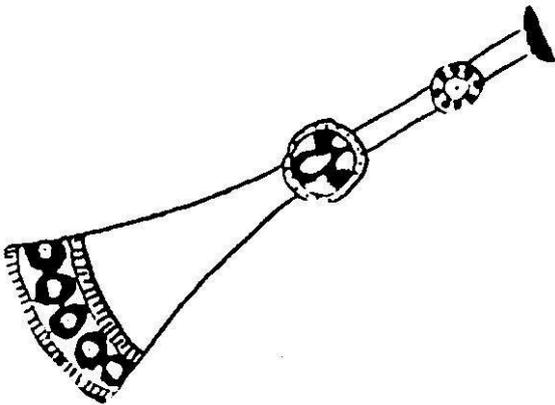
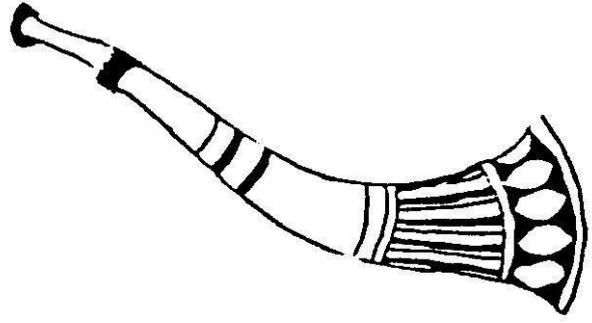


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CHAIR'S REPORT

Nisan 5772
March/April 2012

It often said that to lose any member of our Shul is a great tragedy. Unfortunately, over the space of 4 weeks we lost two valued members, Sally Godfrey and Zena Lightowler "zichronam livracha" (may they rest in peace). We wish both families "long life".

On behalf of the Shul, I would like to thank all those ladies involved in the Chevrah Kaddishah and to John Friend for conducting Sally's funeral. It was also very pleasing to see the very good support of our members at both funerals.

The first Friday night communal meal took place on 2 March and I would like to thank Sarita Robinson and Ann Bush for the catering and for making it a fun meal for all those present. Having received very positive feedback, the next communal meal has been arranged for Friday 4 May, starting at 6.30pm. Please come along and start the Shabbat in style.

This year's Purim celebrations took place on Wednesday evening, 7 March and I would like to thank Aimi Sugarman for leading the Service and to the various members of the congregation who helped in the reading of the Megillah Esther. Thanks also go to those involved in preparing the Kiddush.

I have been reliably informed that our Communal Seder is now fully booked and that luckily, the article in the Hull Daily Mail didn't attract that much interest from the wider community.

Looking ahead, we are holding our Pesach Service on Shabbat morning, 7 April 2012 and we have arranged for a visit to the Lincoln Jewish Community's Shabbat Morning Service on 21 April 2012. Further details can be found on page 3.

Finally, don't forget that our Friday Night and Shabbat Services are still going strong and I look forward to seeing you many of you there.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

NEW SHUL TREASURER



The Shul Council is delighted to announce that following our request for a replacement Treasurer, Tony Sevilla-Harland was appointed as the sole candidate. Tony will be taking over from Aimi Sugarman immediately and his address and contact details are:

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The Council would like to take this opportunity to express their thanks to Aimi for 5 years hard work with the invoices and receipts and for the time spent in keeping the Shul accounts and finances on an "even keel". Aimi is continuing on the Shul Council as a co-opted member.

PESACH SERVICE AND KIDDUSH



This year's Pesach Service and celebrations will be taking place on **Shabbat** morning **7 April, 2012**, starting at **10.30am**.

Following the Service, there will be a Kiddush, to which everyone is invited.

VISIT TO THE LINCOLN JEWISH COMMUNITY



The Shul is organising a trip to attend the Shabbat Morning Service being held by the Lincoln Jewish Community on **Saturday 21 April, 2012**. Cantor Gershon Sillins will be in attendance and those of who have not yet heard him are certainly missing out!

The Service will be taking place at Jew's Court , Steep Hill Lincoln LN2 1LS and starts at 11.00am. If you wish to attend please meet at 9.15am in our Shul car park so that transport can be organised.

FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNAL MEAL



Following the success of the inaugural monthly communal meal before the Service on a Friday night. the next one has been arranged for **Friday 4 May at 6.30pm**. As before, expect food, fun, community and to learn some new songs that might be used in the Service. The cost will be £5 per head, so please contact Sarita Robinson on 447549 if you are planning on coming. Everyone is welcome.

