

A vibrant autumn garden scene. In the foreground, a dark, spiky plant with long, narrow leaves dominates the left side. To its right, a large, bushy plant with bright yellow leaves covers a stone wall. In the lower right, a cluster of bright pink flowers is in full bloom. The ground is covered with fallen yellow leaves and some green plants. The overall atmosphere is warm and colorful, typical of late summer or early autumn.

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A Message from the Editor

This issue marks the end of my very rewarding temporary editorship of Wessex Jewish News. As we go to print, fortunately Deborah Friedland has stepped forward to take over the task! Some of you may know Debbie already. She is an experienced book editor who has been commissioned by many major international publishers over the years. She lives with her husband and daughter in Bournemouth.

In addition to its new editor, WJN would also be glad to welcome new volunteers in other editorial roles, too. Our reporter and regular contributor Pat Lidiker has now moved to London, while Alan Kneller, who keeps us up to date with community affairs, has also decided to take a rest after more than ten years of service. On the other hand, we're delighted to welcome back Judy Morgenstern, our skilful layout and design editor, after her long and continuing recovery from a bad fall.

As is appropriate for the 50th anniversary year of the Six-Day War, this issue has quite a strong flavour of Israel. David Weitzman, who made aliyah exactly one year ago, tells a tale of his efforts to get an Israeli driving licence, while I recall the more enjoyable experience of spending Sukkot in Tel Aviv. Even Yvonne Cheney's tasty feature on etrog treats is an obvious reminder of Israel, although in her case the fruit were grown in California! Next year will bring another big anniversary – Israel's 70th birthday.

In the meantime, though, I wish everyone a good yomtov, well over the fast, and a good, sweet 5778.

L'Shana Tova.

Andrew Sanger

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