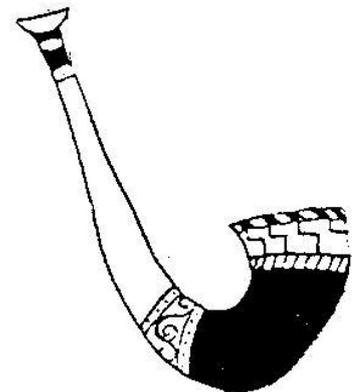
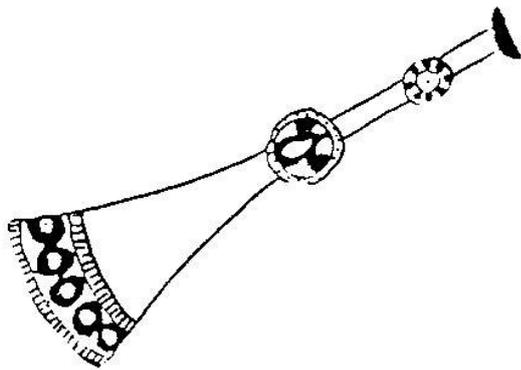
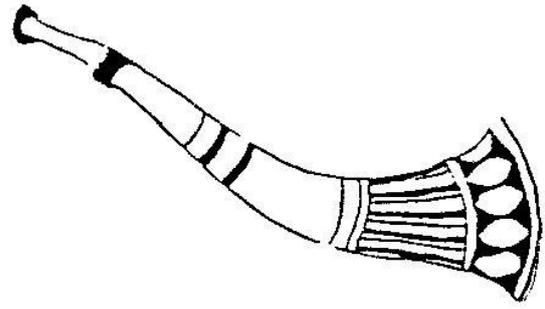


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CHAIR'S REPORT

Iyar/Sivan 5773
April/May 2013

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 25 March, 2013, which corresponded to the first night of Pesach. There were well over 30 people present and the Seder Service was expertly led by Sarita Robinson and Peter Altoft. I would also like to thank Ann Bush 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, even the fruit salad.

Although I was unable to be present last Friday, I understand that the Erev Shabbat communal meal went well and I would like to thank Suzanne Finlay and David Pedro for organising it. I'm certain that this will be repeated again soon.

It's official. I would like to wish Fabian Knies a hearty mazeltov on his successful conversion to Judaism. I even have a copy of his certificate to prove it. I was honoured to be there with Henry Goldstone and Tony Sevilla-Harland to support Fabian at his Beit Din interview and Mikvah. It was a very interesting drive to London and back with Fabian, Henry and Tony and it made me realise just how many "Eddie Stobart" lorries there are on the M1. My only moan is that I drove 200 miles to Golders Green, to the heart of the Kosher restaurant and burger bar scene and I ended up with omelette and chips. Well, Aimi found it hilarious! The Shul is planning to hold Fabian's Service of Affirmation of the Jewish Faith during the Friday Night Service on 3 May 2013. There will also be a special Kiddush to celebrate this event.

I'm delighted to announce that the L'Chaim programme is starting on Sunday morning 28 April 2013 and I'd like to thank Heather Harris and Sarita Robinson for making this happen.

This year's Shavuot Service and Kiddush is taking place on Tuesday evening 14 May 2013 at 8.00pm and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Finally, don't forget that our Friday Night and Shabbat Morning Services are still going strong.

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In these current environmentally friendly times, we are offering all members the opportunity to receive the *Shofar Shalom* directly to them by e-mail. If you do wish to receive your *Shofar Shalom* electronically, please contact Ian Sugarman on ian@isa.karoo.co.uk who will add you to the electronic mailing list.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

SERVICE OF AFFIRMATION OF THE JEWISH FAITH



We are delighted to announce the successful conversion of Fabian Knies which took place on 17 April 2013.

He has chosen Elijah as his Hebrew name and his Service of Affirmation of the Jewish Faith will take place during the **Friday Night Service** on **3 May 2013**. There will be a celebratory Kiddush following the Service to which everyone is welcome. Please make every effort to come and support our newest Jewish member.



SHAVUOT SERVICE

This year's Shavuot Service and celebrations will be taking place on **Tuesday evening, 14 May 2013**, starting at **8.00pm**.

