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**Forthcoming Events:**

- ♦ **49 Steps to David**  
- (Usually) First Monday of the month
- ♦ **Whiskey and Biltong tasting with a talk**  
- Monday, 27 June
- ♦ **Poker Night** Lodge 4 (please contact Anton Teper if you are interested in playing)  
- Monday, 4 July
- ♦ **Zichron Menachem** - Stubbers and BBQ at Princess Alexander  
- Sunday, 31 July  
  
We need volunteers to help on the day. If you can help please contact a member of the Committee.
- ♦ **Bingo Evening** - at Hartsbourne Country Club  
- Sunday, 18 September

**Can you help?**

We are looking for new Brethren to join the Golf Committee, so if you feel you can contribute to the organisation of the annual Asher Teper Memorial Golf Day then please contact **Wor Bro Jeff Maze** (details on page 16).

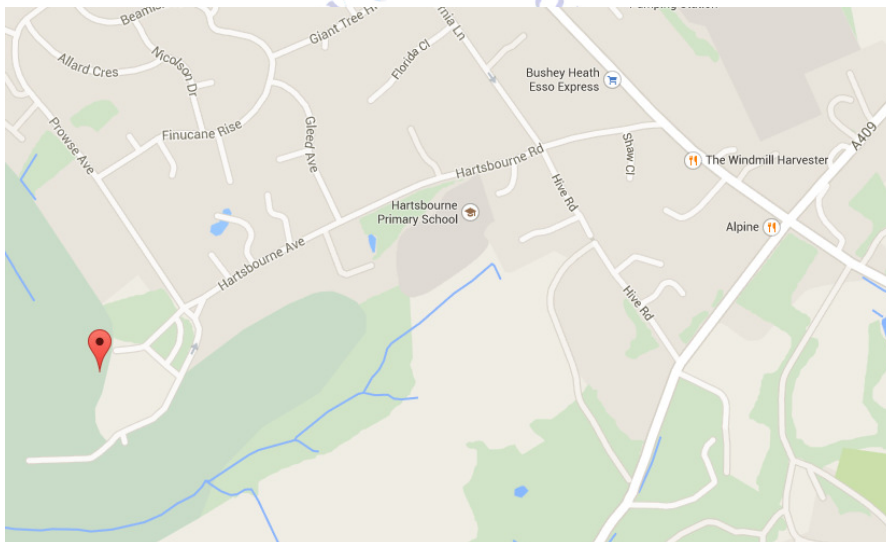


## Joint Lodge Meeting

(hosted by Lodge 1)  
Hartsbourne Country Club  
Hartsbourne Avenue  
Bushey Heath  
Hertfordshire WD23 1JW

**Thursday, 21 July 2016**

**8:30pm**



For details of all the Lodge's future events please log on to  
<https://www.google.com/calendar/render?pli=1>  
**Username:** HODuk1234@gmail.com **Password:** lodge1234

***Please make every effort to attend.***



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*Worthy Brethren & Brethren,*

*June 2016*

I can't believe that half the year has gone already!

On Thursday, 5th June we held our Management Meeting at Hartsbourne Country Club, which was well attended. This is where the running of Lodge 1 takes place. These meetings start off with a bite to eat and some drinks, we had Pizza and Chips last night, but this changes from month to month. All decisions regarding future meetings and planning takes place here, but you do not need to be a member of the Management team to attend, and if there is something that you would like our Lodge to do or partake in, or simply want to come for a bite to eat and see what goes on please let me know. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** Remember this is your Lodge and we want your input. Lodge 3 has joined in with our Management Meetings and we look forward to seeing more of their Brethren attend in future.

The talk last month by Rabbi Dr. Moshe Freedman from the New West End Synagogue was very interesting, he spoke on navigating the conflicts between science and faith. The talk was held downstairs in the main dining room and I am pleased to say that there was a good turnout and most commented favourably about the evening. This was followed by a very nice Table Lodge, also in the main dining room. My thanks go to Bro. Gavin Leif who organized Rabbi Freedman's talk and to Brother Laurence Gishen for the wonderful Table Lodge, this was a really nice evening. Don't miss the opportunity to attend in future!

