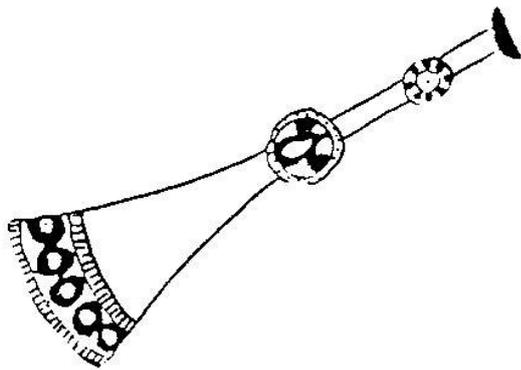
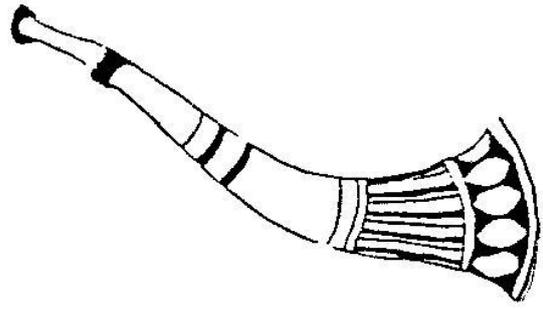


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The Official Newsletter of Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue



CHAIR'S REPORT

Nisan/Iyar 5775
April 2015

I am pleased to report that the decision to start all our Friday Night Services at 7.00pm for the foreseeable future has proven to be a success, as we are averaging an increase in numbers. Hopefully, as the evenings become brighter, we might have even bigger attendances.

On Friday 20 February 2015, we held our annual Open Friday Night Service which attracted almost 70 people, many of them from the non-Jewish community. It was a fabulous atmosphere and the range of food on the Jewish-style Kiddush was quickly devoured. Yes, I did manage to grab some fish balls. I would like to thank John Friend for assisting me with the explanation of the 'make-up' of the Kabbalat Shabbat Service and to all those who prepared the food and set-up the Kiddush. This year's Purim celebrations took place on Wednesday evening, 4 March 2015 and this year, we had a 'King' leading the Service. I would like to thank the various members of the congregation who helped in the reading of the Megillah Esther, as it's always great fun telling the story of Esther, especially when members of the congregation actually voice the characters. We definitely have some budding thespians (yes, thespians). Thanks also go to those involved in preparing the Kiddush and to all those who dressed up for the occasion. As you can see we had a few "fancy dressers".



The social "get together" on Saturday evening 14 March 2015 proved again to be a fun evening and those attending had the opportunity to enjoy a quiz based around the popular TV show "Countdown". We're looking to organise another one, probably in June, and seeing if we can devise a quiz based around another popular TV show entitled "The Chase".

Having fully recovered from Seder Night (egg and saltwater never taste the same at any other time), I can report on a very successful Communal Seder which was held on Friday 3 April 2015, which corresponded to the first night of Pesach. There were some 21 people present and the Seder Service was expertly led by Peter Altoft and I would like to thank Peter for agreeing to conduct the Seder. I would also like to thank Ann Bush for the smooth organisation of the Seder and to all those who prepared the food for the Seder meal. I understand that there was very little of it left over, not even the fruit salad.

Looking ahead, there is another meeting of the "Friendly Circle" on Wednesday 15 April 2015 at 2.00pm to be held at Ne've Shalom. I am also pleased to announce that on Sunday 31 May 2015 at 2.00pm, there will be a Chupah for Dr Michael and Marija Guilas and everyone is invited to attend. Finally don't forget that our Hebrew and Conversion Classes start again on Sunday 19 April 2015.

See you in Shul.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

HULL JEWISH COMMUNITY CARE (HJCC)



The HJCC are very pleased to report that the “Friendly Circle” first afternoon tea went off very well and afterwards there was very positive feedback from everyone present. There was a very noticeable buzz of conversation all round the room as old friendships were renewed and new ones made. There was a good mix of people from both communities and so we are now planning the next event and this will be held in the hall of the Ne’ve Shalom Synagogue on **Wednesday 15 April 2015 at 2.00pm**

The HJCC hope to see many more members of the community enjoying good food, good conversation and good entertainment which, on this occasion, includes a singing duet.