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

THE L'CHAIM PROGRAMME



The L'Chaim programme in Hull will be starting on Sunday morning 28 April 2013. The group will be meeting from 11.30am - 1.30pm for 6 Sundays in a row. This programme is also being followed by various communities simultaneously, so the Hull group is in fact part of a much bigger group. The L'Chaim programme promotes Reform Judaism that centres on living a life of integrity, respecting other individuals, the wider Jewish community, Israel and the wider world. There are personal resource books for each member and the £20 fee covers the books plus the 6 week programme.

During the first 3 sessions the group will accomplish the first module which represents the foundation of the course, and the first session is an essential overall introduction to the programme so please plan to be there! If you haven't already reserved your place, please contact Heather on 01482 865614 or 07941 002902 for further details. There are limited places as the maximum size of the group is only 8 participants.

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 29 Copse Road, Ashby, Scunthorpe DN16 3JA. **Tel: 01724 340506**
E-mail: joannekearsley@yahoo.co.uk who will provide them with further information and the necessary application forms.



SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING - 22 MARCH 2013

Present - Ian Sugarman (Chair), Les Rosenberg, Henry Goldstone, Audrey Sugarman, Elaine Winetroube, Tony Sevilla-Harland (Treasurer), Jim Lightowler, Peter Altoft and Joanne Kearsley (Secretary).

Business

The Chair thanked Les for obtaining the grit which could be spread in bad weather to prevent slips and falls. The new funeral books bought with the kind donation from Sally Godfrey had arrived and replaced the old ones. They would be used at the next funeral or headstone consecration service.

The Chair reported that the CCJ Meeting on Sunday 17 February 2013 had received a good turnout and the talk on "Who is a Reform Jew?" had been well-received. The attendance at the Purim Service and Social on Saturday 23 February 2013 could have been better, but those who attended had a very enjoyable evening. The Chair thanked Elaine, Sarita, Ann and Tony for their contribution as panelists and to those who prepared the Kiddush.

The Treasurer reported that all subscriptions had now been received except for one which was still outstanding.

It was reported that 17 chairs needed significant repairs and as a reasonable quote had been obtained, the Council agreed for repairs to be carried out.

The issue of a student Rabbi was raised for this year's High Holy Days. The Council felt that the community was more than capable to lead this year's Services and then request a student for the next year and so on. The Chair offered to speak with the MRJ Director of Community Development, Pam Goldsmith, whilst they were in London and report back at the next meeting.

James had managed to sell the old photocopier on e-Bay and the Council expressed their amazement and thanks. The Chair suggested that there might be other items that were no longer needed for James to try and sell, such as the organ and some of the old furniture.

Date of next meeting – Friday 26 April 2013

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

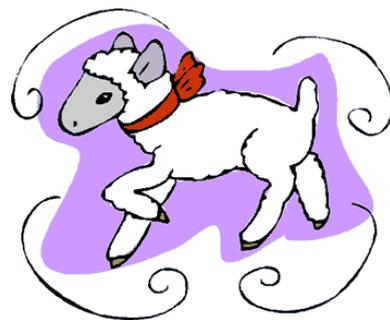
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| Co-opted Members: | Jim Lightowler (Building Maintenance) | 01482 654663 |
| | Les Rosenberg (General) | 01482 657102 |

THE SECOND PASSOVER

This article by Chaim Lazer first appeared in the on-line edition of the "Jewish Magazine".

Have you ever heard of the holiday called Pesach Sheni. It means the second Passover. On the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Iyar, exactly one month after the day before Passover, we have a special holiday that is called Pesach Sheni, the second Passover. This year, 2013, the second Passover comes on Wednesday 24 April. It is a real holiday and today many even celebrate it. How and when did it come to be? Let me explain:

On the day before Passover, on the fourteenth of Nisan, was the day when the Paschal Lamb was brought to the holy Temple to be offered on the holy Altar. Only those who were of ritual purity could offer the Paschal lamb. Anyone who was defiled (ritually impure) could not bring the Paschal lamb to the holy Temple. In order not to take away from this great mitzvah and spiritual infusing experience, G-d in His great mercy commanded that anyone who was unable to bring the Paschal sacrifice at the proper time, either because they were impure or too far away could bring in one month later on the fourteenth of Iyar. They were to eat it together with matzah and bitter herbs, just like it was done on Passover.



