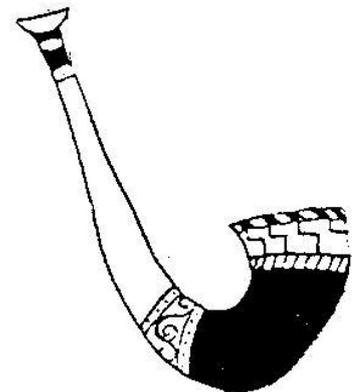
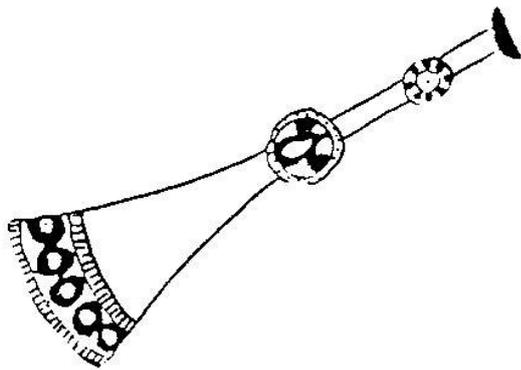
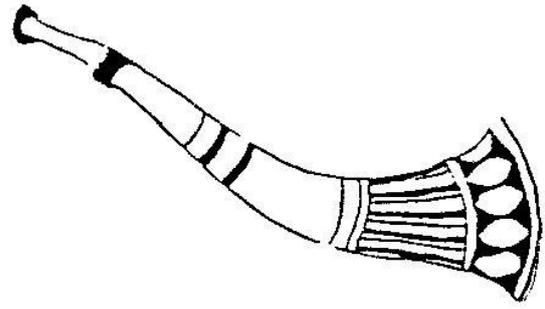


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CHAIR'S REPORT

Kislev/Tevet 5773
November/December 2012

The next event of note is our Chanukah Service and Kiddush which will coincide with the seventh night of Chanukah. The Service will be taking place on Friday, 14 December, 2012 starting at 8.00pm and further details can be found on page 3. I'd be grateful if you could spread the word - so to speak - and please make every effort to attend and support the Shul.

The recent outbreak of the violent conflict between Israel and Gaza has resulted in a statement from the Rabbis of the Assembly of Reform Rabbis UK which can be found on page 4.

As Chanukah is nearly upon us, there's some information on the Festival on page 6, the ancient art of dreidel playing on page 8 and a question on the use of a mixed set of coloured Chanukah candles on page 9. Please have a read.

Looking ahead, there's quite a few events coming up. The Chanukah Service and Kiddush will be held on Friday 14 December 2012 and Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner has been booked to give a talk and study session on Saturday 12 January 2013. There is also a Friday Night Open Service planned for 1 February 2013. Further details can be found on page 3. As this year's Purim Service falls on Saturday 23 February 2013, we are arranging a "Purim fancy dress get-together" following the Service. Although there are no firm plans, there may be a re-run of the popular "Call my Bluff in Yiddish".

The Hebrew reading class and the Bible/conversion class continue to run fortnightly and forthcoming dates and times are shown on page 11. We have now received a date for Fabian to attend the Bet Din and we look forward to celebrating his successful admittance to the Jewish Faith.

See you in Shul.

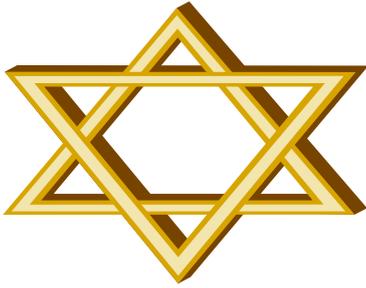


VISITING THE SICK – BIKKUR CHOLIM

If any members of the Synagogue are aware of Jewish patients admitted to either the Hull Royal Infirmary or Castle Hill Hospital, could they please contact Ian Sugarman, the Jewish Lay Chaplain, on (01482) 835864 who can assist them with the provision of kosher food, spiritual guidance and visiting.

