

I first got to know the Cohen family when two of their children, Suzanne & Harvey were dental students at the school in which I was teaching. Thus when Gloria and Jeffrey came to Stanmore we already a link.

Jeffrey made an immediate impact, which led to better Shool attendance, and the membership has continued to grow, especially since many congregants have followed him from his previous shool, Kenton. He brought with him many fine qualities. He has regularly delivered many excellent and interesting sermons, which generate a lot of discussion. I think the Stanmore community is better informed about Judaism since his ministry began. His friendly and informal approach has endeared him to many members.

Gloria has been the perfect partner and Rabbatzen - doing so much for the Stanmore community. She seems to have an encyclopaedic knowledge of Stanmore families.

Marion and I are close with Gloria and Jeffrey because of the deep friendship that developed between their younger daughter Judith and our daughter Sarah. They were frequently in each others' homes and spent holidays together. Their friendship has lasted until today, even though Judith lives in Manchester and Sarah lived in Israel for eight years. We were so happy that when Sarah married in Israel, Jeffrey officiated at the wedding. Indeed they travelled even further afield when on their Sabbatical they met up with our son Daniel in Australia.

We will always remember the support they have both given us during difficult times. We are sure our friendship will continue since although they will be leaving Stanmore, we are near neighbours in Netanya.

Marion and I wish them both a long healthy happy and creative retirement.

Warren Shear