

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



CHAIR'S REPORT

Av/Ellul 5777 August/September 2017

Shalom. Firstly what has happened to summer this year - dull wet days!

For those members and friends who have attended the Shul in the last few weeks, you will have noticed the transformation of the outside of the building. In return for the use of our car park, Beal Homes Ltd have completely re-varnished the external doors, soffits & eaves. (I estimated the works would have cost us well in excess of £1000.) They have also promised to sweep and jet wash the car park. This has prepared the Shul to a good standard to celebrate our High Holy Day Services which is 6 weeks away from now. Ian is busy in the background co-ordinating the Services and putting together the reader lists. Thank you lan you are doing a sterling job as always!

We are holding a special Kiddush after the Friday Night Service on **11 August 2017** to celebrate Jim Lightowler's birthday. I understand Jim is now our oldest member of the Shul. Please can we all try and make ever effect to attend.

On **Sunday 27 August 2017** at 3.00pm, the lights will be dimmed in the Shul for the showing of the newly released film "DENIAL", which follows the court case surrounding the denial of the Holocaust. The event is free of charge and I understand we are also including cinema style snacks and soft drinks.

Elaine's late Uncle, Warren Winetroube, has gifted a significant sum to the Shul. On behalf of the Shul we would like to thank the family and wish them a long life. Sadly, Henry Goldstone lost his brother-in-law, Leon Pliener, rather suddenly a few weeks ago. I, and a few other members, were able to attend Leon's funeral at Ella Street and we all wish Henry and the family a long life.

Finally, please don't forget to come to our Friday Night services at 7.00pm and Shabbat Morning Services at 10.30am on the first Saturday of each month.

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FREE FILM SHOW FOR ALL

In order to mark the Hull Freedom Festival taking place on the 1-3 September 2017, there will be a showing of the film "Denial" in the Shul hall at the Ne've Shalom Synagogue.

Based on the book "History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier", "Denial" recounts Deborah E. Lipstadt's legal battle for her historical interpretation against David Irving, who accused her of libel when she declared him a Holocaust denier. If you wish to view the 'trailer', it can be found at https://youtu.be/hYcx43AmAyY

The event is taking place on **Sunday 27 August 2017** at **3.00pm** and is **free to anyone** wishing to attend. **Free soft drinks and popcorn will be provided**. If you wish to attend, please ring (01482) 658312 with your name and the number of people in your 'party'.

This is a communal event for all and one not to missed in our fight against anti-Semitism.



PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS 2017/18

As reported at our recent AGM, there will be no increase in membership. The optional burial insurance premium has been set independently by the Joint Jewish Burial Society (JJBS) and therefore was not under the control of the synagogue. The subscription rates for single, family and 18-30 memberships and for the optional JJBS burial insurance scheme has been included in the letter to be sent to all members.

As the Shul is a Charity and therefore eligible to received Gift Aid, please ensure that you complete the box on your subscription letter which will Gift Aid your subscription. This increases the value of your subscription by 25% and allows the Shul to reclaim the basic rate of tax on your subscription at no extra cost to you.

If you have still not received a letter regarding your membership, please contact Aimi by telephone on 01482 835 864 or at **a.sugarman@hotmail.co.uk** Subscriptions can be paid in one lump sum or by standing order, but subscriptions need to be **paid in full by 31 March 2018**. For more advice on how to pay, please contact Aimi.



AJEX ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Honorary Officers, Executive and members of Hull AJEX would like to invite all members and friends of Ne've Shalom Synagogue to join them at their Annual Service of Remembrance to be held at the **Pryme Street Synagogue** on **Sunday 12 November** 2017, starting at **2.30pm**.

The reunion tea will be served after the Service.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



HULL JEWISH COMMUNITY CARE (HJCC)

Following the success of the recent social event, HJCC have great pleasure in inviting the community to another of their Friendly Circle afternoon teas on **Wednesday 16 August 2017 at 2.00pm.**

The event is taking place at the **Pryme Street Synagogue** and as well as a sumptuous repast, there will be some formal entertainment. All members of the community are invited to enjoy our great communal get together.

If you have any friends who may not see this announcement, please would you keep them informed - I'm sure you agree, it really will be a shame for them to miss 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).