For those members who are poorly and recovering at home, Audrey is still available to visit, whether it's just for a cup of tea or a chat or to provide some support. If you are interested in receiving a visit, please give Audrey a call on (01482) 563835. All calls to both Ian and Audrey will be in treated confidence.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL



HEADSTONE CONSECRATION

The headstone, in loving memory of the late **Zena Lightowler** (Olav Ha'shalom), will be consecrated on **Sunday 9 December, 2012** at the Tranby Lane Cemetery. The Service will commence at **2.00pm** and all the community is invited. Refreshments will be served after the Service at the Ne've Shalom Synagogue, Great Gutter Lane, Willerby HU10 6DP

CHANUKAH SERVICE AND KIDDUSH



This year our Chanukah Service will take place on **Friday 14 December, 2012** starting at **8.00pm**. As this is also the seventh night of Chanukah, we will be lighting our giant Chanukiah before the Friday Night Service.

Following the Service, there will be a Kiddush with a variety of foods based on the Chanukah theme (not one for those weight watchers!). Everyone is welcome to attend and there is always plenty of fish balls, doughnuts and latkes.



VISIT OF RABBI LAURA JANNER-KLAUSNER

We are delighted to announce that the Reform Movement for Judaism's Rabbi, Laura Janner-Klausner has been booked to give a talk and study session on **Saturday 12 January 2013**.

Everyone is welcome to attend and the session will start with lunch at **12.30pm** and will include the opportunity to discuss a variety of topics.

OPEN FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE



Following the success of previous Open Friday Night Services, the next one will take place on **Friday 1 February 2013** starting at **7.30pm**. What makes this Service different from the normal Friday Night service is the running commentary from those leading the Service explaining the nature of the prayers being recited, their background, origin and the traditional rituals being observed.

After the Service, and following the Brachot over the wine and bread, there will be the Kiddush with a wide range of "Jewish-style" foods. There also will be opportunity to look around the Synagogue, talk to those members present and examine the Ark, Scrolls and other artefacts. Please feel free to invite guests, both Jewish and non-Jewish to this interesting event.

ASSEMBLY OF RABBIS STATEMENT ON THE GAZA - ISRAEL CONFLICT

This statement was sent out to all Movement Synagogues on Tuesday, 20 November 2012

The Rabbis of the Assembly of Reform Rabbis UK join Jews worldwide in our deep concern for our brothers and sisters in Israel at this time of violent conflict. Torah commands us 'do not stand idly by while the blood of your neighbour is being shed' and two verses later 'love your neighbour as yourself'. These verses apply to everyone in this fearful situation, both Israelis and Gazans, however hard this is to recognise in a time of war.

It is these neighbouring peoples who will have to make peace with each other in the future. We cannot stand idly by while Israel is attacked and must constantly support and care about all of the peoples of our Land. We also cannot stand idly by while Gazans of all political shades suffer the consequences of Hamas action. We offer our support to the peace makers at the grassroots and among the leadership of both societies and those who support them. We are deeply concerned that once this particular struggle is over, and may that day be soon, unless there is real progress towards a long-term solution, Israelis and Palestinians will be doomed to an endless cycle of debilitating conflicts. Together we must work beyond the history which has divided us. We will always be living in the same neighbourhood. If we cannot turn hatred into love may we at least learn to be deeply concerned that the others' blood must not be spilt.

Rabbi Mark Goldsmith

Chair, on behalf of the Assembly of Reform Rabbis UK

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SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING – 26 OCTOBER 2012

Present - Ian Sugarman (Chair), Sarita Robinson, Aimi Sugarman, Henry Goldstone, Audrey Sugarman, Elaine Winetroube, Tony Savilla Harland (Treasurer), Jim Lightowler, Peter Altoft and Joanne Kearsley (Secretary).

Apologies for Absence – Les Rosenberg

Business

The Chairman reported that David Lewis, the secretary of the Pryme Street Synagogue, had confirmed by letter that the telephone numbers for both shuls will now be published on the leaflet produced by the Hull Jewish Community Care. The Chairman also congratulated Sarita Robinson on her appointment as the Northern Communities Development Worker and wished her a hearty mazeltov on behalf of all the council members and the Shul.