Lodge 1 is having a Whiskey & Biltong evening at Hartsbourne on Monday the 27th June, This will include a Talk by Rabbi Akiva Tatz, and is in aid of the HOD Bar



## PRESIDENT'S PEN

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mitzvah Club. This will also be held downstairs in the main dining room. Entrance is free of charge and friends and family are more than welcome! Please see details in this Newsletter. The Bar mitzvah Club is one of the most important committees of HOD, so we really need your support for this evening!

This Year's ATMGD took place at Hartsbourne Golf Club on Wednesday, 15th June 2016. Raffle tickets were available with some great Prizes including 5 nights at the Herods in Herzlia for 2, with a £500 air ticket contribution (subject to availability).

The annual Fundraising event at The Princess Alexander Care Home in Stanmore was held on the 19th June 2016. A full report will be published in a future Newsletter.

The HOD is again assisting Zichron Menachem with the many children coming from Israel. In the past we have had many of our Brethren help on the day, but this year we really need help as this is in the holiday period and some of our members will be away. The activities and follow up BBQ are the highlight of this Charity 'Camp' in London and all of those who have helped out have found it to be very rewarding. If you would like to assist, in a morning or afternoon shift at Stubbers or at the BBQ at PA Care Home then please contact any of the Management team or Committee Members [robert.eisner@virgin.net](mailto:robert.eisner@virgin.net) or [Edwinkalish@gmail.com](mailto:Edwinkalish@gmail.com).

*Yours fraternally,  
Wor Bro Eric Shapshak  
President - Lodge London No.1*



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# HAARETZ

## Mixed Messages at the Western Wall: What's Happening With the Kotel Compromise?

**After dozens of Haredim disrupt mixed prayer service in Kotel plaza, Netanyahu says he is committed to egalitarian prayer space.**

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has reiterated his commitment to an egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall, following ugly scenes at the Kotel on Thursday when dozens of Haredi protesters disrupted a prayer service by non-Orthodox Jews.

In what may have been his first words on the subject in Hebrew, Netanyahu said: "At a time when we are continuing in our efforts to reach a solution that will allow every Jew to feel at home at the Western Wall, there are those who would prefer to divide our people and even declare that other Jews are wicked or not Jews at all. We must reject these words and these inappropriate acts that are opposed to the fundamental spirit of the State of Israel."

Health Minister Yaakov Litzman, the head of the ultra-Orthodox United Torah Judaism party, responded to Netanyahu's comments. "As we have known throughout the generations, the Western Wall is the holiest site for the Jewish people and one of the values closest to the heart of every Jew," he said. "At a time when we are acting to continue to preserve this holy place, when all the world is looking toward it in holiness and longing, there are those who would prefer to ... harm the holiness of the site and its purity, God forbid."

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### BIRTHDAYS



#### June 2016

Jeff Hammerschlag	7th
Jason Mileberg	26th

#### July 2016

Peter Tihanyi	2nd
Michael Freedman	4th
Hylton Treisman	10th
David Friedgood	11th
Colin Friedland	14th
Joe Cohen	17th
Paul Stern	17th
Jeff Maze	26th
Laurence Gishen	28th

### ANNIVERSARIES



#### June 2016

Stephen & Estelle Leigh	8th
Robert & Janine Sticher	10th
Rodwin & Judy Jackson	22nd
Stephen & Sheila Hubert	24th
Michael & Pamela Freedman	28th
Stanley & Gillian Chait	30th
Larry & Debra Levin	30th

#### July 2016

Thomas & Lillian Kovacs	4th
David & Beverley Friedgood	6th
Joe & Lucille Cohen	30th

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



- A hearty Mazel Tov (and an apology) to Worthy Bro Bernard and Lorna Glass on the occasion of his Grandson's Bar Mitzvah
- We hope that Bro Howard Steele's Mother-in-Law is on the road to recovery after a recent illness
- We wish Worthy Bro Joe and Lucille Cohen a hearty Mazel Tov on the recent birth of their Grand Daughter
- We wish Bro Larry Shapiro's wife Harriet a Long Life on the recent passing of her sister in Toronto



