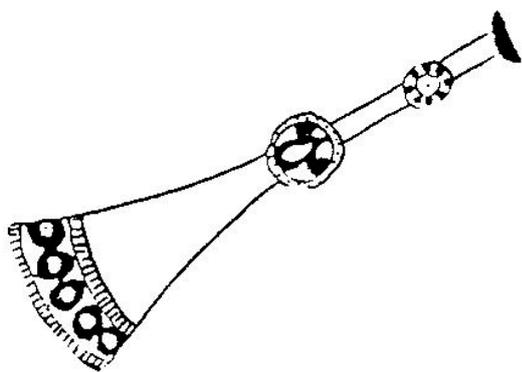
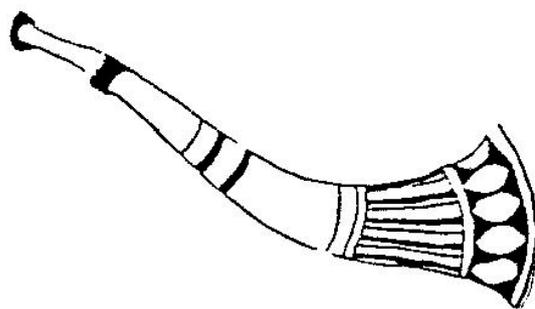


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The Official Newsletter of Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue



CHAIR'S REPORT

Adar 5772
March 2012

Wow! What a weekend. We had it all. Good turnouts for the Friday Night and Shabbat Morning Services, a well-attended study session on Shabbat afternoon, a Yiddish "Call my Bluff" on Saturday evening and a "sell-out" Sunday luncheon. We even had the Chief Executive Officers of the Movement for Reform Judaism and for Liberal Judaism, as well as the Vice-Chairman of the East Riding Council.

Of course I am referring to our 20th Anniversary celebrations, which were held over the weekend of 17-19 February 2012 to commemorate the first Service held in the new Shul building on 18 February 1992, which was Purim 5752. We even managed to arrange some publicity and had feature items on Radio Humberside, in the Hull Daily Mail and on the Movement for Reform Judaism web site. I also understand that a press release has been provided to the Jewish Chronicle and the Jewish Telegraph. There is a short write-up about the weekend on page 5.

On behalf of the Shul, I must thank Sarita Robinson and Aimi Sugarman who supervised and co-ordinated the arrangements and organisation of the whole weekend. They have been supported by a whole army of people who have supplied the catering, moved chairs and tables, attended the events and participated in the religious activities. There are too many to thank individually, but we all know who you are. I would like to thank Les Rosenberg and Rabbi Danny Rich for their presentations on the Sunday and to give a special thank you to Rabbi Rich who returned to Hull for the weekend after 20 years and had been able to take time out from his very busy schedule to help us to celebrate our special 20th anniversary.

Looking ahead, our Purim Service and Kiddush is taking place on Wednesday 7 March 2012 and more information can be found on page 3.

This year's Communal Seder is taking place on Shabbat evening 7 April 2012, which is the second night of Pesach. This is to accommodate the visit of the Reform Movement's new Rabbi, Laura Janner-Klausner, who will be leading the Service. Further details can be found on page 4. As this event has proved to be extremely popular in previous years, numbers will be limited to members, their families and friends, however, I have heard that members of the Lincoln Jewish Community will also be joining us.

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.

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.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL



FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNAL MEAL

We are starting to hold a monthly communal meal before the Service on a Friday night. The first one will be on **Friday 2 March at 6.30pm**. 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.

PURIM SERVICE AND KIDDUSH



This year's Purim celebrations will be taking place on **Wednesday evening, 7 March, 2012**, starting at **8.00pm**. As usual, the Purim Service and reading of the Megillah Esther will be conducted by members of the congregation following which we are planning to hold a Purim Kiddush to which everyone is invited. Although the Purim tradition is that you must be so intoxicated that you are unable to tell Haman from Mordechai, no alcohol will be provided, except for

kiddush wine (?). Please make every effort to attend what should be a fun evening.