The Treasurer reported that Suzanne Finlay's application for full membership was approved and that he would send her a letter welcoming her to the Shul. He also reported that the total cost for the High Holy Days was nearly £2000. £1500 had been paid for the services of Roberta Harris and the catering costs for Rosh Hashanah and Simchat Torah had been £450.

Under building maintenance, Jim reported the leak in the ladies toilet had been fixed and that he was now working on repairing the lamps in the car park.

As this year's Purim Service will on Saturday 23 February 2013, it was agreed that a "get-together" be organised following the Service. The Council like the idea of a Yiddish "Call my Bluff" and Ian agreed to arrange this.

It was agreed that Sally Godfrey's kind donation will be used to buy 40 of the new funeral books, 8 Chumashim and a Tikkun.

Date of next meeting – Friday 14 December 2012

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 our Secretary **Joanne Kearsley** at:

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Tel: 01724 340506

E-mail: joannekearsley@yahoo.co.uk

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

CHANUKAH

This year, the first night of Chanukah is Shabbat 8 December 2012. The following article has been taken from the web site "About.com"



Chanukah falls on the twenty-fifth day of the Jewish month of Kislev. Since the Jewish calendar is lunar based, every year the first day of Chanukah falls on a different day – usually sometime between late November and late December. Because many Jews live in predominately Christian societies, over time Chanukah has become much more festive and Christmas-like. Jewish children receive gifts for Chanukah – often one gift for each of the eight nights of the holiday. Many parents hope that by making Chanukah extra special their children won't feel left out of all the Christmas festivities going on around them.

The Chanukah Story

In 168 BCE. the Jewish Temple was seized by Syrian-Greek soldiers and dedicated to the worship of the god Zeus. This upset the Jewish people, but many were afraid to fight back for fear of reprisals. Then in 167 BCE. the Syrian-Greek emperor Antiochus made the observance of Judaism an offence punishable by death. He also ordered all Jews to worship Greek gods.

Jewish resistance began in the village of Modiin, near Jerusalem. Greek soldiers forcibly gathered the Jewish villages and told them to bow down to an idol, then eat the flesh of a pig – both practices that are forbidden to Jews. A Greek officer ordered Mattathias, a High Priest, to acquiesce to their demands, but Mattathias refused. When another villager stepped forward and offered to cooperate on Mattathias' behalf, the High Priest became outraged. He drew his sword and killed the villager, then turned on the Greek officer and killed him too. His five sons and the other villagers then attacked the remaining soldiers, killing all of them. Mattathias and his family went into hiding in the mountains, where other Jews wishing to fight against the Greeks joined them. Eventually they succeeded in retaking their land from the Greeks. These rebels became known as the Maccabees, or Hasmoneans.

Once the Maccabees had regained control they returned to the Temple in Jerusalem. By this time it had been spiritually defiled by being used for the worship of foreign gods and also by practices such as sacrificing swine. Jewish troops were determined to purify the Temple by burning ritual oil in the Temple's menorah for eight days. But to their dismay, they discovered that there was only one day's worth of oil left in the Temple. They lit the menorah anyway and to their surprise the small amount of oil lasted the full eight days. This is the miracle of the Chanukah oil that is celebrated every year when Jews light a special menorah known as a chanukiah for eight days. One candle is lit on the first night of Chanukah, two on the second, and so on, until eight candles are lit.