Once again the HJCC will be contacting those members of the community they know have difficulty in attending events and they will be providing lifts for those who require it. For further details or to request a lift, please contact Harold Flasher, Chairman of HJCC, on (01482) 655537 or 07766 416 605, (or indeed, any member of the committee).



INVITATION TO A CHUPAH

Dr Michael and Marija Guilas would like to extend a personal invitation to all the members of the Hull Jewish Community, and especially the members and friends of Ne’ve Shalom, to attend their wedding ceremony on **Sunday 31 May 2015** at the **Ne’ve Shalom Synagogue, Hull**.

The Service will commence at **2.00pm** and, following the Service, the congregation will be invited to stay for the luncheon and refreshments, which are being catered by David Eastburn.

This is first Jewish wedding in the Shul for over 10 years and everyone is invited to attend this special occasion. Please RSVP to Ann Sevilla-Harland on **(01652) 688362** or at **annsevillaharland@btinternet.com**



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** on 01724 340506 or at **joannekearsley@yahoo.co.uk** who will provide them with further information and the necessary application forms.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING - 6 MARCH 2015

Present - Ian Sugarman (Chair), Joanne Kearsley (Secretary), Tony Sevilla-Harland (Treasurer), Audrey Sugarman, Henry Goldstone, Les Rosenberg, Ann Sevilla-Harland, Suzanne Finlay, Andy Harbert and Elaine Winetroube.

Business

The Council was informed that the first meeting of the "Friendly Circle", held at Pryme Street, had attracted an attendance of about 60 people who all seemed to enjoy it. The next meeting would be held at Ne've Shalom in April 2015. The Chair confirmed that he had requested that, for security reasons, all members names, addresses and telephone numbers be deleted from the Shul's website

The Chair reported that the Tu B'Shvat Seder held on Tuesday evening 3 February 2015 had been enjoyed by the few who had attended and he thanked Aimi Sugarman for leading the Seder.

The Friday Night Open Service held on 20 February 2015 had been a huge success with over 65 people attending. There had been a good atmosphere throughout the evening and everyone had thoroughly enjoyed it. As there had been a police presence, the Chair informed the Council that he had contacted Humberside police to suggest that their patrol pattern include being in the vicinity of the Shul between 6.45 – 7.15pm on a Friday evening.

The Secretary reported that she had received a letter from the Hull Jewish Representative Council asking for two representatives from Ne've Shalom to attend the meeting on Sunday 19 April 2015. Ian and Suzanne agreed to attend and a letter from David Lewis thanking Audrey for the loan of a Siddur for the prisoner in Hull jail who is wanting to study Judaism.

The Treasurer reported that the building insurance had now been paid and thanks to Henry, the Shul had negotiated a significant reduction in fees. He was also still waiting on news from HMRC regarding the Gift Aid money owed to the Shul. The Treasurer also reported there were now only 5 members who had outstanding membership fees. Following a review of year end accounts, the Council decided that for 2015/2016, full subscriptions should be increased to £153 and burial insurance to £60.

The Chair confirmed that a social evening would be held on Saturday evening 14 March 2015 commencing at 7.00pm and there would be a quiz based on ITV's "Countdown" programme. Suzanne agreed to ring round the members to promote the up-coming social evening. The communal Seder would be held on Friday 3 April 2015 starting at 6.30pm. Peter Altoft would be leading the Seder and the cost was agreed at £13.00 to members and £18.00 to non-members.

The Chair confirmed that a Chupah would be taking place for Dr Michael and Marijah Guilas on Sunday 31 May at 2.00pm and further details would be given in the next edition of the "Shofar Shalom". As they were already legally married, the ceremony would be a wedding blessing and therefore would not require a licensed Rabbi. The signing and witnessing of a Ketubah would still be required, but the ceremony could be conducted by a Lay Reader. Ann confirmed that she was acting as the 'wedding planner' and assisting Michael and Marija with all the arrangements.

