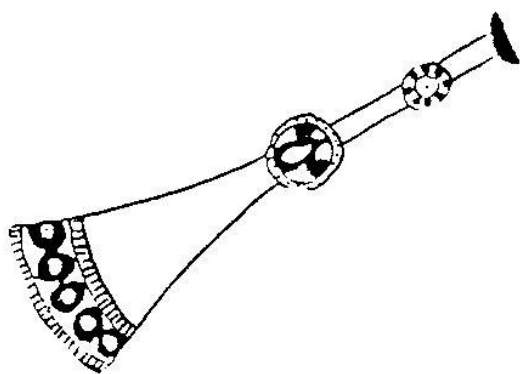
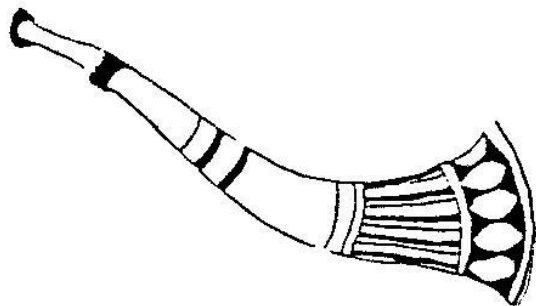


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CHAIR'S REPORT

Kislev/Tevet 5776
December 2015

Firstly, can I wish a mazeltov to Helen and Andy on their recent wedding. It was a real celebration and a short report and some photographs can be found on page 4.

I'd also like to thank those members who supported me at the AJEX Annual Service of Remembrance on 8 November 2015. The overall numbers attending seem to be dwindling every year and I urge you all to support this Service in 2016.

This year's Northern Chagigah has just taken place in Sheffield and it was great that a number of our members were there representing the Shul. The theme of the weekend was "Lighting the Way" and our own Sarita Robinson played a big part in organising this event. Hopefully, there will be a report on the weekend in the next edition of the *Shofar Shalom*.



Finally, I would like to remind you about two forthcoming events.

This year's Chanukah Service will be held on Friday 11 December 2015 and will be followed by a very special Chanukah Kiddush. The Service starts at 7.00pm and as this is also the sixth night of Chanukah, we will be lighting our giant Chanukah.

On Thursday 17 December 2015, there will be a meeting of the Friendly Circle in our Shul Hall starting at 2.00pm. I understand that there will be musical entertainment and this event is open to all members and friends of the Shul.

In the meantime, don't forget our Friday Night and Shabbat Morning Services.

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CHANUKAH SERVICE AND CHANUKAH KIDDUSH

This year, we are holding our Chanukah Service, and a very special Chanukah Kiddush, on **Friday 11 December 2015** starting at **7.00pm**. As this is also the sixth night of Chanukah, we will be lighting our giant Chanukiah and sampling Chanukah-style food such as fried fish balls, latkes and donuts. Everyone is welcome to come along.

HULL JEWISH COMMUNITY CARE (HJCC)



HJCC have great pleasure in inviting the community to another of their Friendly Circle afternoon teas on **Thursday 17 December 2015** at **2.00pm**. The event is taking place at the **Ne've Shalom Synagogue** and as usual, there will be a "sumptuous repast", after which, there will be musical entertainment.

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).



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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.

PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Helen and Andrew would personally like to thank Ian for conducting our wedding day service. Ian made us both feel at ease and delivered a truly wonderful service which we will both treasure for ever more! (We are all honoured to have such a wonderful committed Chairman as Ian.) We would also like to thank all our guest for attending our special day and for the lovely cards and presents we received.

Thank you all again
Helen & Andrew

Lesley and Geoff Annis thank everyone who helped organise the recent Yom Tovim services with special thanks to Ian and Andy for all their hard work.

Thanks & love to you all!
Lesley and Geoff

THE WEDDING

This is a brief report on the wedding of Helen Jackman and Andy Harbert which took place on Sunday 25 October 2015. We would like to thank Veronika Keczkas who sent us photographs of the occasion, a number of which we have used within the report.

Just like buses, you wait 10 years for a wedding in our Shul and two come along almost together

Helen and Andy had been drawn together through their conversion course for many years and their journey to Judaism was constantly being changed, re-written and amended as the years went by. They persevered and eventually they finished their journey towards Judaism and so here they were today being married in the Jewish tradition.

It was an emotional affair. The Chuppah, a simply lit canopy in the centre of the Shul symbolising a home for the new couple. Friends and family surrounding the couple showing their love and support. The exchanging of rings. The reciting of vows and the smashing of the glass to herald the beginning of a new life.



What drama and what joy!



After the signing of the Ketubah by the happy couple, which was then countersigned by the witnesses and the Service leader, Helen and Andy retired for a few quiet moments to reflect and relax before re-appearing for the celebratory buffet and the 'mazeltovs'.

To sum up the experience, the food was excellent, the company stimulating and everyone felt involved in the Service. So, who's next?