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Join HOD for an evening of

## Whisky & Biltong

Understand your Whisky, Delight in Biltong...  
Featuring whisky expert Dr Maish Weinstein

GUEST APPEARANCE  
RABBI DR. AKIVA TATZ

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Doors open 8.00pm

Entrance by RSVP only to [laurencegishen@icloud.com](mailto:laurencegishen@icloud.com)

Hartsbourne Country Club, Hartsbourne Avenue, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire WD23 1JW

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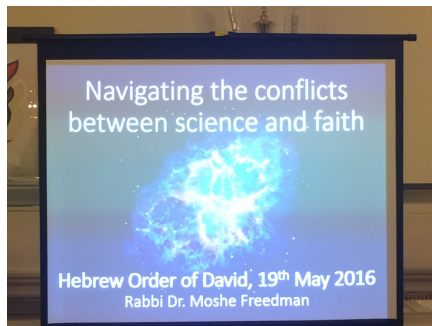


## AN ENLIGHTENING TALK

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## A TOP EVENT

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By Worthy Bro Alex Beare

The H.O.D. Top Golf challenge was held on a glorious Tuesday evening at Watford. It was between Lodges 1 and 3. Obviously Lodges 2 & 4 were too scared to participate. The winner with the highest score was Hilton Treisman. Second place was Trevor Abrahamsohn. Third place Alex Beare. Longest drive of 285 yards was Joe Cohen. Nearest the pin Leon Silverton



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## Mediterranean Eggplant Dip

Babaganoush is a Mediterranean eggplant dip, commonly served at Shabbat meals with salads and Middle Eastern dips like hummus, tahini and matbucha. It's not difficult to make, and you can tweak it to your family's preferences.

Prick the eggplant on all sides and bake at 400° F for about 2 hours. The eggplant should look shrivelled when ready.

Slit the eggplant open lengthwise and scoop out the insides (everything except the actual peel). Put the eggplant and garlic cloves into the bowl of a food processor and pulse until puréed. You can use garlic powder instead, if you prefer, in which case add the powder later, with the other ingredients.

Wait for the eggplant to reach room temperature, and then add the mayonnaise, lemon juice and salt. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Some people use tahini instead of mayonnaise.

You can eat it as a dip with challah, or a spread on toast. It also makes a great dip for veggie sticks.

### Ingredients:

- ◆ 1 medium-sized eggplant
- ◆ 1 tbsp. mayonnaise
- ◆ 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- ◆ 1–2 small garlic cloves (or ¼ tsp. garlic powder)
- ◆ ¾ tsp. kosher salt

### Directions:

1. Prick eggplant with a fork on all sides. Bake at 400° F for 2 hours. Eggplant should look shrivelled when ready.
2. Cut eggplant in half lengthwise and scoop out the insides.
3. Put eggplant and garlic in a food processor and pulse until puréed.
4. Let the mixture cool to room temperature. Then mix in the mayonnaise, salt and lemon juice.
5. Refrigerate until serving.

Yields: 1 cup



Courtesy of Wor Bro Alex Beare

*You may find this a surprisingly informative, unbiased and eloquent brief view of the South Africa's history into and out of apartheid – by the PM who shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Nelson Mandela..*

However, we had very real concerns:

- Nearly everywhere else in Africa one-man, one vote elections had led to chaos, military governments and economic collapse.
- How would our minorities be able to protect themselves in a one-man, one-vote situation?
- We were also worried about the SACP's influence within the ANC. During the 70s and 80s virtually all the members of the ANC's National Executive Committee were also members of the SACP.

The unrest of the mid-1980s brought PW Botha's reform initiatives to a jarring halt while order was restored in the wake of the draconian state of emergency that was imposed in June, 1986.

Then, toward the end of the 1980s, the situation began to change for the better:

- South Africa, Angola and Cuba reached agreement on the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and the implementation of the UN independence plan for Namibia;
- The Namibian independence process showed that positive outcomes could be achieved through negotiations;
- By 1987 all the main South African parties - including the ANC and the Government - had accepted that there could not be an armed solution;
- After the fall of the Berlin Wall in November, 1989 we realised that the time would never again be so propitious for successful constitutional negotiations - so we decided to move ahead with negotiations as quickly as possible.



