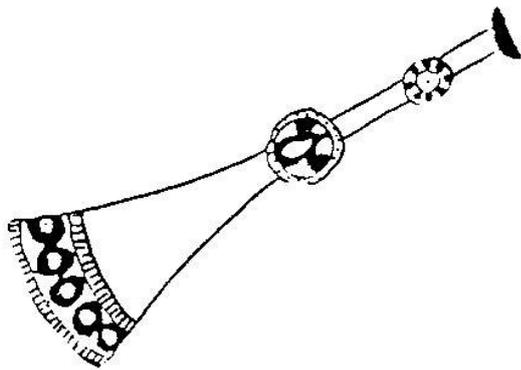
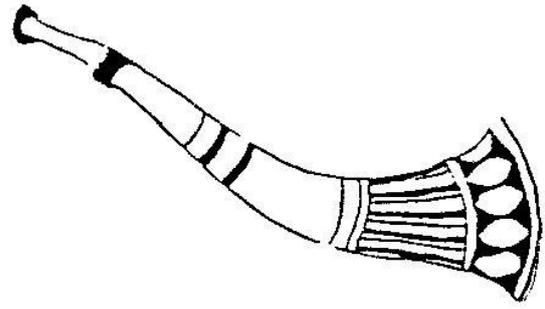


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*The Official Newsletter of Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue*



## *CHAIR'S REPORT*

Iyar/Sivan 5772  
May/June 2012

Having fully recovered from Pesach (egg and saltwater never taste the same at any other time), I can report on a very successful Communal Seder which was held on Shabbat 7 April, 2012, which corresponded to the second night of Pesach. There were well over 30 people present and the Seder Service was expertly led by the Reform Movement's new Rabbi, Laura Janner-Klausner. I would like to thank Ann Bush and Sarita Robinson for the organisation of the Seder and to all those who prepared the food for the Seder. I understand that there was very little of it left over.

Our visit to the Lincoln Jewish Community's Shabbat Morning Service on 21 April 2012 proved to be very interesting and, for some, very tiring. Eight of us ventured over the Humber Bridge and met up with Joanne and Peter at Jew's Court in Lincoln, where the Service was being held. Unfortunately, there was no car park near to the venue and the surrounding streets were very, very "hilly". We now know why our visitors from Lincoln like our car park next to the Shul and Hull's flat roads!

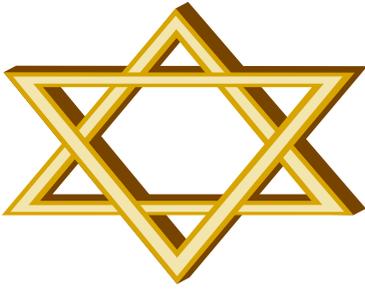
There are a few notable events taking place over the next few weeks and details of them all can be found inside this edition of the *Shofar Shalom*. One such event is the **Shavuot Service** and Kiddush on **Sunday Morning 27 May 2012 at 10.30am** and I look forward to seeing you all there.

The recent Erev Shabbat communal meal took place last Friday and I would again like to thank Sarita Robinson and Ann Bush for the catering and for making it a fun meal for all those present. The next communal meal has been arranged for **Friday 15 June 2012, starting at 6.30pm**, so please come along and start the Shabbat in style.

I'd also like to remind you about our forthcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is an important part of the Shul's administration. Last year, we held our AGM on a Friday in June prior to the Friday Night Service and the attendance significantly improved from previous years. This year, in an attempt to build on this increased attendance, the Shul Council has decided to hold the **AGM on Friday 29 June, 2012** starting at **7.00pm** and closing just before the Friday Night Service at 8.00pm. If you are a full member of the Shul, you have a right to vote, so why don't you come and exercise this right.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to the nomination form for Council positions on page 9. These people are responsible for the financial and administrative control of Shul and under our constitution, the Executive positions on the Council can only be held for three years unless there is no nomination for that position. It's vital therefore that anyone who wants to be involved has the opportunity to do so. Please ensure that you complete the nomination form and send it back as soon as possible to our Secretary, Joanne Kearsley, and I'll see you all at the AGM.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL



### HEADSTONE CONSECRATION

The headstone, in loving memory of the late **Malcolm Gold** (Olav Ha'shalom), will be consecrated on **Sunday 20 May, 2012** at the Tranby Lane Cemetery.