Date of next meeting – Friday 24 April 2015 at 8.00pm.

THE ENCHANTED MATZAH

A Pesach midrash by Arthur R Pell

The matzahs, all freshly baked, were packed neatly in their box, waiting for the Seder. Most of them were quietly awaiting their fate. They didn't mind being eaten because they were baked especially for that purpose and it never entered their minds to expect anything else.

But one little matzah was different, perhaps the baker had made a mistake when he mixed the dough or perhaps this matzah was enchanted. He didn't want to be eaten.



"I'm going to run away," he told the others in his box.

"Nonsense," said his friend. "You have no legs so you cannot run. and anyway you were made to be eaten. We should be happy that we are part of the great feast of Passover."

"Not I," said the enchanted matzah, "I want to see the world."

Just then the box was removed from the shelf. A voice that sounded like thunder to the matzahs said, "Let's open the box of matzahs now."

It was Mum getting everything ready for the big night. The children were helping. Brother lifted the box off the shelf and carefully opened it. The matzahs all blinked when the light hit them, but no one said a word. Matzahs know better than to talk when humans are around.

"Let me pick the three for the seder plate," said Sister.

She picked three matzahs and wrapped them tidily in the matzah cover, but what she didn't know was that the one in the middle was the enchanted matzah. Later when grandma and grandpa, the aunts, uncles and cousins arrived, they all sat down at the dining room table to partake in the Seder.

Just then, Pup came barking into the room. She wanted to share the Seder too. Dad laughed, but told Pup that this was a serious feast and there was no place for a dog in it. Brother picked up Pup and put her out in the back yard.

Now the Seder began. Dad sang the Kiddush and made the blessing over the matzahs. He then took the middle matzah, wrapped it carefully in a napkin, and went into another room to hide it. This was the afikoman. The children tried hard not to peek. They knew that the one who found it later in the evening would get a nice prize.

Dad had hidden the enchanted matzah on the bedroom windowsill behind the venetian blind. In his rush to hide it and get back to the table, he hadn't noticed that the window behind the blind was open. The enchanted matzah noticed it and said,

"Good, here is my chance to run away and see the world."

He slowly inched along the windowsill, pushed himself closer and closer to the edge. He held his breath..... and jumped.

He fell down and down and down. "Oh my," he cried. I'm going to break into a million pieces."

Suddenly he stopped falling. Luckily the ground under the window was soft and covered with grass. That, plus the protection of the napkin in which he was wrapped, prevented him from being broken.

The matzah looked around. All he could see was the darkness of the night. "The world is not so nice," he thought.

He tried to move, but as he had no legs, he could only push himself along very slowly. Suddenly he felt himself being sniffed and pushed by a wet nose.

"What is this?" he cried. "Am I to be eaten after all by this beast?"

Meanwhile the Seder was coming slowly to the end of the meal.

"Now," said Dad, "the children will look for the afikomen. The child who finds it will win a big box of chocolate matzahs."

Brother and sister and all the cousins left the table and swarmed all over the house looking for the hidden matzah. Soon they all returned to the table disappointed. Nobody had found the afikomen.

Dad was puzzled, but as it was getting late, he suggested that the Seder continue and the children could look again after the service ended.

Now it was time for Elijah's visit. An extra cup of wine is always placed on the Seder table for the prophet, Elijah. After the Seder meal, the door of the house is opened to welcome Elijah's spirit. Sister went to the door and opened it.

As she returned to her seat, Dad told the story of Elijah. As he said the words, "We now welcome Elijah," in through the door walked Pup and in her mouth was the missing matzah.

Pup dropped it in front of Dad and wagged her tail. Dad laughed and said. "Yes, Pup, you found the afikoman so you win the prize. But as chocolate matzahs are not good for you, we'll give you a nice bone and all the children will share the sweets."

When the service ended the children ate the chocolate matzahs for dessert.

In the excitement everybody forgot about the enchanted matzah. Nobody ate it. When Mum found it in its napkin, she put it aside. "There's something special about this matzah," she said. It's best we keep it for good luck."

