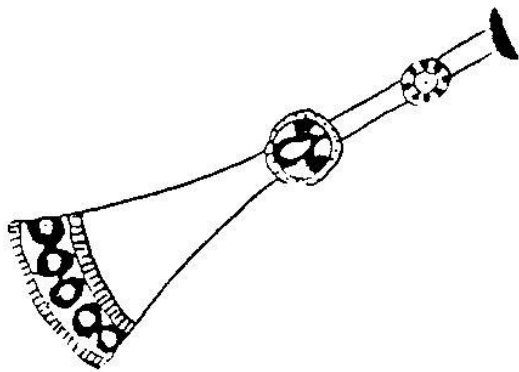
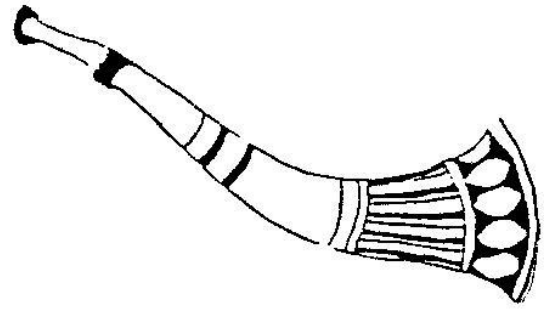


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The Official Newsletter of Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue



Adar I 5774
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CHAIR'S REPORT

Although I was unable to attend the City of Hull Holocaust Memorial Day 2014 at the Hull Guildhall on Monday 27 January 2014, I understand that there was very good attendance from the wider community and the programme of presentations, poems and music was not only entertaining, but thought-provoking.

Regarding the Holocaust, I think that it is very important that we continue to pass on the stories of the horrors and sacrifice to future generations of Jews and non-Jews and thus ensure that "We shall never forget".

This theme was recently being discussed during the Sunday morning Conversion Class and it was felt by those present that they would like more information about the Holocaust. The Shul has therefore decided to organise a "field trip" to the Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre near Newark which I, and a number of Shul members, had visited on two previous occasions. The trip is open to all members, friends and family and further details can be found on page 3.

We are also holding another of our successful Friday Night Communal Meals on Friday evening 7 March 2014 at 6.30pm. Again, further details can be found on page 3.

Looking ahead, our Purim Service and "Purim fancy dress get-together" will be held on Saturday 15 March 2014 and further details on this event can be found on page 3. As there will be a Yiddish "Call my Bluff" during the Purim Social Evening, it was felt only appropriate that an article discussing the meaning of a range of Yiddish words should be included in the *Shofar Shalom*. You can find this educational and informative feature on page 6

Finally, don't forget our Friday Night and Shabbat Services. I look forward to seeing you there.

NE'VE SHALOM'S FACEBOOK PAGE



Suzanne has recently set up a Facebook page for the Shul and we currently have a growing number of members. For those with internet access, the address is <https://www.facebook.com/HullReformShul> and we are looking for more Facebook members to join.

We would love some pictures to add to the page (with permission from those in the picture) so please send them to Suzanne for publicity reasons. Also if anyone has any news or events, Suzanne can put these on the Facebook page as well.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL



FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNAL MEAL

The next communal meal has been arranged for **Friday 7 March 2014** at **6.30pm** to prepare for the Shabbat. The theme will be Israeli with those attending being asked to bring falafel, pittas and salads etc. Please contact Suzanne Finlay on 07963 975312 or at suzieannefinlay@hotmail.com if you are planning on coming. Everyone is welcome.



PURIM SERVICE AND FANCY DRESS "GET TOGETHER"

As this year's Purim Service falls on **Saturday 15 March 2014**, we are arranging a "Purim fancy dress get-together" following the Service in the Shul Hall. The Service will start at **7.30pm** and will be followed by a "get together" and, following last year's success, a re-run of the popular "Call my Bluff in Yiddish".

Traditionally, as this the one night of the Jewish calendar when you are expected to be intoxicated (true fact – look it up), please bring a bottle (preferably alcoholic). It should be a good night and prizes will be available.