SHUL TREASURER VACANCY



The Shul Council will soon be seeking a new Shul Treasurer and is looking for members who would be interested in taking that position on the Council. This vacancy has arisen due to Aimi Sugarman's increased work commitments as a Fee Earner and the start of her studies towards her Legal Executive qualifications. She will be looking to step down as soon as a replacement has been found. As this is such a responsible role within the Shul, we want to open it up to all

members and will be holding an election if more than one member applies. If you are interested, please contact the Chairman, Ian Sugarman, on (01482) 835864, in confidence, before the next Council meeting on Friday 9 March, 2012.

VISITING THE SICK – BIKKUR CHOLIM

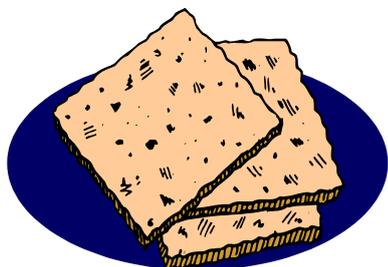


Audrey has been visiting a number of our members, some regularly. Although keeping busy, Audrey still has some time to visit other members, whether it's just for a cup of tea or a chat or to provide some support. Unfortunately, information on those who are ill or in hospital is not always passed on.

If you are interested in receiving a visit, or know a member who might be ill or in hospital, please give Audrey a ring on (01482) 563835. All calls will be in confidence.

COMMUNAL SEDER 5772

This year's Communal Seder will be taking place on **Second night Pesach, Saturday 7 April, 2012**. The Service will commence at **6.30pm** and as in previous years, the Seder is for members and their friends.



Although this year Communal Seder will be a day later than usual, there will still be the usual great atmosphere, superb food and enough fruit salad to fill the many doggy bags. What makes this night different is that this year we have been extremely fortunate to have the Seder Service led by the Reform Movement's new Rabbi, Laura Janner-Klausner. Rabbi Laura was the Rabbi at Alyth Synagogue in London for 8 years and left at the end of 2011 to take up her new post within the Movement for Reform Judaism.



To cover the cost of the Seder, there will be a charge of **£12.00 per person** (£6.00 for children under 13 years). and due to the limited number of places, bookings will be taken on a "first come, first served basis". Please show your support at this superb communal event by confirming your places with Ann Bush as soon as possible on 224303.

ASK THE RABBI



Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Romain responds to the question: Why does Hebrew have final letters, and why only five of them ?

The fact that there are two symbols for certain letters is probably evidence of an earlier form of writing Hebrew that gradually gave way to another, later form, in the same way that in English the old way of writing an "s" looks much more like a modern "f". What we now call the "finals" is probably the older, original way of writing the letter. For some reason these forms were not dropped altogether but kept for when the letter is the final one in any given word. This usage may simply have been a custom that arose, or a deliberate attempt to preserve them.

The five letters that have a "final" version are Kaf/Chaf, Mem, Nun, Pay/Fay and Tsaddek. Hebrew grammarians developed a mnemonic by which to remember them : KaMNeFeTZ. In the Talmud, there is a different mnemonic : MeNaTZPaCH (Shabbat 104a). This is a strange formulation, because it does not list the letters in their normal alphabetical order. However, it can be broken into two words - MiN-TZoFaCH - which means "from the watchers" i.e. the elders, and is thus an attempt to indicate that, even if the exact reason is unknown, it comes from an authoritative source. Incidentally, there is only one verse in the entire Hebrew Bible which contains all 22 letters of the alphabet, including the 'five finals': Zephaniah chapter 3 verse 8. Remember, of course, that Hebrew has no capitals at the beginning of sentences - unlike English, which effectively entails learning a double alphabet - and so Hebrew is relatively simpler !

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE SHUL BUILDING

This report is edited from the feature and photographs posted on the Movement for Reform Judaism web site on Tuesday 21 February 2012.

Ne've Shalom, Hull Reform Synagogue, celebrated 20 years of having a synagogue over the weekend of 17-19 February 2012. On 18 February 1992, the first ever service to take place in the Shul was the very well attended 5752 Purim Service led by Ian Sugarman.