HIGH HOLY DAYS 5777

This year, we are delighted to announce that the High Holy Day Services will be conducted by a team of the Shul's Lay Readers supported by members providing readings during parts of the Services. All Services will take place at Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue, Great Gutter Lane (West) in Willerby and members are reminded that all Services will start promptly.

Although admission to these Services is open to all it is intended to continue the procedure by which only members, and people known to members, are admitted in to the Shul. It would be much appreciated, therefore, if members bringing guests, or out-of-town family could inform the Shul Secretary, Joanne Kearsley, on (01724 340506) in good time prior to the day of the Service, as this might save any embarrassment on the day.

This year we are again asking those attending to confirm their ID by giving their name and address to the Security Officer at the door of the Shul.

Once the Service has started, the gates to car park will be locked and the Security Officer will be patrolling the grounds. If required, they can unlock the car park gates. The outer door to the Shul will also be secured and the CCTV will be used to identify late-comers.

The dates and times of the Services are as follows:

Wed. 20 September	Erev Rosh Hashanah	7.30pm
Thu. 21 September	Rosh Hashanah	10.30am
Fri. 29 September	Kol Nidre	7.30pm
Sat. 30 September	Yom Kippur	11.00am
Wed. 4 October	Sukkot	7.30pm
Wed. 11 October	Simchat Torah	7.30pm

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING 28 July 2017

Present: Andy Harbert (Chair), Joanne Kearsley (Secretary), Phil O'Driscoll, Audrey Sugarman, Henry Goldstone, Malcolm Rosenberg, Elaine Winetroube and Ian Sugarman (Life President).

Business

The Chair welcomed the newly-promoted Council members to his first meeting as the new Chairman and, on behalf of the Council, expressed his condolences to Henry, who had recently lost his brother-in-law, Leon Pliener. The Council wished Henry "long life".

lan informed the Council that Sarita had collected the Siddurim which had been ordered in remembrance of Geoff Annis and that he would be inscribing them in memory of Geoff. Deborah Wrapson had purchased a 'non-kosher replica' Sefer Torah to enable the teaching of school children on their visits to the Shul. This would prevent the actual Seferim being used for demonstration, thus minimising potential damage.

The Chair reported that there had been a good turnout for this month's Friendly Circle which had been held at the Pryme Street Shul. He felt that the recent AGM had gone well, without any dramas, and had been well attended. The Chair confirmed that Beal Homes Ltd had now finished using the Shul car park and, as agreed, had painted all the building's eves and soffits, and had varnished all the doors, as payment 'in kind' for the Shul's cooperation. He estimated that this would have cost the Shul over £1000 if the work had been charged. He also confirmed that Beal intended to also clean the car park at their earliest convenience.

The Chair informed the Council that the late Warren Winetroube had gifted a large sum to the Shul. It was suggested that some new Sefer Torah silverware could be bought and inscribed to honour his memory. Those present approved the suggestion and lan agreed to look into potential suppliers and to find out the cost.

In the Treasurer's absence, Ian reported that the Shul finances were healthy. An invoice had been received from Sadofsky's for their auditing services and letters were in the process of being sent out to all members and friends of the Shul for the 2017/18 membership subscriptions.

Audrey reported although the Shul catering and refreshment rota was running smoothly, she was always in need of new large teapots as the current ones were starting to leak. Ian suggested the Shul should consider installing an instant continuous hot water boiler, which would be safer than lifting big teapots or having to heat up free-standing boilers. The Chair agreed to look into the costs and report back at the next meeting.

Audrey suggested that hand cleansing gel should be available on entering the Shul. The suggestion was approved and the Chair agreed to find out more details. The Council decided that this year's High Holy Days appeals would be for Leo Baeck College. A special Kiddush would be arranged by the Council to commemorate Ian standing down as Chairman of the Shul.

Date of next Council meeting – 8 September 2017

SARITA'S UPDATE

We have received the following announcements from our own Sarita Robinson who is the Movement for Reform Judaism's northern communities development worker.