PASSOVER AND THE ORIGIN OF THE SANDWICH

This article by Jane Bichmacher de Glasman first appeared in the pesach 2012 issue of the Jewish magazine, an on-line publication.

Even one who doesn't have profound Jewish knowledge knows that Passover is the "Jewish Easter" although, actually, the opposite is true, Easter is the Christian Passover. But that is not the main issue I want to discuss.

Even traditional Jews associate Passover to a dinner, referring like this to Seder. But Seder, in Hebrew, means order, related to the 14 steps to be followed, and only the 10th, Shulchan Orech, the Set Table, corresponds to the meal itself.



I would like to focus in the step that precedes it, the 9th: Korekh, which consists of eating matzah (unleavened bread) with maror (bitter herbs) together. Of the three matzot that are placed on the table of Seder, we take the one of top, the same is broken in two parts and with bitter herbs is formed a sandwich. As we read in Haggadah (= narrative, corresponding to the book that is read in the Seder):

"This is a remembrance of Hillel in Temple times — this is what Hillel did when the Temple existed: He enwrapped the Paschal lamb, the matzo and the bitter herbs to eat them as one, in fulfilment of the verse, "with matzot and maror (the bitter herb) they shall eat it."

Following, everybody eats "Hillel's sandwich".

People usually think that the origin of the sandwich is German, after a man decided to eat a sausage inside bread, or invented by the earl of Sandwich. According the historical-literary record presented in the Haggadah and represented in the Seder, we realize that the sandwich is Jewish: two matzah pieces with bitter herb stuffing. And more: vegetarian sandwich with touches of Japanese typical food (the wasabi used to make sushi is our bitter herb). For all this, there is nothing more "fashion" than the millenarian Sandwich of Hillel!

Maybe the taste today is not of the most appetizing. But we should remind that, although Passover Seder involves foods, they have a character more symbolic than eatable. So much so that the main tray that is placed on the table, to show the main food stuffs to be consumed - its function is educational.

In a humorous way, we could summarize the Jewish festivities to the following logic and order: "They tried to destroy us. God saved us. Let's celebrate eating!"



Unfortunately a series of ritualistic aspects and events associated to Passover were responsible for the death of thousands of Jews. Marranos, Anusim or Cripto-Jews (forced converts to Christianity who kept their Judaism secretly) were secretly watched and arrested during Passover as heretics, by the Inquisition.

The later accusation of "ritual murder" caused the massacre and/or expulsion of several European communities: Jews were accused of killing Christian children to make matzah with their blood, what is an absurd for who has any idea of Kashrut (dietary Jewish laws) that absolutely forbids the ingestion of blood. This together with the accusation of Jews being called "God killers" (Jews accused as murderers of Jesus), followed by the burning of Judas (practice very known in Brazil). Also the annual super-cleaning required for Passover, that linked to other Jewish practices of hygienic character (as the baths, changes of clothes, cares with the dead and sick people), which served to save the Jews throughout history from dying so much as others in epidemics like the Black Plague - and again, because of it, they were accused of causing them, determining their persecution and massacre...

Although in the last decades the Catholic Church, particularly, is trying to recognize errors of the past and to apologize for them, certain prejudices are very difficult to be eradicated of the popular culture, what in Portuguese language even determined negative and pejorative connotations to many words like "judiar", "judiaria", "judiação", and the association of Jew to usurer, stingy, frequent image in jokes.

As historical truth, the Jews, originally shepherds, farmers, artisans and liberal professionals, were forced to work in other trades due to restrictions imposed to them in the Medieval Era, as to possess lands, etc.

But, to conclude, the great joke in this case is that, being the sandwich actually a Jewish invention, how could the Jews not have patented it? The Jewish inheritance would not be just spiritually so rich, but reinforced by millions of dollars of royalties - paradoxically paid by McDonalds, Burger Kings, etc. even in Passover - when the Jews cannot consume bread and are not allowed to benefit from the sale of their own invention, the sandwich.

All contributions are accepted on the understanding that the authors are responsible for the opinions expressed which do not necessarily reflect the views of the Hull Reform Synagogue.

ASK THE RABBI



Asktherabbi.org responds to the question: Is there such thing as kosher dog food. If so which brand?