The first Pesach Sheni was observed on the second year after the Jews left Egypt. This was because there were men who were ritually defiled from carrying the remains of Joseph from Egypt to Israel to be buried in Shechem (Nabulus of today). These men could not bring the required Paschal Lamb along side of the rest of the Jews. They came to Moses and asked him what they could do, as they also wanted to enjoy the benefit of a Passover experience. Moses then asked G-d who gave the special mitzvah.

Today, although we are able to live in our holy land, yet the holy Temple has yet to be rebuilt. We are all in a state of ritual impurity and many of us are distant from G-d. Yet the underlying principle of Pesach Sheni still applies. All who desire to bring their Paschal lamb and enjoy the spiritual wealth of eating of the true Paschal lamb, sit down and eat matzah on this day. Pesach Sheni, the second Passover, come to tell us that it is never too late to return to G-d. No matter how far we have wandered from the true path to G-d, no matter how much we have become defiled from the spiritual void, G-d in his infinite kindness gives us a second chance.

Matzah is not like bread; bread spoils after a few days; matzah does not. Bread is puffed up – and it spoils; matzah is lowly – and it endures for a long time without spoiling. People who are puffed up have their day of glory and then they are gone. It is the humble who endure and continue the chain of Jewish life. Let us remember this on the second Passover when we eat our leftover matzah: We shall continue; we shall endure.

Enjoy the day by having a piece of matzah, even though your house is full with bread.

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

OLDIES BUT GOLDIES

It was the early 1920s and Moishe was applying for British citizenship. In those days, knowledge of the English language was a pre-requisite. He was before the Immigration & Citizenship examiner. The examiner challenges him to make a sentence with the word "cultivate".

Moishe thinks for a moment and then says: "Last vinter, vee vere waiting for a bus but took a taxi, because it vas too cultivate."

As David and his wife Esther are coming out of the synagogue one Shabbat, she says to him, "That Rothstein girl has put on a lot of weight, dear. Maybe she's pregnant. What do you think?"

"The Rothstein girl? If she was there, I didn't see her," replies David.

"And did you see that flirty Sharon Goldberg winking at the boys? Disgraceful, don't you think, dear?"

"I must have been looking the other way when this happened," he replies.

"And what do you think about the short dress Rose Levy was wearing? That can't be the right thing for a mother of three children to wear in the synagogue. Don't you agree, dear?" asks Esther.

"Sorry darling," replies David, "but I didn't notice her dress."

"Well then, you must have seen Molly Greenberg drinking all those glasses of wine during Kiddush," she says.

"I wasn't watching Molly," says David.

"Oh for goodness sake," shouts Esther, "I don't know why you bother to go to Shul."

Izzy was dying. His wife was with him, standing next to his bed. As he was drawing his last few breaths, he gasped, "Sadie, I have one last request."

"Of course, Izzy, what is it?" Sadie asked softly.

"Six months after I die," he said, "I want you to marry Louis."

"But I thought you hated Louis," Sadie said.

With his final breath, Izzy said, "I do."



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.

ASK THE RABBI



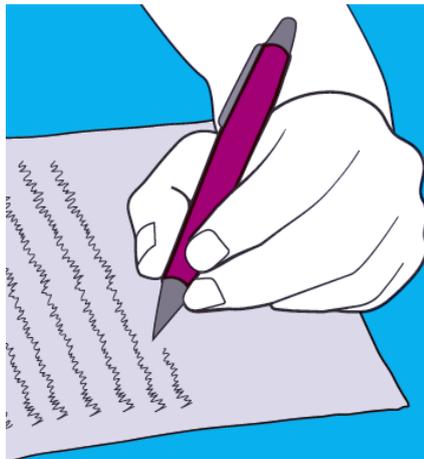
Asktherabbi.org responds to the question:

“I have heard there is a special relationship between the festival of Passover and the festival of Shavuot, some 50 days later. Would you please explain the connection to me?”

The Jewish people’s journey toward nationhood began on Passover. The Exodus redeemed them from physical slavery and subjugation, but they still lacked a national identity and purpose. This was conferred upon them only later – when the Jewish people both heard and saw the words of God at Mt. Sinai. In those moments, the newly formed nation obtained its spiritual identity and national calling through the Torah. This world-altering event, the Revelation of the Torah to the Jews at Mt. Sinai, took place on the sixth day of the month of Sivan, in the year 2448 (1313 B.C.E.). Every year, this date is celebrated as the festival called Shavuot.

