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Dear friends

There is no doubt that as a nation and as a people the single most significant event since the destruction of the Temple almost 2000 years ago is the establishment of The State of Israel. Medinat Yisrael and its continuous existence as a thriving Jewish homeland, a democracy where values of tolerance, freedom and understanding are championed despite the odds, is a clear overt sign of the hand of Hashem.

I firmly believe that if, G-D forbid, there would be no State of Israel, Jewish future would be very unsure and unsafe across the globe, but especially so in Europe. It is incumbent upon us to thank Hashem and celebrate together. How fortunate we are to live in a time of unparalleled safety and influence, an era of Jewish pride and success. To have a state that leads the world in areas of medicine, technology, culture and the arts.

Please join us in remembering the brave men and woman who gave their lives in the battles of Israel and terrorist atrocities so that the Jewish state would be what it is today. The Tekes (Ceremony) of Yom HaZikaron will take place on Monday evening at Shul immediately after Minchah which will be at 7.30pm. This will then be followed by a service of gratitude and praise to Hashem, a Tephilat Yom Ha'Atzmaut.

After this will be a great event of Israeli food and dancing, I am promised that this will be really special and is suitable for everyone. You can find out more about the event at www.borehamwoodshul.org/YomHaAtzmaut. Tickets for the dinner and dancing event must be booked online at www.borehamwoodshul.org/tickets but no booking is necessary to come and sing Hallel with us at Ma'ariv.

This week following many months of anticipation and excitement, the Chapper family joined our Kehillah. Rabbi Alex, Rebbetzen Eva and their children are busy settling down and unpacking, but the Rabbi has already enthusiastically begun meetings to get to grips with our wide and diverse Kehillah. We hope they settle in quickly and feel at home with us.

Behatzlachah and may Hashem bless all the work of your hands. Bianca and I look forward to working with you to make our Kehillah a continued success.

Chag Sameach
Moadim Lesimchah Legeulah Shleimah
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