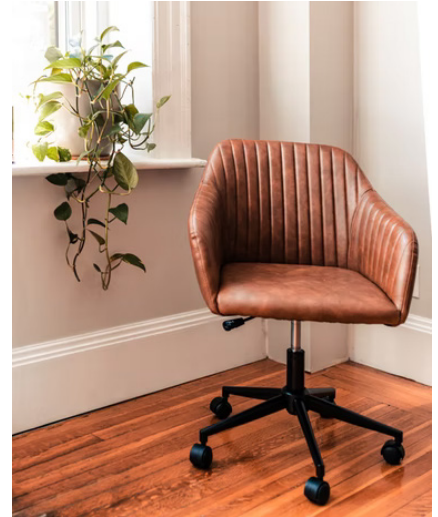


# PLJC Newsletter

January 2022

## From the Chair

The secular New Year is almost upon us! An opportunity to think about how we want to improve our lives, and ourselves – and make New Year’s Resolutions! But – hang on a minute, didn’t we Jews do just that a few months ago? We are supposed to have spent the ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in deep contemplation of how we had spent our life during the past year, and serious consideration of things that we might want to change for the future. Should we really be going through the process again so soon?



Well, maybe not, but perhaps a little time spent considering whether any changes we thought about during the ‘Ten Days of Penitence’, have actually happened, would be useful. All too often, we hear that New Year’s Resolutions made in December don’t survive beyond January. Why? Well, perhaps a mixture of over-ambition, lack of will-power, ‘unanticipated circumstances beyond our control’ etc?

When you think about it, a year is a long time to go before considering whether or not you are heading in the direction you first thought of. Perhaps we should treat the secular New Year as an ‘interim review’, much as happens in businesses? That would give us the opportunity to strengthen our resolve, or even to change our objectives in the light of new circumstances or information. Perhaps like Hilaire Belloc, we might now consider that ‘There’s nothing worth the wear of winning, But laughter and the love of friends’?

Not everything is under our control, as the world has realised all too clearly over the past two years. So don’t be too hard on yourself if you have gone off course. Kindness, consideration and tolerance are just as important for us to extend to ourselves as to our friends. Have a think about where you are, where you want to be, and step into the New Year with hope – and a glass of your favourite tippie perhaps?!

- Janet



Our community Chanukiah from our special Chanukah Service this month.

# Dates for your diary

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We will circulate information closer to the time of these Services if they are held in person and/or online via Zoom.

**8 January 2022**  
Shabbat Service  
10.30am  
Via Zoom only

**5 February 2022**  
Shabbat Service  
10.30am

**5 March 2022**  
Shabbat Service  
10.30am

## Shabbat Service

**Saturday 8 January 2022 at 10.30am**

We have decided that it would be safer to hold this Service online only, so please do join us via Zoom if you are able to.

This service will be led by Student Rabbi Daisy Bogod.  
Shabbat Bo:

**Torah Reading:** Exodus 10: 12-23

**Haftarah:** Jeremiah 20: 7-18

Doors will open 10 minutes before the start of the Service:

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 970 8168 7047 **Passcode:** 202339

To join, click [here](#).

## Tu B'shevat The New Year for Trees

This falls on Monday 17 January 2022. Our plan at the moment is to celebrate this festival formally at the end of our Shabbat service on 5 February. Our hosts, the Quakers, have accepted our offer of something for their garden, and we are currently discussing the details. We should have more information for the next edition of the Newsletter.

## Membership Renewals

Thank you to those members who have advised me that they have changed their Standing Orders. Please can we ask our remaining members who pay monthly, to make sure that their Standing Orders match the amount shown on their Renewal Notices.

Follow our Shabbat Services, from the Siddur Lev Chadash, here: [pljc.org.uk/siddur](http://pljc.org.uk/siddur)  
A book of transliterations can be found here: [pljc.org.uk/L/siddur](http://pljc.org.uk/L/siddur)  
The Complete Siddur Lev Chadash can be downloaded here: [pljc.org.uk/compsiddur](http://pljc.org.uk/compsiddur)

## Update from the Bayne Family

Hello PLJC Friends! As we are near 6 months removed from our wonderful England experience, we wanted to check in. We all are doing well here in Kansas. We just completed Hanukkah, which involved the opening of the Wichita Jewish Community Center.