Dogs don't need to "keep kosher." However, there are kashrut considerations when feeding your dog. For example, it's forbidden to own or derive benefit from chametz during Passover. Therefore, if a dog food contains chametz, it's forbidden to own it or give it to your dog during Passover. Another consideration: It is forbidden to derive benefit from milk and meat that were cooked together. Therefore, if a dog food contains such a mixture, it's forbidden to give it to your dog.

There are brands of dog food certified as Kosher for Passover, not because they are kosher for humans, but because they contain no chametz!

THE ENCHANTED MATZAH

A Pesach midrash by Arthur R Pell

The matzahs, all freshly baked, were packed neatly in their box, waiting for the seder. Most of them were quietly awaiting their fate. They didn't mind being eaten because they were baked especially for that purpose and it never entered their minds to expect anything else. But one little matzah was different, perhaps the baker had made a mistake when he mixed the dough or perhaps this matzah was enchanted. He didn't want to be eaten.

"I'm going to run away," he told the others in his box.

"Nonsense," said his friend. "You have no legs so you cannot run. and anyway you were made to be eaten. We should be happy that we are part of the great feast of Passover."

"Not I," said the enchanted matzah, "I want to see the world."

Just then the box was removed from the shelf. A voice that sounded like thunder to the matzahs said, "Let's open the box of matzahs now."

It was Mum getting everything ready for the big night. The children were helping. Brother lifted the box off the shelf and carefully opened it. The matzahs all blinked when the light hit them, but no one said a word. Matzahs know better than to talk when humans are around.

"Let me pick the three for the seder plate," said Sister.

She picked three matzahs and wrapped them tidily in the matzah cover, but what she didn't know was that the one in the middle was the enchanted matzah. Later when grandma and grandpa, the aunts, uncles and cousins arrived, they all sat down at the dining room table to partake in the Seder.

Just then, Pup came barking into the room. She wanted to share the Seder too. Dad laughed, but told Pup that this was a serious feast and there was no place for a dog in it. Brother picked up Pup and put her out in the back yard.

Now the Seder began. Dad sang the Kiddush and made the blessing over the matzahs. He then took the middle matzah, wrapped it carefully in a napkin, and went into another room to hide it. This was the afikoman. The children tried hard not to peek. They knew that the one who found it later in the evening would get a nice prize.

Dad had hidden the enchanted matzah on the bedroom windowsill behind the venetian blind. In his rush to hide it and get back to the table, he hadn't noticed that the window behind the blind was open. The enchanted matzah noticed it and said,

"Good, here is my chance to run away and see the world."

He slowly inched along the windowsill, pushed himself closer and closer to the edge. He held his breath---- and jumped.

He fell down and down and down. "Oh my," he cried. "I'm going to break into a million pieces."

Suddenly he stopped falling. Luckily the ground under the window was soft and covered with grass. That, plus the protection of the napkin in which he was wrapped, prevented him from being broken.

The matzah looked around. All he could see was the darkness of the night. "The world is not so nice," he thought.

He tried to move, but as he had no legs, he could only push himself along very slowly. Suddenly he felt himself being sniffed and pushed by a wet nose.

"What is this?" he cried. "Am I to be eaten after all by this beast?"

Meanwhile the Seder was coming slowly to the end of the meal.

"Now," said Dad, "the children will look for the afikomen. The child who finds it will win a big box of chocolate matzahs."

Brother and sister and all the cousins left the table and swarmed all over the house looking for the hidden matzah. Soon they all returned to the table disappointed. Nobody had found the afikomen.

Dad was puzzled, but as it was getting late, he suggested that the Seder continue and the children could look again after the service ended.

Now it was time for Elijah's visit. An extra cup of wine is always placed on the Seder table for the prophet, Elijah. After the Seder meal, the door of the house is opened to welcome Elijah's spirit. Sister went to the door and opened it.

As she returned to her seat, Dad told the story of Elijah. As he said the words, "We now welcome Elijah," in through the door walked Pup and in her mouth was the missing matzah.

Pup dropped it in front of Dad and wagged her tail. Dad laughed and said. "Yes, Pup, you found the afikoman so you win the prize. But as chocolate matzahs are not good for you, we'll give you a nice bone and all the children will share the sweets."

When the service ended the children ate the chocolate matzahs for dessert.