BETH SHALOM HOLOCAUST CENTRE

The Shul has arranged a communal visit to the Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre near Newark on **Sunday 8 June 2014**. We have booked a coach for those wishing to attend and are now in the process of collecting names of those wishing to come.

There will be a subsidised charge of about £10.00/£12.00 per head to cover the cost of coach hire, admission, the guided tour of the Centre and a speaker. We intend to meet in the Shul car park at 9.00am and arrive back at about 4.30pm. Please contact Suzanne Finlay on 07963 975312 to book a seat, if you haven't already done so. This event is open to all.

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

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING - 3 JANUARY 2014

Present

Ian Sugarman (Chair), Joanne Kearsley (Secretary), Audrey Sugarman, Les Rosenberg, Peter Altoft, Henry Goldstone, Jim Lightowler, Suzanne Finlay, Tony Sevilla-Harland (Treasurer), and Sarita Robinson

Business

The Chairman thanked all those who represented Hull at the Northern Communities Weekend, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. There was a very good 'turn out' for the Chanukah service and everyone seemed to enjoy the get-together and refreshments after the service.

The Treasurer up-dated the Council regarding the HMRC gift aid and confirmed that Sadofsky's had assured him that all the forms were now in order and that they were looking into the reason for the delay. The Treasurer then reported that the Shul continued to be in a very strong financial position and further reported that he still had 9 full members with outstanding subscriptions and he would be contacting them requesting payment.

Suzanne reported that a number of people had shown an interest in, and had joined, the Shul's facebook page. The Chair confirmed that he had asked for a facebook link to be added to the Shul's web site.

There had been some concern regarding the allocation of Yahrzeit mitzvot at the Friday Night service. The Chair suggested that the Yahrzeit list should indicate the link of the Yahrzeit to members of the Shul to ensure that relatives of the Yahrzeit received the mitzvah. Audrey agreed to look into this and to update the list. There was then a further discussion regarding those names on the Yahrzeit list whom had no living relatives and the implication of the removal of plaques from the memorial board. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed that as the communal Kaddish includes not only those commemorating the Yahrzeit, but also those who have no one left to say the Kaddish on their behalf, the current practice should be continued. It was further suggested that when the Yahrzeits were announced, it would be helpful, to those attending the service, to be aware of the Yahrzeit's relative(s). This was seen as a sensible suggestion.

Date of next meeting – Friday 14 February 2014

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HULL JEWISH COMMUNITY CARE

We have been asked by Harold Flasher, Chairman of the Trustees of Hull Jewish Community Care to publish the following article, which we are please to do.

I was very happy, some three weeks ago to see a very good attendance from our community at the Annual General Meeting of the Hull Jewish Community Care.



By a strange coincidence, in almost the next edition of the Jewish Chronicle, there was a very interesting and erudite article by our very own local reporter, Marcus Dysch , about coping with the cost of kosher meat. Marcus interviewed both kosher butchers and their customers about coping with the high cost of keeping kosher and how it is affecting both young Jewish families as well as senior citizens,

There are some of the former who do not keep kosher at all because they couldn't afford it and others, especially in the latter group, who are very selective and restrictive about when they buy meat – reserving it as a luxury for

Shabbat, high holidays and in particular, Passover.

There is of course another factor-in towns like our small community, who do not have a kosher butcher or delicatessen locally, making it extremely difficult to obtain kosher food at all, Now that the centralised delivery point of Menorah House is no longer there! This is not to denigrate in anyway the work done by many individuals, like Ian Dysch who try and provide that pickup point or those who regularly bring back stuff for others who can't make the journey.

Although the biggest expense for HJCC **was** the running of Menorah House, which has now closed, other aspects of the work of the trust is helping those members of the community who are less well off than most of us . I am not suggesting in any way that there are people in our community who need regular Kosher food-parcels, but in these severe economic times, there are some who will need financial help to remain kosher and in particular for example for Passover.