Our Jewish Federation, religious school and the city's two Jewish congregations all combined into one renovated building. The celebration for the opening was grand, with our Congressman and a famous US actor in attendance. We hope, and sense, that this will bring renewed ruach to our community.

Cliff is doing well in teaching high school. Bethany has returned to work full-time after a lengthy sabbatical, having taken a job at our neighborhood independent bookstore.



Caroline, Fiona and Roslyn seem to be enjoying their time back in the US. Caroline is assistant teaching Hebrew and Jewish Studies at the religious school. Fiona is busy doing every activity she can. Roslyn is enjoying the two cats we have brought into our home to foster. We all recently enjoyed our first US Thanksgiving in 4 years, which involved a table full of family, friends and food. A true American experience!

We hope everyone in PLJC is healthy and doing well. We miss you all!

- The Bayne Family

## LJ Today

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## Holocaust Memorial Day

[hmd.org.uk](http://hmd.org.uk)

### Peterborough Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration

**Thursday 27 January 2022 at 12pm**

Despite the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, it is hoped that Holocaust Memorial Day will be commemorated at Peterborough Cathedral, followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the memorial stone located in St John's Square. We will send more details when we have them.

### Stamford Holocaust Memorial Day

**Friday 28 January 2022 at 11am**

We will be Commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day in St Michael's Churchyard, High Street, Stamford. All are welcome. The event will be introduced by the Mayor of Stamford, Councillor Gloria Johnson.

There will be the Laying of Daffodils (to represent the yellow badges Jews were forced to wear by the Nazis) by the Mayor on behalf of Stamford Town Council, Janet, our Chair, on behalf of PLJC and by Rev, Dr Peter Stevenson, on behalf of Churches Together in Stamford.

Rob Elks, Stamford's Poet Laureate, will once again be reading a poem specially written for the occasion. The playing of the last post will precede a 2-minute silence, and Reveille. A Christian prayer will be read, followed by Graham reciting Kaddish. The formal proceedings will conclude with a shofar blast of Tekiah Gedolah.

Immediately following there will be the opportunity to view an exhibition of the artwork and writings of local students and school children, created for Holocaust Memorial Day, in the Town Hall.

This exhibition can also be viewed during the week of 31 January to 4 February at the Town Hall from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

There will also be a Commemoration on Youtube that can be viewed from 11.00am on 27 January 2022. The link will be available nearer the time.



A picture from Stamford recently where someone has been continuing to pay their respects.

## Tuszyn Memorial Update

Robert Kobylarczyk has finally achieved his goal of restoring a memorial to the Jewish community of Tuszyn.

The photographs show the installation of a stone to commemorate the known families, and Robert on the left, with two descendents of the Bachariers who travelled from Israel to be there.

At a time of great uncertainty in inter-communal relations it is heart-warming to know that there are people like Robert, who is not Jewish, yet feel a responsibility for our joint past, and is willing to teach it to the current generation.

Many of us have roots in what is now Poland, and we should make every effort to support those who reach out to embrace that heritage.

Thanks Robert!

- Geoff





# LJ Today Notices

## Birthday wishes

Godwin Iwuanyanwu  
Mark Lonnie  
Martha Mann  
Molly Mann  
Nigel Mann  
Greg Woodfield

As we head into the winter period, it may be useful to point out some information highlighted in the latest LJ E-Bulletin:

## LJ at Home Facebook Group

You can join this closed Facebook group to get links to online events from Liberal Judaism and other communities. As we may go out less over the next couple of months, this group will have many interesting events that you can join in with online. To join the group, click [here](#).

## Jewish Volunteering Network

The JVN are joining in the national effort to help deliver the vaccine programme. Anyone who is available to help contribute any time, you can visit their website: [jvn.org.uk/vaccine](http://jvn.org.uk/vaccine)

## Mental Health Awareness Shabbat: 7 - 8 January 2022

This year's theme is 'Mental Health in a Changing World'. This Shabbat you can join in with a whole programme of free events which provides the opportunity for us to focus on and raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing in the Jewish community. You can find more information [here](#).

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