The weekend's celebrations began with Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday night which was attended by Ben Rich, Chief Executive of the Movement for Reform Judaism and Rabbi Danny Rich, Chief Executive of Liberal Judaism. Rabbi Danny was a student rabbi attached to the synagogue and was one of the Rabbi's who performed the consecration ceremony in April 1992, along with Rabbi Rodney Mariner and Rabbi Walter Rothschild.

After Shabbat morning services there was lunch and study sessions led by Rabbi Danny followed by a social on Saturday night - a Yiddish call my bluff! Sunday saw an extremely well attended minchah service and lunch with 80 people.

Throughout the weekend the community were joined by representatives from Sinai Synagogue in Leeds, Reform community members from York, Lincolnshire Jewish Community as well as Hull's Orthodox community, members of Hull and East Riding Interfaith, local councillors and the vice-chairman of East Riding Council.



CORRESPONDENCE

The following letter was received from Natalie Winetroube, one of our members, with a very strong request that we publish this.

I am sure that everyone who attended the three days celebration of the 20th anniversary of our Shool had a most wonderful time. Quite rightly Ian thanked the Council for their help and the same loyal stalwart ladies who spent so much time in the kitchen creating culinary delights. But no-one thanks Ian for the all the hard work he puts in to keep our Community thriving. He does so much work behind the scenes that no-one hears about, while managing to have a full-time career and helping his family. The writing of the Shofar Shalom, running the Bible Class every other Sunday are all educational, meaningful and interesting and all done in a dedicated, humorous way. We have come to rely on him so much to keep our Community going from strength to strength and I am sure I speak for all of us who are members to say a big THANK YOU to Ian and hope he will continue to work for us for many years to come and keep the jokes coming.

Natalie

Natalie

FIRST WOMAN RABBI TO BE NEW CONVENOR OF BEIT DINAS REFORM CONVERSIONS SURGE

This article appeared on the Movement for Reform Judaism web site on 23 February 2012

Rabbi Jackie Tabick is to be the next Convenor of Reform Judaism's Beit Din (religious court), the Movement has announced today. Rabbi Tabick will take up the position in April while continuing to serve part-time as Rabbi of her North West Surrey Synagogue congregation.



The appointment comes as the Movement for Reform Judaism announces an upsurge in applications for conversions (which are dealt with by the Beit Din). Already over seventy candidates – each of whom will have undertaken a strict course of study - are booked to appear before the court in the first six months of 2012. Even at a conservative estimate this suggests an increase of over a quarter on last year's 106 conversions, itself a record in recent times.

Rabbi Tabick became Britain's first female rabbi in 1975 and worked at West London Synagogue prior to moving to North West Surrey Synagogue in Weybridge, which she has served since 1998. She chairs the World Congress of Faiths, (for which she was presented with the Interfaith Gold Medallion), and is an executive of the Interfaith Network. She has been a regular Beit Din member and has convened the court in the past. Her academic interests include the on-going religious lives of proselytes, on which she has written a thesis.

Rabbi Tabick's appointment underlines the Movement's commitment to supporting those in mixed-faith relationships. She says: "I feel privileged to lead this part of the Movement's work in such an important and growing area. With an estimated half of all Jews now marrying non-Jews, it is vital that we reach out to mixed-faith couples and a significant part of my work will be spent offering them support, regardless of whether the non-Jewish partner intends to convert.

"The Movement for Reform Judaism is uniquely well-placed for this work. We offer a brand of Judaism which is open and inclusive whilst providing a form of worship rooted in tradition which will remain familiar and accessible to all."

Coinciding with the Jewish Leadership Council's consultation on the under-representation of women in leadership positions across the community, Rabbi Tabick is set to join a Reform leadership team which includes women as Chair, Movement Rabbi and Principal of the Movement's rabbinic college, the Leo Baeck.

Ben Rich, MRJ Chief Executive says: "It speaks volumes for the state of the Movement that such a widely respected and senior rabbi has been willing to join the team. She will bring a wealth of experience and a great deal of sensitivity to the role, even if it does leave me as the 'last man standing'."