We felt it inappropriate to make our regular annual appeal for funds on last Kol Nidre night in Shul as we have in the past because of the sale of Menorah House, but in fact, all our debts at the time of the sale will not be covered for about a year and during that time there will be calls for our help.

There are always small administrative costs throughout the year such as printing, stationery and room hire for meetings (because previously of course these latter were held at Menorah House) and so we ask that you join with the trustees and make a donation, however small, in order that this very valuable work can go on.

Please contact our treasurer, Gillian Barker, secretary David Lewis or myself with your donation – however small it will be gratefully appreciated and put to very good use. Thank you.

10 YIDDISH WORDS THAT EVERYONE MUST KNOW

As there will be a Yiddish "Call my Bluff" during the Purim Social Evening, we felt that the following feature by Arlene Swartzberg Weiss, a former advertising writer who has written several highly successful radio commercials for Manischewitz Wines, would help set the scene. This was first published in the January 2014 edition of the Jewish magazine.

CHUTZPA - Oh, come on - give me a break, everyone knows what that means !

FARBLONPZSHET - Confused, bewildered, etc. *Example: The current coalition*

KAYN AYNHOREH - Goodness gracious this is one word it is almost impossible to find in any other language! Years ago, people used this phrase to ward off the 'evil eye'. Nowadays, however, this phrase is said to protect someone or something. *Example: "Since my daughter, Sarah got her driving license, she's been driving just great - 'kayn aynhoreh'.*

KVETCH - To complain. Wait a minute - I take that back - not just to complain, but to complain bitterly! *Example: Leo Rosten's Joys of Yiddish lists eight different ways of 'kvetching', so what do you want from ME?*

MAVEN - The dictionary says a 'maven' is a scholarly, clever person. The real meaning - and especially to us Jews - is actually a 'smart-aleck', or pompous 'know-it-all' *Example: You may not believe me, but the latest rocket ship to go into outer space is called MAVEN!! I kid you not. There must be a Jew involved somewhere!*

MESHUGGE – Craziiness. *Example - Every time Harry sees a picture of Rita Hayworth, he goes meshugge.*

MISHEGOSS - Close cousin to meshugge - but usually in a sort of affectionate way *Example: Eliot got so involved in playing golf it became his mishegoss. Let's just think of it as an obsession, like having to learn to dance.- even though you know you have two left feet.*

MITZVAH - a blessing. *Example - "My sister's daughter, Emily, 42 years old - the one with the raspy loud voice - just got engaged - it's a mitzvah ."*

(Editor's note: Mitzvah is the same Mitzvah as in "Bar Mitzvah". As an explanation, let me tell you that famous "Today I am a man speech" plus also a lot of presents for the lucky 13-year old. He used to announce to his adoring relatives, "Today I am a fountain pen." Or maybe better, to bring things more up to date, "- Today I am an I-PAD")

NACHES - Naches is when your son or daughter graduates from a fancy school. The word 'Naches' has a special place in the Yiddish lexicon. While it literally means that 'extra special joy' a parent gets from their children. you can't really say 'naches', for instance, about your OWN children. *Example: If you were Herbie's mother, you would never say "Herbert has graduated first in his kindergarten class" - it really would not be 'right', but you CAN say, "Look at my nephew, Benny - he gives my sister a lot of naches. he graduated first in Kindergarten.*

SHLEMIEL - A guy who is not only a FOOL - but a STUPID fool. Hint: He's usually your next-door neighbour. *Example: The guy who goes into a Kosher restaurant and orders a Taco!*

SHTICK - Give me a break - everyone in show business knows this one. Lucy Ball used it all the time. And if Lucy used it, it's okay by meir!