The Service will commence at **2.30pm** and all the community is invited.

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### SHAVUOT SERVICE

This year's Shavuot Service and celebrations will be taking place on **Sunday** morning, **27 May, 2012**, starting at **10.30am**.

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

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### FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNAL MEAL

Following the continuing success of the monthly communal meal before the Service on a Friday night, the next one has been arranged for **Friday 15 June** at **6.30pm**. The theme of the meal will be "pot luck", as those attending will be asked to bring some food with them. If you do wish to attend please contact Sarita Robinson on 447549 who will be co-ordinating the menu.

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NE'VE SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

The Synagogue Council would like to inform all members that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue will take place on **Friday 29 June, 2012**, starting at **7.00pm** prompt. This will be followed by the Friday Night Service. Please make every effort to attend.

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### THANKS FOR CONDOLENCES



**Lightowler** Jim, together with Maureen, Avril and the family would like to thank Ne've Shalom Synagogue's Executive, Council and Chevra Kadisha, Ian Sugarman for conducting the Funeral and Shivah Services and all the community for the kind help and support shown to them at the sad and untimely passing of a wonderful wife and caring mother.

## *THE OMER*

*On the second night of Pesach we started the counting of the Omer, but what is, or what was, the Omer. This article by Mendel Levison was taken from the April issue of the Jewish Magazine.*

The Omer was a measure that existed during the time of the Temple. When we use the word 'omer' today we are usually referring to specific measure of barley flour that was offered on the second day of Passover in the holy Temple in Jerusalem. This flour was prepared fresh from the newly harvested crop. It was brought to the Temple and there it was offered as part of the sacrificial service. Before the Omer was offered in the Temple it was forbidden for anyone anywhere to eat from the newly harvest grain crops. Once the Omer was offered, then the new grains became permitted to eat even outside of the Temple.



The Omer that was brought to the Temple was brought from barley that grew in the vicinity of Jerusalem. On the day before Passover, agents of the Sanhedrin (Jewish courts) were sent out to the fields to inspect and prepare the barley. They selected only the finest barley that could be found. They tied the stalks together on the day before Passover (before they were cut) so that when it was time to harvest them it would be easier.

It was on the second night of Passover that the barley was harvested in a special ceremony. The people from nearby villages would come specially to Jerusalem and join with the local people there to watch the harvesting ceremony. Three outstanding and dignified members of the Jewish community would be selected to reap the barley. Each one had a sickle and basket large enough to reap ten 'omer' measurements which is called a 'se'ah'.

When it was dark the ceremony began. They marched into the field which was illuminated by many torches. The person who was to do the harvest first turned to the people assembled and began to ask them questions. First he began by asking if the sun had set since the requirement was for the day after the Passover. Those assembled answered him in the positive. Then he would ask them if what he was holding was a sickle and they would answer again in the positive. Then he would ask if what he had with him was a basket and they would again answer in the positive. If it were Shabbat, when normally this type of work was prohibited, he would ask if it is the Shabbat and they would answer again in the positive. (Since this is a positive commandment it over rides the prohibition of harvesting on the Shabbat.) Then he asked them if he should cut the barley and they would answer "reap!" This whole ceremony was repeated three times.

The harvested barley was then dried and afterwards ground into fine flour. Then it was sifted thirteen times each time with a finer sieve so that the flour was the finest of the fine. The 'omer' measure was now taken and mixed with oil and frankincense and from all of this just a handful was taken and offered on the altar. The rest was eaten by the priests.



After the Omer was offered in the Temple, the farmers could now bring their newly harvested grain crop to the market place and sell it.