History had opened a window of opportunity for us. On 2 February 1990 we removed the last remaining obstacles to negotiations - including the unbanning of all political parties and the release of Nelson Mandela.

After almost four years of roller coaster negotiations we finally succeeded, in December 1993, in reaching agreement on an interim Constitution which secured the core interests of all of the main parties.

Ironically, the climax of my presidency came on 10 May 1994 on the day that I ceased to be President. I felt fulfilled because I had relinquished power - not to Nelson Mandela or the ANC - but to a new dispensation in which the Constitution and the Rule of Law - and not the government of the day - would be supreme.

The rest, as they say, is history.

What have I learned from all of this?

Firstly, the corrosive nature of power. Lord Acton was right: power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely. The problem before 1994 was that Parliament was supreme. It could - and it did - make any law that it pleased.

It is also true that, in the absence of deeply ingrained values and strong and independent watchdogs, those who have power will tend to abuse it to promote their personal and political interests.

That is why it is so important to limit and monitor the power of governments and political leaders.

The lesson is that we should do everything we can to defend the watchdogs of our Constitution. They are under threat - particularly the National Prosecuting Authority and the Hawks. At the same time, our courts - and our Public Protector - continue to act independently and fearlessly.



Secondly, I have learned that the worst episodes of human history have been caused by ideologies: just think of the 120 million victims of Nazism, Fascism and Communism during the past century.

Ideologists develop theories about how to achieve an ideal society and then try to force reality into the narrow channels of their theories.

- Ideologies all have millenarian visions: the classless society; manifest destiny; or the thousand year Reich.

They all conjure up enemies: liberals, the bourgeoisie; or the Jews.

- They all ignore realities that do not fit in with their theories.

- They all trample on the interests of ordinary people in order to achieve their goals.

South Africa suffered under the ideologies of apartheid and separate development.

Now, once again, the ANC is trying to force the complex realities of South Africa into the narrow channels of the National Democratic Revolution. Its millenarian vision is the establishment of a National Democratic Society in which the economic and cultural space of each race would be pegged to the percentage of the population that it represents. It is leading to the racialisation of our society in which many aspects of people's lives will once again be determined by the colour of their skin rather than the content of their character.

We even have some of the world's last communists who believe that the NDR is the best route to the achievement of a communist state!

***(Conclusion next month)***





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**HOD are proud to present**



**49 STEPS TO DAVID**

**Monthly presentations delivered  
by Rabbi Avi Hill of Lodge London No 4**

**An exciting contemporary look at how to refine ones  
character and realise your true potential.**

Venue: Hartsbourne Country Club,  
Hartsbourne Avenue, Bushey, WD23 1JW

Date: Monday 11th July 2016  
Time: 20:00– 22:15

Kosher food provided including  
Hot Dogs, Potato Kugel and Snacks

Dress code: casual attire  
partners, wives and guests welcome  
(please rsvp for catering purposes)



### London Lodges 2015/2017

#### Times and Venues

##### *Lodge No 1*

Open Lodge Meetings every **3rd Thursday** of the Month  
Hartsbourne Country Club, Hartsbourne Avenue,  
Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire  
WD23 1JW

*Wor Bro President Eric Shapshak*

##### *Lodge No 2*

Open Lodge Meetings every **3rd Thursday** of the Month  
Hartsbourne Country Club, Hartsbourne Avenue,  
Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire  
WD23 1JW

*Wor Bro President Eddie Lane*

##### *Lodge No 3*

Open Lodge Meetings every **3rd Thursday** of the Month  
Hartsbourne Country Club, Hartsbourne Avenue,  
Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire  
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*Wor Bro President Leon Silverton*

##### *Lodge No 4*

Open Lodge Meetings every **1st Monday** of the Month  
Hartsbourne Country Club, Hartsbourne Avenue,  
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*Bro President Gaby Laifer*