RECEIVING THE SHOFAR SHALOM ELECTRONICALLY



In these current environmentally friendly times, we are offering all members the opportunity to receive the *Shofar Shalom* directly to them by e-mail.

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ASK THE RABBI



Asktherabbi.org responds to the question: "Why is Moses' name not mentioned in the Haggadah?"

The Torah attests, "Moses was the most humble person on the face of the earth" (Numbers 12:3). It should be no surprise, then, that the world's humblest person omitted his name from the story, and instead he attributed all the credit to God.

Your question raises an interesting point. After a full year in the desert, the Jewish People celebrated the Pesach festival. They offered the Paschal lamb and ate matzah and maror (bitter herbs), but when it came time to tell the Pesach story, who did they tell it to? To whom did they relate the plagues and miracles, the Strong Hand and Outstretched Arm? Everybody was there! Everyone saw it with their own eyes!

Only one person had children who did not personally experience the going out of Egypt - Moses! Moses' two sons were in Midian during the Exodus. Moses, therefore, was the first person in history to relate the Pesach story to children who didn't know it first-hand.

A VERY, VERY JEWISH JOKE

The Rabbi was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the Shul building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular Chazan was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what tunes to sing. "Here's a copy of the service," the Rabbi said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to sing after I make the announcement about the finances."

During his sermon, the Rabbi paused and said, "Members of the Shul, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need £4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge £100 or more, please stand up and show your support." At that moment, the substitute Chazan started singing "*Alenu l'shabbai'ach ladon hakol*"

And that is how the substitute became the regular Chazan!

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*ENGLISH YAHRZEIT DATES WHICH CORRESPOND TO
THE HEBREW DATES FOR RELATIVES OF MEMBERS OF
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Phyllis Landau	14 Apr. 2015	Mark Wayne	4 May 2015
Alan Brookner	14 Apr. 2015	Amelia Gold	5 May 2015
Samuel Wayne	14 Apr. 2015	Adam Raphael	7 May 2015
Max (Mendel) Wayne	14 Apr. 2015	Lilly Loofe	12 May 2015
David Silver	15 Apr. 2015	Ernst Kuschnitzky	16 May 2015
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Ena Levine	16 Apr. 2015	Anita Sevilla	21 May 2015
Bernard Sevilla	17 Apr. 2015	Rosza Lusztiq	26 May 2015
Janice Bennett	24 Apr. 2015	Gerald Godfrey	31 May 2015
Robert Rosner	30 Apr. 2015	Annie Brookner	3 June 2015
Alexander Schooler	30 Apr. 2015	Ada Bransky	5 June 2015
Louis Winetroube	30 Apr. 2015	Stuart Rosenthall	8 June 2015
Lawrence (Louis) Wayne	4 May 2015		

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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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 10 April	7.00pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	Helen Jackman Andy Harbert
Friday 17 April	7.00pm	Geoff Annis	Lesley Annis Jannette Dubb
Sunday 19 April (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 19 April (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 24 April	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Ann Bush Fabian Knies
Friday 24 April (Council Meeting)	8.00pm	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 1 May	7.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Audrey Sugarman
Shabbat 2 May	10.30am	Ian Sugarman John Friend	Marija Guilas Gillian Smith
Sunday 3 May (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 3 May (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 8 May	7.00pm	John Friend	Jackie Lukes Veronika Keczes
Friday 15 May	7.00pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Peter Altoft
Sunday 17 May (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 17 May (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 22 May	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Helen Jackman Andy Harbert
Sunday 24 May (Shavuot Service and Kiddush)	10.30am	Ian Sugarman	Elaine Winetroube Aimi Sugarman
Friday 29 May	7.00pm	Geoff Annis	Lesley Annis Jannette Dubb
Sunday 31 May (Michael and Marija's Wedding)	2.00pm	Ian Sugarman	David Eastburn Caterers
Friday 5 June	7.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Jackie Lukes
Shabbat 6 June	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Marija Guilas Gillian Smith

If you are unable to take your turn on the **service rota**, please arrange for someone else to take your place.

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