Chanukah Traditions

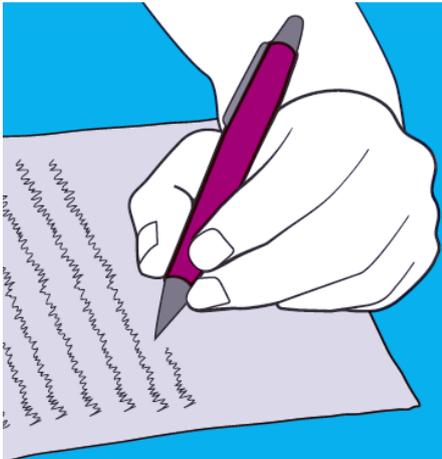
Lighting the chanukiah: A chanukiah is a candelabrum with eight candleholders in a row and a ninth candleholder set a little above the others. It's different from a menorah, which has seven branches and was used in the Temple before it was destroyed in 70 CE. A chanukiah is nevertheless a kind of menorah.

Spinning the dreidel: A dreidel is a four-sided spinning top with a Hebrew letter on each side. It is used during Chanukah to play a popular children's game that involves spinning the dreidel and betting on which Hebrew letter will be showing when the dreidel stops spinning. Children usually play for a pot of "gelt", which are chocolate coins covered in gold coloured tin foil, but they can also play for sweet, nuts, raisins – anything really!



Eating fried foods: Because Chanukah celebrates the miracle of oil, it is traditional to eat fried foods such as latkes and sufganiyot during the holiday. Latkes are pancakes made out of potatoes and onions, which are fried in oil and then served with applesauce. Sufganiyot are jelly-filled donuts that are fried and sometimes dusted with confectioners' sugar before eating.

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THE ANCIENT ART OF DRIEDEL PLAYING

Historic Background

The ancient art of playing dreidel has existed for a few thousand years. Tradition tells us that the playing of the dreidel originated even before the revolt against the Greeks. The Greeks forbade the Jews from studying Torah. The Rabbis took their students "underground" and posted two or three students outside to watch. When the Greek soldiers came to see if Torah was being taught, they would see children playing outside with the dreidel. Seeing the children playing and not learning, the Greek soldiers would go away content that Torah was not being studied. In this way the tradition of studying Torah was preserved, and thus started the tradition of playing the dreidel at Chanukah.

How to Play

The rules of playing this game are relatively simple. After lighting the Chanukah candles, (and waiting for the latkes) you must empty out all of the small change that you have in your pocket. Give a large amount to your children. (Small change is used, since men who have children generally lose the big change to the better half). After distributing the change among the participants, you are ready to begin to play the game.

To start the game, each player puts one coin in the pot located on the table (unless you are playing on the floor) The person that has the loudest voice or has already grabbed the dreidel begins to spin the dreidel. The dreidel has four Hebrew letters embellished on the side. When the dreidel, stops spinning and falls, the letter facing up indicates the fate of the spinner as noted below.



"noon"-nothing, you neither put or take, you simply lose your turn.



"gimel" - get, you get all the money that has accumulated in the pot.



"hey" - half, you get to take half of all the money that is in the pot.



"shin" - sorry, you must put a coin into the pot.

WELL, IT IS CHANUKAH

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Chanukah cards.

She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Chanukah stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?"

The woman says, "Oh my God. Has it come to this? Give me 6 Orthodox, 12 Masorti and 32 Reform."

My mother once gave me two sweaters for Chanukah.

The next time we visited, I made sure to wear one.

As we entered her home, instead of the expected smile, she said, "What's the matter? You didn't like the other one?"

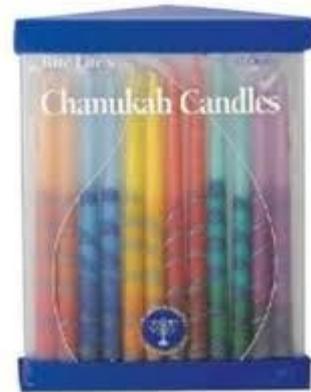
ASK THE RABBI



“If one has a mixed coloured set of small red, green, blue, and yellow Chanukah candles, does it matter as to the order that they are placed in the menorah and from which side do you light them, as you look toward the menorah?”

There's no tradition regarding the colour of the candles; so any colour is okay, including plaid and infra-red! And the colour order is up to you.