HULL JEWISH COMMUNITY CARE (HJCC)

The last meeting of the Friendly Circle took place on Wednesday 11 November at the Pryme Street Synagogue. Jeanette Harrison was the guest speaker and Natalie Winetroube has kindly sent us this report.

The Friendly Circle continues to be successful and we all enjoyed the very inspiring talk that Jeanette gave us about the work she has done in Zambia and her adventures.



This involved helping very remote and poor villages where her training as a nurse in the Red Cross made a big difference to so many deprived people. I think that it takes a special person to do what she did by living without all the facilities that we take for granted and we can only applaud and thank her for her contribution to the afternoon.

I look forward to the next meeting of the Friendly Circle on Thursday 17 December at Ne've Shalom.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING - 23 October 2015

Ian Sugarman (Chair), Joanne Kearsley (Secretary), Tony Sevilla-Harland (Treasurer), Audrey Sugarman, Henry Goldstone, Ann Sevilla-Harland, Andy Harbert, Elaine Winetroube and Phil O'Driscoll

Business

The folding chairs for the cemetery had been purchased and their first use would be on Sunday 29 November 2015 at the stone setting of Helen Sprintz.

It was confirmed that the Shul's CCTV System, which was installed in December 2012, had been paid for and therefore belonged to the Shul and not to the security company. The Chair therefore asked the Secretary write to the company to terminate their inspection contract thus saving the Shul almost £200 per year.

The Chair reported that the High Holy Days arrangements went very well. The Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Services had been well attended. Ann reported that she had catered for 24 members and 2 non-members for the Rosh Hashanah luncheon and that the monies received from those staying for the luncheon had covered the cost of the luncheon. The luncheon was catered by Dave Eastburn and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Simchat Torah Service was a very lively and happy evening which was enjoyed by everyone who attended. The buffet was again catered by Dave Eastburn. The funeral of Iris Pearce had taken place on Wednesday 7 October 2015 at Chanterlands Crematorium and the Chair thanked John Friend for conducting the Service.

The Treasurer reported that the Shul's finances were continuing to be in a healthy condition and that subscriptions and standing orders were still being received. He also reported that he was confident that the Shul's finances were now stable and were starting to show a surplus.

The Chair reported that everything was set for Helen and Andy's Chuppah, which would be taking place on Sunday 25 October 2015 at 2.00pm.

The Chair informed the Council that the AJEX Remembrance Service would be taking place at the Pryme Street Shul on Sunday 8 November 2015 at 2.45pm and he encouraged everyone to attend.

The Headstone Consecration for Helen Sprintz would be taking place on Sunday 29 November 2015 at noon followed by refreshments at the Shul.

After a brief discussion, the Council decided that instead of holding a Chanukah Social Evening, there would be a special Chanukah Kiddush after the service on Friday 11 December 2015. It was suggested that a Social Evening be arranged in the spring 2016.

It was felt that the little Sefer Torah should have 2 new covers, one for the High Holy days and one for the rest of the year. Ann informed the Council that one of her friends would be able to make them.

Ian agreed to lead the Friday Night Service on 25 December 2015.

Date of next meeting – Friday 4 December 2015 at 8.00pm.

NOT GUILTY!

The following article by Geoff Annis is based upon the sermon he gave on Yom Kippur which explored sinning.

“It’s a Sin To Tell A Lie” says the classic old song, which, with different words, finds its way into our Yom Kippur liturgy. Just one of a long list of offences for which we seek atonement. But, do we really feel guilty of this intimidating catalogue as we pray, or cherry pick the ones that we think apply and ignore the rest? And what purpose does Yom Kippur serve if we don’t improve ourselves annually?



Nevertheless, the High Holydays attract the biggest Shul attendance of the year, either because we need to confess, or feel obliged to attend because of tradition-a perfectly valid reason I believe. Just turning up is a virtue in itself.

The collective “We” is an issue however. If I over-drink or over-eat (see Minchah page 569) as I did recently, why should the whole congregation confess on my behalf?

In Bible times the Jews had it made, The High Priest was the only one at Yom Kippur allowed into the inner sanctum of the Temple ,and through a ritual like sprinkling animal blood onto the Ark of the Covenant could atone for the sins of all the people of Israel. All done for us. No problem! Today, we recognise the division of sins into VENIAL (mini-sins; not too serious-like swearing) and MORTAL (big sins like murder). But, we aren’t always honest about admitting our personal behavioural responsibilities.

The Ten Commandments are a great idea and the most important Jewish moral legacy to the world, because they make us individually accountable.. There’s a tale of how God gave the Jews the Commandments. First he asked the Egyptians if they wanted a Commandment. “Like ‘Thou shalt not commit adultery’” said God.”No way” they replied.”It would ruin our weekends. Next God approached the Assyrians if they wanted a Commandment “Well...like ‘Thou shalt not steal’.” They promptly replied” No way. It would ruin our economy.”Finally God asked the Jews.”How much ?” they asked. “They’re free, “said God. “Great- we’ll take ten!” That’s why we’re so God fearing?!