When we lived in our land and the holy Temple stood, this ceremony helped us realise that it is G-d who gives us the produce of the field. It is to G-d we must thank for all benefits that we reap. This is also true for us, too. Even though we live in an age when we live and work at quite a distance from the agricultural mode of life of Temple times, and most people today earn a

living with a 9 to 5 type of job, still, the message is clear: All of our blessings come from G-d, and it is to G-d we are obligated to thank.

Today all that remains from this important ceremony is the obligation to count the Omer, meaning the days that have passed since the offering of the Omer that was made on the second day of Passover. This counting continues until we come to the holiday of Shavout. Needless to say we do not today have this ceremony since we do not have the Temple. But perhaps G-d in His great mercy will bring about a change and we shall merit to see the rebuilding of the holy Temple in Jerusalem and the re-institution of these important ceremonies that will bring back the blessings and closeness that we enjoyed with G-d.

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### *SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL*

Chairman:	Ian Sugarman (Shul Management)	01482 835864
Vice Chairman:	Sarita Robinson (Kiddush Sponsoring)	01482 447549
Secretary:	Joanne Kearsley (Administration)	01724 340506
Treasurer:	Tony Sevilla-Harland (Financial)	01652 688362
Council Members:	Henry Goldstone (Security)	01482 667258
	Audrey Sugarman (Catering)	01482 563835
	Elaine Winetroube (Telephone)	01482 571035
Co-opted Members:	Jim Lightowler (Building Maintenance)	01482 654663
	Les Rosenberg	01482 657102
	Aimi Sugarman	01482 835864

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### *TWO QUICKIES*

Moishe and Sadie walked past a swanky new restaurant.  
"Did you smell that food?" she asked. "Incredible!"  
Being the nice guy, Moishe thought, "What the heck, I'll treat her!"  
So they walked past the restaurant again.

A nine word summary of all Jewish holidays:  
"They tried to kill us. We won. Let's eat!"

## YOM HASHOAH

The following article written for "Reform Judaism" on 18 April 2012 are reflections from Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner on Yom HaShoah, the Jewish Holocaust Memorial Day. Rabbi Laura conducted our Communal Seder.



On my desk in my office there is a small bag which contains a rock – an orange piece of brick which comes from the Great Synagogue of Plungyan. This piece of brick is from the synagogue from my great grandparent's home in Lithuania that was occupied by the Germans on June 25th, 1941. The Jews of this shtetl were rounded up and locked in the Great Synagogue. For a period of two weeks they were not given anything to eat or drink. Those who died were not taken out of the synagogue. The doors and windows remained shut. If people tried to escape, they were shot.

The courtyard outside of the synagogue was enclosed by a fence. A hole was dug and the siddurim (prayer books) and sifrei Torah (Torah scrolls) were thrown in it and then set on fire. A well known photographer of Plungyan, named Berkowitz, was forced to stir the embers with a stick to make the fire burn quicker.

On 15th of July 1941, the Jews were driven out of the synagogue and taken to mass graves and shot, one group after the other. More than 2,200 Jews of Plungyan were murdered by the Nazis.

The synagogue was partly destroyed by the Germans and the remains were demolished by Soviet authorities between 1955 and 1957.

The tiny Jewish Museum in Plungyan now sells fragments of bricks from the destroyed synagogue.

My grandfather came to Britain aged three – had his parents not left Lithuania and Plungyan, they would have been in that synagogue.

As I look at the small orange piece of brick, I count my blessings and ache.

*Zichronam livracha* – may God bless the memory of those who were murdered.

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## POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

If any members of the Synagogue are aware of, or are contacted by, potential new members, hoping to join our Synagogue, please advise them to contact:-

Mrs Joanne Kearsley, Hon. Secretary, Ne've Shalom Synagogue,  
c/o 29 Copse Road, Ashby, Scunthorpe DN16 3JA

Tel: (01724) 340506



who will provide them with further information and the necessary application forms.