In the excitement everybody forgot about the enchanted matzah. Nobody ate it. When Mum found it in its napkin, she put it aside. "There's something special about this matzah," she said. It's best we keep it for good luck."

JUST THE ONE!

Shortly after a British Airways flight had reached its cruising altitude, the Captain announced:

'Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your Captain. Welcome to Flight BA293, non-stop from London Heathrow to New York. The weather ahead is good, so we should have a smooth, uneventful flight. So sit back, relax and..... OH, MY GOD!
Silence followed!

Some moments later the Captain came back on the tannoy;
'Ladies and gentlemen, I'm sorry if I scared you. While I was talking to you, a flight attendant accidentally spilled a cup of hot coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!'

One old Jewish passenger yelled, 'ohy vey' you should see the back of mine! '

*ENGLISH YAHRZEIT DATES WHICH CORRESPOND TO
THE HEBREW DATES FOR RELATIVES OF MEMBERS OF
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Hilda Rosenthal	7 Apr. 2012	Lawrence (Louis) Wayne	7 May 2012
Charles Leon Martin	7 Apr. 2012	Mark Wayne	7 May 2012
Phyllis Landau	17 Apr. 2012	Adam Raphael	10 May 2012
Samuel Wayne	17 Apr. 2012	Lilly Loofe	15 May 2012
Max (Mendel) Wayne	17 Apr. 2012	Ernst Kuschnitzky	19 May 2012
David Silver	18 Apr. 2012	Morris Levin	24 May 2012
Louis Furman	19 Apr. 2012	Anita Sevilla	24 May 2012
Ena Levine	19 Apr. 2012	Rosza Lusztig	29 May 2012
Bernard Sevilla	20 Apr. 2012	Gerald Godfrey	3 June 2012
Robert Rosner	3 May 2012	Berta Rose	3 June 2012
Alexander Schooler	3 May 2012	Ada Bransky	8 June 2012
Louis Winetroube	3 May 2012	Stuart Rosenthal	11 June 2012

Traditionally, Jewish Yahrzeits are remembered on the Hebrew date, which means that there might be some variation in the English date each year. **If the Hebrew date is observed, it must be remembered that the Yahrzeit starts the evening before.** Memorial prayers for the deceased will be recited during the Friday Night Service for those Yahrzeits which fall during the coming week. If a Yahrzeit falls on a Friday Night, please remember that the prayers will usually be recited during the Friday Night Service the week before.



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KIDDUSH SPONSORING

During the year, you might want to mark that special occasion in a unique, yet innovative manner. In order to help you solve your dilemma, the Synagogue Council has agreed to allow the sponsoring of Kiddushim.

If you would like further details, or wish to reserve a particular date, please contact Sarita Robinson on (01482 447549)

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Date	Time	Leader	Refreshment Rota
Friday 6 April	8.00pm	John Friend	Olive Rosner Jackie Lukes
Shabbat 7 April (Pesach Shabbat Service)	10.30am	Ian Sugarman John Friend	Natalie Winetroube Gillian Smith
Shabbat 7 April (Communal Seder)	6.30pm	Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner	Ann Bush Sarita Bush
Friday 13 April	8.00pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Deborah Wrapson
Sunday 15 April (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 15 April (Bible/Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 20 April (Council Meeting)	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 20 April	8.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Jackie Lukes
Friday 27 April	8.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Audrey Sugarman Fabian Knies
Sunday 29 April (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 29 April (Bible/Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 4 May (Communal Meal)	6.30pm	Sarita Robinson	Sarita Robinson Ann Bush
Friday 4 May	8.00pm	Gillian Barker	Deborah Wrapson Jackie Lukes
Shabbat 5 May	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Natalie Winetroube Gillian Smith
Friday 11 May	8.00pm	John Friend	Olive Rosner Jannette Dubb
Sunday 13 May (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 13 May (Bible/Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 18 May	8.00pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Fabian Knies
Friday 25 May	8.00pm	Geoff Annis	Lesley Annis Audrey Sugarman
Sunday 27 May (Shavuot Service and Kiddush)	10.30am	Ian Sugarman	Ann Bush Aimi Sugarman
Friday 1 June	8.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Elaine Winetroube

If you are unable to take your turn on the **service rota**, please arrange for someone else to take your place. If you are unable to take your turn on the **refreshment rota**, please arrange for someone else to take your place and **inform Audrey Sugarman on (01482) 563835** to ensure that sufficient refreshments are available.

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