The Neilah selichot say that, ideally, Yom Kippur is the beginning of a journey from inside ourselves, outwards to the needs of others and the wider community:

“The great work waits for us at every moment and calls to us...The starving need our food..the uncared for need our love, the rejected need our understanding. We need Your light so that we do not fail them nor leave them in darkness.”

This perhaps is the true message of Yom Kippur and in a perfect world the fundamental aim of all religions. But we and our world aren’t perfect and there’s a long journey ahead. May God give us strength to reach our destination.

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.

ASK THE RABBI



When lighting the Chanukiah, do you use the same shamash each of the 8 nights or do you let each night's shamash melt as well and use another the next night?

The shamash may be re-used each night, if desired, since its purpose is only to serve the other lights (shamash = servant). However, the shamash should also burn each night for at least a half-hour after dark, so it may not be practical to re-use it.

There are two uses of the shamash. One is to light the other candles, and the second use is to provide light so that we are not "making use" of the light of the Chanukah candles - which are to look at but not to use - but are using the light from the shamash as well. Of course, the Chanukah candle light is also there, but since the shamash is providing light it is considered as if we are using its light and not that of the Chanukah candles.

So, according to the first reason, the shamash could actually be put out after lighting and re-used. However, due to the second reason it should burn at least a half-hour after nightfall - along with the Chanukah candles - and then can either be extinguished or let burn out. I hope this has been clear and helpful.

YOU TRY FINDING FUNNY CHANUKAH JOKES

Hymie decides it's time his son Jacob got married. So he and his wife, Becky, call in the shotchen. A shotchen is a Jewish lady who makes introductions with a view to marriage.

'I want you to find for my boy Jacob the most marvellous example of Jewish womanhood,' explains Hymie. The shotchen goes off and returns three weeks later.

'Have I got a girl for your Jacob,' she announces. 'This girl runs a kosher house, she goes to a synagogue three times a week; not only that, she knows all the prayers by heart. This girl is the perfect example of Jewish womanhood at its finest. And on top of all that, not only is this girl a lovely person, she is a real beauty. She's beautiful.'

Jacob says: 'Excuse me, could I ask you something?'

'Sure,' says the shotchen.

'Is she good in bed?' asks Jacob.

'Vell,' replies the shotchen. 'Some say yes, some say no.'

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.

ENGLISH JAHRZEIT DATES WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE HEBREW DATES FOR RELATIVES OF MEMBERS OF NEVE SHALOM - THE HULL REFORM SYNAGOGUE

Moishe Furman	6 Dec. 2015	Dora Jacowich	24 Dec. 2015
Ellis Rock	9 Dec. 2015	Leah Levy	26 Dec. 2015
Sarah Bush	11 Dec. 2015	Shirley Michaelson	27 Dec. 2015
Joan Sadofsky	11 Dec. 2015	Kath Levy	28 Dec. 2015
Sylvia Maniloff	14 Dec. 2015	Pauline Harris	29 Dec. 2015
Dolly Annis	16 Dec. 2015	Harry Furman	1 Jan. 2016
Percy Goldstone	18 Dec. 2015	David Bermitz	2 Jan. 2016
Harry Westerman	18 Dec. 2015	Dr Joseph Loofe	5 Jan. 2016
Ann Maniloff	19 Dec. 2015	Herman Bush	11 Jan. 2016
Alice Goldstone	21 Dec. 2015	Neville Greenstone	12 Jan. 2016
Meyer Sugarman	21 Dec. 2015	Sally Godfrey	13 Jan. 2016
Otto Hirschfeld	23 Dec. 2015	Arthur Harris	15 Jan. 2016
Sarah Viner	24 Dec. 2015	Rosie Abrahams	16 Jan. 2016

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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Date	Time	Leader	Refreshment Rota
Friday 4 December	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Helen Jackman Andy Harbert
Friday 4 December (Council Meeting)	8.00pm	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Shabbat 5 December	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Marija Guilas Gillian Smith
Sunday 6 December (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 6 December (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 11 December (Chanukah Service and Kiddush)	7.00pm	Geoff Annis	Lesley Annis Jannette Dubb
Thursday 17 December (Friendly Circle)	2.00pm	Audrey Sugarman	Ladies Committee
Friday 18 December	7.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Veronika Keczkcs
Sunday 20 December (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 20 December (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 25 December	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Aimi Sugarman
Friday 1 January	7.00pm	John Friend	Deborah Wrapson Helen Jackman
Shabbat 2 January	10.30am	Ian Sugarman John Friend	Marija Guilas Gillian Smith
Friday 8 January	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Ann Bush Jackie Lukes
Friday 15 January	7.00pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Peter Altoft
Friday 22 January	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Fabian Knies Elaine Winetroube
Friday 28 January	7.00pm	Geoff Annis	Lesley Annis Jannette Dubb
Friday 5 February	7.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Veronika Keczkcs
Shabbat 6 February	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Marija Guilas Gillian Smith
Friday 12 February	7.00pm	John Friend	Andy Harbert Jackie Lukes

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.

MEMORIAL BOARD

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.

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