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

Lilly Loofe	15 May 2012	Issac Maniloff	20 June 2012
Ernst Kuschnitzky	19 May 2012	Abby Furman	21 June 2012
Morris Levin	24 May 2012	Jennie Harris	25 June 2012
Anita Sevilla	24 May 2012	Cissie Silver	25 June 2012
Rosza Lusztig	29 May 2012	Edgar Bennett	26 June 2012
Gerald Godfrey	3 June 2012	Janet Sugarman	27 June 2012
Berta Rose	3 June 2012	Immanuel Godfrey	27 June 2012
Ada Bransky	8 June 2012	Phillip Waytzman	28 June 2012
Stuart Rosenthal	11 June 2012	Jim Smith	10 July 2012
Harold Harris	14 June 2012	Tessa Pliener	16 July 2012
Leah Stetinski	14 June 2012	Becky Furman	18 July 2012
Jeannette Sevilla	17 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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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 Robinson on (01482 447549)

## *FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Refreshment Rota</b>
Friday 11 May	8.00pm	John Friend	Olive Rosner Jannette Dubb
Sunday 13 May <b>(Hebrew Reading Class)</b>	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 13 May <b>(Bible/Conversion Class)</b>	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 18 May	8.00pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Fabian Knies
<b>Sunday 20 May (Headstone Consecration)</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>John Friend</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Friday 25 May	8.00pm	Geoff Annis	Lesley Annis Audrey Sugarman
Sunday 27 May <b>(Shavuot Service and Kiddush)</b>	10.30am	Ian Sugarman	Ann Bush Aimi Sugarman
Friday 1 June <b>(Council Meeting)</b>	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 1 June	8.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Elaine Winetroube
<b>Shabbat 2 June</b>	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Natalie Winetroube Gillian Smith
Sunday 3 June <b>(Hebrew Reading Class)</b>	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 3 June <b>(Bible/Conversion Class)</b>	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 8 June	8.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Natalie Winetroube Audrey Sugarman
Friday 15 June <b>(Communal Meal)</b>	6.30pm	Sarita Robinson	Sarita Robinson Ann Bush
Friday 15 June	8.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Deborah Wrapson Fabian Knies
Friday 22 June	8.00pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	Lesley Annis Jannette Dubb
<b>Friday 29 June (Ne've Shalom AGM)</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Ian Sugarman</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Friday 29 June	8.00pm	John Friend	Olive Rosner Veronica Keczkcs
Friday 6 July	8.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Jackie Lukes
<b>Shabbat 7 July</b>	10.30am	Ian Sugarman John Friend	Natalie Winetroube Gillian Smith
Friday 13 July	8.00pm	Gillian Barker	Ann Sevilla-Harland Ann Bush

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.

## ***NOMINATIONS FOR SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL***

All the positions on the Council are open to nomination and voting for each position (if there is more than one nominee) will take place at the **Annual General Meeting** of Ne've Shalom – The Hull Reform Synagogue has on **Friday 29 June, 2012** in the Synagogue Hall, Great Gutter Lane, Willerby HU10 6DP at **7.00pm prompt**. All nominations must be received by the Synagogue Secretary no later than midnight, Friday 22 June, 2012, otherwise the papers will be deemed as invalid. If the position does not have a nominee, then that position will be unfilled on the night and the Synagogue Council, if it so decides, has the power to co-opt a person to that position at a later date.

When nominating and seconding a person for any position, please ensure that the nominee wants to be considered and is aware of the duties of that position.

To complete the form below, please insert the name of the person being nominated against the appropriate position and complete the details of the proposer and seconder in the boxes below.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Present Holder</b>	<b>Person Being Nominated</b>
Chairman:	Ian Sugarman	.....
Vice-Chairman:	Sarita Robinson	.....
Secretary:	Joanne Kearsley	.....
Treasurer:	Tony Sevilla-Harland	.....
Senior Warden:	<i>Currently vacant</i>	.....
Council Members:	Henry Goldstone	.....
	Audrey Sugarman	.....
	Elaine Winetroube	.....

**Please complete (in capital letters):**  
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 Name: .....  
 Address: .....  
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**Please complete (in capital letters):**  
**SECONDER**  
 Name: .....  
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