For the Jewish people who came out of Egypt, the period between the Exodus and the Revelation at Mt. Sinai was one of continuous spiritual awakening. Their relationship with God grew stronger and closer. Miraculous events occurred daily.

For the Jewish people in subsequent generations, this period continues to be one of the greatest times of the year, in which we prepare ourselves for a renewal of our commitment to the Torah on Shavuot.



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*ENGLISH YAHRZEIT DATES WHICH CORRESPOND TO
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|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Adam Raphael | 28 Apr. 2013 | Jeannette Sevilla | 5 June 2013 |
| Lilly Loofe | 3 May 2013 | Issac Maniloff | 8 June 2013 |
| Ernst Kuschnitzky | 7 May 2013 | Abby Furman | 9 June 2013 |
| Morris Levin | 12 May 2013 | Jennie Harris | 13 June 2013 |
| Anita Sevilla | 12 May 2013 | Cissie Silver | 13 June 2013 |
| Rosza Lusztig | 17 May 2013 | Edgar Bennett | 14 June 2013 |
| Gerald Godfrey | 22 May 2013 | Janet Sugarman | 15 June 2013 |
| Berta Rose | 22 May 2013 | Immanuel Godfrey | 15 June 2013 |
| Ada Bransky | 27 May 2013 | Phillip Waytzman | 16 June 2013 |
| Stuart Rosenthal | 30 May 2013 | Jim Smith | 28 June 2013 |
| Harold Harris | 2 June 2013 | Tessa Pliener | 4 July 2013 |
| Leah Stetinski | 2 June 2013 | Becky Furman | 6 July 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 Robinson on (01482 447549)

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

| Date | Time | Leader | Refreshment Rota |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Friday 26 April (Council Meeting) | 7.00pm | Ian Sugarman | N/A |
| Friday 26 April | 8.00pm | Sarita Robinson | Ann Bush Jackie Lukes |
| Sunday 28 April (Hebrew Reading Class) | 10.30am | Deborah Wrapson | N/A |
| Sunday 28 April (L'Chaim Programme) | 11.30am | Heather Harris Sarita Robinson | N/A |
| Friday 3 May (Celebratory Kiddush) | 8.00pm | Peter Altoft | Joanne Kearsley Olive Rosner |
| Shabbat 4 May | 10.30am | Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland | Natalie Winetroube Gillian Smith |
| Sunday 5 May (L'Chaim Programme) | 11.30am | Heather Harris Sarita Robinson | N/A |
| Friday 10 May | 8.00pm | Tony Sevilla-Harland | Ann-Sevilla-Harland Fabian Knies |
| Sunday 12 May (Hebrew Reading Class) | 10.30am | Deborah Wrapson | N/A |
| Sunday 12 May (L'Chaim Programme) | 11.30am | Heather Harris Sarita Robinson | N/A |
| Tuesday 14 May (Shavuot Service) | 8.00pm | Ian Sugarman | Audrey Sugarman Elaine Winetroube |
| Friday 17 May | 8.00pm | Geoff Annis | Lesley Annis Jannette Dubb |
| Sunday 19 May (L'Chaim Programme) | 11.30am | Heather Harris Sarita Robinson | N/A |
| Friday 24 May | 8.00pm | John Friend | Veronica Keczkas Deborah Wrapson |
| Sunday 26 May (Hebrew Reading Class) | 10.30am | Deborah Wrapson | N/A |
| Sunday 26 May (L'Chaim Programme) | 11.30am | Heather Harris Sarita Robinson | N/A |
| Friday 31 May | 8.00pm | Tony Sevilla-Harland | Ann-Sevilla-Harland Fabian Knies |
| Shabbat 1 June | 10.30am | Ian Sugarman John Friend | Natalie Winetroube Gillian Smith |
| Sunday 2 June (L'Chaim Programme) | 11.30am | Heather Harris Sarita Robinson | N/A |
| Friday 8 June | 8.00pm | Peter Altoft | Joanne Kearsley Olive Rosner |
| Sunday 10 June (Hebrew Reading Class) | 10.30am | Deborah Wrapson | 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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