Ann Antrich, Joint Chairman of North West Surrey Synagogue says: "Rabbi Tabick's appointment to such a senior position is a matter of great pride for us. It is testament to her hard work and significant contribution to British Jewry and interfaith dialogue. Not only does she lead our community in the educational and spiritual side of Jewish life, she also plays an important role in pastoral care, experience which I'm sure will be important for her work with the Beit Din".

GREEN SUNDAY 2012

We have received this from Mike Westerman of Hull JNF.

Once again, through the columns of the "Shofar Shalom", I want to thank ALL those members of the Ne've Shalom Synagogue, who responded so generously to my letter circulated to members of the Synagogue, on behalf of Hull JNF's "Green Sunday Appeal."

Our Community continues to decrease...and I know that there are many calls on your finances, (local as well as national), but our success depended on the Community's support and again, this year, we were not let down!

To all who pledged, to support us this year, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH! This year your support will help all those young people at Hull's latest project, the Children's Playground at Sderot in the Negev. your contribution will help many more! To those few who, for whatever reason, felt they could not support us this year, we look forward to your support in the future.



Should you not have received a letter, but would like to support us, please ring Michael now on 644987 or mobile 07590 123 270.

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A FEW ONE LINERS (It wasn't me...it was Frank Carson)

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

Why do women have smaller feet than men? So they can stand closer to the kitchen sink.

If your dog is barking at the back door and your wife is yelling at the front door, who do you let in first?

The dog of course...at least he'll shut up after you let him in.

I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

I haven't spoken to my wife for 18 months.... I don't like to interrupt her.

*ENGLISH YAHRZEIT DATES WHICH CORRESPOND TO
THE HEBREW DATES FOR RELATIVES OF MEMBERS OF
NEVE SHALOM - THE HULL REFORM SYNAGOGUE*

Lilian Friend (II)	3 Mar. 2012	Koppel Peysner	14 Mar. 2012
Hilda Schooler (II)	3 Mar. 2012	Aubrey Gordon	16 Mar. 2012
Joseph Rosenberg (II)	5 Mar. 2012	Annalies Adler	16 Mar. 2012
Jack Powell (II)	6 Mar. 2012	Sarah Albeck (II)	17 Mar. 2012
Rita Bermitz	6 Mar. 2012	Maureen Preston (II)	20 Mar. 2012
Pauline Rosenberg	7 Mar. 2012	Mick Dubb	26 Mar. 2012
Sadie Bermitz	8 Mar. 2012	Rosie Warshisky	28 Mar. 2012
Norman Levy	8 Mar. 2012	Dr. Cyril Levin	31 Mar. 2012
Solomon Wayne	10 Mar. 2012	Joe Sugarman	31 Mar. 2012
Shirley Rosenberg	13 Mar. 2012	Barnett Furman	31 Mar. 2012
Sydney Leving (II)	13 Mar. 2012	Hilda Rosenthal	7 Apr. 2012
Sydney Furman	14 Mar. 2012	Charles Leon Martin	7 Apr. 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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The Synagogue Council would again like to inform members that there is still space available on the Memorial Board for members to purchase a plaque in memory of their loved one(s). For further details, please contact Henry Goldstone on (01482) 667258.

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 Bush on (01482) 447549.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Date	Time	Leader	Refreshment Rota
Friday 2 March (Communal Meal)	6.30pm	Sarita Robinson	Sarita Robinson Ann Bush
Friday 2 March	8.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Olive Rosner Veronica Keczkcs
Shabbat 3 March	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Natalie Winetroube Gillian Smith
Wednesday 7 March (Purim Service and Kiddush)	8.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Aimi Sugarman Elaine Winetroube
Friday 9 March (Council Meeting)	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 9 March	8.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Lesley Annis
Sunday 11 March (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 11 March (Bible/Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 16 March	8.00pm	Gillian Barker	Deborah Wrapson Veronica Keczkcs
Friday 23 March	8.00pm	Geoff Annis	Janette Dubb Fabian Knies
Sunday 25 March (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 25 March (Bible/Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 30 March	8.00pm	John Friend	Audrey Sugarman Elaine Winetroube
Friday 6 April	8.00pm	Gillian Barker	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	8.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Jackie Lukes
Friday 27 April	8.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Audrey Sugarman Fabian Knies

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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