Although there are other customs, the most common one for placing the candles in the menorah is as follows: On the first day place one candle on the right side of the menorah. On the second day put a candle there and another one to the left of it. On the third day add the third candle to the left of those. And so on. Each night another candle goes on the left side of the last one, but when lighting, you start with the new one, the one furthest on the left. You then move towards the right, lighting each one in order, the last candle being the one on the far right.



Note that the small collared Chanukah candles aren't long enough to use on Friday, because the candles must be lit before sunset and must remain alight for a half hour after dark. So Friday afternoon you should use big white Shabbat candles, or wicks and oil. The candles don't have to be placed in a menorah, but should be in a straight line.

THEY'RE FUNNY 'COS THEY'RE TRUE

Yosef, a teenage boy seemed placid as the doctor approached his hospital bed to give him an evaluation. His mother was seated nearby, watching every move. The doctor walked over and introduced himself to the boy.

The boy looked right through the doctor and started screaming, "I can't see! I can't see!" The doctor had never witnessed such a dramatic example of hysterical blindness in his entire career! He turned to the mother and asked, "My goodness, how long has this been going on?"

Without hesitation she replied, "Ever since you stepped between him and the television set."

Hymie was concerned that his employees weren't giving him enough respect, so he tried an old fashioned method of persuasion: He brought in a sign that said "I'm the Boss" and taped it to his door.

After lunch, he noticed someone had taped another note under his. "Your wife called. She wants her sign back!"

"How was your J-date?" Esther asked Becky

"Terrible!" Becky answered. "He showed up in a 1932 Rolls Royce."

"Wow! That's a very expensive and fancy car. What's so bad about that?"

"He was the original owner."

*ENGLISH YAHRZEIT DATES WHICH CORRESPOND TO
THE HEBREW DATES FOR RELATIVES OF MEMBERS OF
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Leah Winetroube	4 Dec. 2012	Alice Goldstone	23 Dec. 2012
Rebecca Bookner	4 Dec. 2012	Meyer Sugarman	23 Dec. 2012
Ruby Bermitz	6 Dec. 2012	Otto Hirschfeld	25 Dec. 2012
Moishe Furman	8 Dec. 2012	Sarah Viner	26 Dec. 2012
Ellis Rock	11 Dec. 2012	Dora Jacowich	26 Dec. 2012
Sarah Bush	13 Dec. 2012	Leah Levy	28 Dec. 2012
Joan Sadofsky	13 Dec. 2012	Shirley Michaelson	29 Dec. 2012
Sylvia Maniloff	16 Dec. 2012	Pauline Harris	31 Dec. 2012
Dolly Annis	18 Dec. 2012	Harry Furman	2 Jan. 2013
Percy Goldstone	20 Dec. 2012	David Bermitz	3 Jan. 2013
Harry Westerman	20 Dec. 2012	Dr Joseph Loofe	6 Jan. 2013
Ann Maniloff	21 Dec. 2012	Herman Bush	12 Jan. 2013

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 30 November	8.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Olive Rosner
Shabbat 1 December	10.30am	Ian Sugarman John Friend	Natalie Winetroube Gillian Smith
Sunday 2 December (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 2 December (Bible/Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 7 December	8.00pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Veronica Keczkas
Sunday 9 December (Zena's Stone-Setting)	2.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Dave Eastburn Caterers
Friday 14 December (Council Meeting)	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 14 December (Chanukah Service and Kiddush)	8.00pm	Geoff Annis	Lesley Annis Audrey Sugarman
Sunday 16 December (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 16 December (Bible/Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 21 December	8.00pm	John Friend	Deborah Wrapson Jackie Lukes
Friday 28 December	8.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Ann Bush Aimi Sugarman
Friday 4 January	8.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Jannette Dubb Audrey Sugarman
Shabbat 5 January	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Natalie Winetroube Gillian Smith
Sunday 6 January (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday day 6 January (Bible/Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 11 January	8.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Aimi Sugarman Fabian Knies
Shabbat 12 January	12.30pm	Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner	To be confirmed
Friday 18 January	8.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Olive Rosner
Sunday 20 January (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday day 20 January (Bible/Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A

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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