

GO GIRLS – er, I mean Ladies!!!

The Ladies' Tikkun on 10 June 2019 (2nd day of Shavuot)

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This year's Ladies' Tikkun was, in the words of the film, "Absolutely Fabulous". Given the poor weather conditions, we were "Absolutely Delighted" to have a turnout of at least 60 intrepid women of all ages who braved the elements, splashing their way through puddles, until they eventually reached the warm and welcoming Home of the Hackenbrochs.

As in the past few years, we were treated first to a melodious group of women who sang their way through the special leyning (ritual chanting of readings) of the Book of Ruth. The tune is fairly subtle when sung by an expert, but it has no obvious or memorable melody so the group must be congratulated for their highly successful reading of the Megillat Ruth. In turn, we were able to follow the story, as we were handed sheets with the Hebrew words, transliteration and translation.

Comments were invited from those who attended the Ladies' Tikkun. They give you a flavour of just how enjoyable the event was – and here they are:

The Ladies' Tikkun can be compared to wine – it gets better by the year!

Interesting and clear speakers

Possible to tune in to the talks without losing my thread of thought

An incredibly high standard

Thanks for organising such a successful Ladies' Tikkun

Interesting, informative and honest talks

Passionate about their chosen topics

Always a pleasure to attend

As ever, this year's Tikkun was a perfect mixture of moving, educational, amusing and novel talks preceded by a very impressive array of ladies exercising their vocal chords in leyning Megillat Ruth.

The delicious tea and Hackenbrochs' legendary hospitality contributed to this magical Shavuot afternoon

Well done to you on your excellent organising during a challenging time

Fascinating talks

The standard was as high as ever

As thoroughly enjoyable as usual

Most enlightening

I could do with more inspirational talks like the ones we heard

A sense of community enveloped the atmosphere
No age discrimination here – a great mix of young and old

Wow! Wow! Wow!

The highlight of the year

After the talks, we were joined for refreshments by the menfolk from their nearby treat of “Whisky and Wisdom”, kindly hosted by the Cantors. We all munched our way through what can only be described as a sumptuous tea party. Yum! Slurp! We could at the same time socialise and network to our hearts’ content, chatting to friends and meeting new people. Who could ask for more? Not I, said the fly...

Gila and I look forward to seeing you with a friendortwoorthree at next year’s Ladies’ Tikkun.