SHMATTE - literally a "rag." *Example: Any dress your worst enemy is wearing. "Did you see what Elsie wore to the social evening last night - what a shmatte!"*

SHMALTZ - Plain old fashioned chicken fat. In the world of show business, however, it indicates a really, really, really HAM actor. *Example: You see that over-weight actor - what a HAM!*

TZIMMES- a tasty soup made of carrots, sweet potatoes and anything else you may find in the frig. Nowadays, however, the meaning of tzimmes is simple - making a 'big deal' over something that's really nothing. *EXAMPLE: "Yesterday Sadie, my neighbour down the street, found out she lost a few pounds, but I can't understand why she had to make such a tzimmes over it."*

YENTA - The local village gossip. *EXAMPLE - Joan Rivers*

And finally, I give you the most famous Jewish story of all time: One Jew says to another, "Why, Abe, why do all Jews answer a question with another question?" His friend answers, "Why not ?"

Note: OK, already ! Sure I know that I gave you MORE than 10 Yiddish words - so kill me already! Shalom

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.

TWO QUICKIES

One Shabbat morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for shul, to which he replied, "I'm not going."
"Why not ?" she asked.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "One, they don't like me, and two, I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give YOU two good reasons why you SHOULD go to shul. One, you're 54 years old, and two, you're the Rabbi.

Morris and his wife are seated in a fancy French restaurant for dinner. After the waiter arrives, the man says, "I'll have your biggest, thickest Porterhouse steak....medium rare. "

The waiter replies, "Monsieur, what about ze mad cow?"

The man replies, "She'll have a salad."

*ENGLISH YAHRZEIT DATES WHICH CORRESPOND TO
THE HEBREW DATES FOR RELATIVES OF MEMBERS OF
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Hermina Merz	3 Feb. 2014	Koppel Peysner	20 Feb. 2014
Cissie Dubb	3 Feb. 2014	Aubrey Gordon	22 Feb. 2014
Sylvia Hirschfeld	4 Feb. 2014	Annalies Adler	22 Feb. 2014
Zena Lightowler	4 Feb. 2014	Diana Halliday (II)	4 Mar. 2014
Kayla Bermitz	5 Feb. 2014	Lilian Friend (II)	11 Mar. 2014
Maudie Harris	7 Feb. 2014	Hilda Schooler (II)	11 Mar. 2014
Sydney Landau	8 Feb. 2014	Joseph Rosenberg (II)	13 Mar. 2014
Rita Bermitz	12 Feb. 2014	Jack Powell (II)	14 Mar. 2014
Pauline Rosenberg	13 Feb. 2014	Sydney Leving (II)	21 Mar. 2014
Sadie Bermitz	14 Feb. 2014	Sarah Albeck (II)	25 Mar. 2014
Norman Levy	14 Feb. 2014	Maureen Preston (II)	28 Mar. 2014
Solomon Wayne	16 Feb. 2014	Mick Dubb	3 Apr. 2014
Shirley Rosenberg	19 Feb. 2014	Rosie Warshisky	5 Apr. 2014
Sydney Furman	20 Feb. 2014		

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 31 January	8.00pm	John Friend	Debora Wrapson Fabian Knies
Shabbat 1 February	10.30am	Ian Sugarman John Friend	Natalie Winetroube
Friday 7 February (Special Kiddush)	8.00pm	Tony-Sevilla Harland	Ann-Sevilla-Harland Ann Bush
Sunday 9 February (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 9 February (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 14 February (Shul Council Meeting)	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 14 February	8.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Olive Rosner
Friday 21 February	8.00pm	Geoff Annis	Lesley Annis Jannette Dubb
Sunday 23 February (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 23 February (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 28 February	8.00pm	David Pedro	Jackie Lukes Veronica Keczkcs
Shabbat 1 March	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony-Sevilla Harland	Natalie Winetroube Audrey Sugarman
Friday 7 March (Friday Night Communal Meal)	6.30pm	Suzanne Finlay	N/A
Friday 7 March	8.00pm	John Friend	Ann Bush Fabian Knies
Sunday 9 March (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 9 March (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 14 March	8.00pm	Tony-Sevilla Harland	Ann-Sevilla-Harland Deborah Wrapson
Shabbat 15 March (Purim Service, Kiddush and Social)	7.30pm	Ian Sugarman	Elaine Winetroube Gillian Smith Audrey Sugarman
Friday 21 March	8.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Olive Rosner

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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