Northern Chagigah is where all of our northern communities meet together for a weekend

of relaxation, learning, praying and fun. This year we are in a new location, Easingwold, just 19 miles north of York. Everyone comes for different reasons – to be spiritually recharged, to enjoy a Shabbat away from everyday routine, to be delighted that the children are being looked after and Jewishly engaged by RSY-Netzer or the creche (if they're under 5), for the learning experiences or just for a lovely weekend where your meals are cooked for you and you can completely relax, unwind and switch off. (We have even heard rumours that some people come just



for the evenings in the bar with new friends and lazy mornings in bed!).

To see the programme and to register online go to **www.reformjudaism.org.uk/events/northernchagigah/** if you have any questions call Sarita on 07415 274 362

The Northern Learning House (NLH) is an informal network of Reform individuals in communities in the north and beyond who want to commit to learning and supporting their communities. Run by Sherry Ashworth and Sarita Robinson the NLH is funded by Reform Judaism's Community Development Fund. Places are heavily subsidised to a registration fee of £60 per year which covers not only as many courses as you have time to take, but also a residential Shabbat where you can meet fellow students, as a considerable part of our teaching is online, in order to extend our reach as far as possible.

The NLH is designed as a 2 year programme however can be completed in one year if you wish. As the NLH is completely designed to respond to the needs of our communities none of the courses are obligatory – if you wish to pick and mix modules from each year, or just choose one, you are more than welcome to simply register and indicate which course(s) you would like to do. Courses include Intro to Service Leading, Writing Divrei Torah, Leading Shivah & Pastoral Care and Leyning for beginners and intermediate.

For further information email Sherry Ashworth **sherryashworth1@aol.com** or for more details and to register **www.reformjudaism.org.uk/events/nlh/**

Netzafon is a new exciting programme set up for all of the northern communities for kids in years 4-6 and 7-10. It is a chance to get together and enjoy the RSY- Netzer environment and have lots of kef (fun) all year round! Each of the 4 Netzafon weekends will be bursting with exciting peulot (activities), sports, creative Jewish education and on some of the weekends you will have the chance to enjoy site activities and team building tasks on an outdoor site. Over the course of the year you will make new friends, and see them throughout the year and either continue on your RSY-Netzer Journey, or get the perfect introduction to RSY-Netzer so your journey with RSY-Netzer can begin...

For more details, or to register your interest, visit our website www.rsy-netzer.org.uk/netzafon or contact naomi.raanan@rsy-netzer.org.uk.



2018 SEES THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL...





Just in case you missed this...

It would be great if we could complete the Hull Jewish Community Grove by next year and possibly arrange a Hull Jewish Community visit to Israel, to witness the dedication of the Hull Jewish Community Grove.

The previous HULL JNF organised visit to the State of Israel, for a similar dedication event, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

Should you be interested in arranging such a visit, or wish to join those members of the Community who have already planted trees, please let Michael know at your convenience on (01482) 644987.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS 5778

With the escalating costs of cards and postage why not use your *Shofar Shalom* to send your local Shanah Tovah message. Please complete your greeting IN BLOCK CAPITALS and send it with your remittance for £5.00 to reach 18 Bradgate Park, Kingswood, Hull HU7 3JA **not later than Friday 8 September 2017**. Please make cheques payable to "Hull Reform Synagogue".

Name:	
Message:	

HIGH HOLY DAYS MESSAGE RABBI LAURA JANNER-KLAUSNER



As Senior Rabbi to the Movement for Reform Judaism, Laura is a familiar face – and voice – in the media. She is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's 'Thought for the Day' and makes regular appearances on other programmes.



Another year has come and gone; on a national level, this past year has not been our best. Conflict, deprivation and division continue to play huge roles, not just many miles away, but also right on our doorstep. It might be hard to see initially what there might be to celebrate about the past year, but we simply cannot succumb to cynicism. If there is one thing for sure we can celebrate about the year just gone, it is our resilience.

Some of the most memorable and uplifting events of the year have come against negative backdrops as our community, our nation and our world have proven time after time that we have tremendous reserves of resilience. It is at times where we need strength that community takes on a new level of importance. As we say as we reach the end of reading each book of Torah: we are strong and we strengthen one another - *chazak v'nitchazek*.

Each of us is lucky to be part of a community which strengthens us, supports us and gives us meaning. Across the country, Reform Judaism is connecting people to our spirituality and to each other. We too have shown great resilience and reason for positivity and celebration as we face the year ahead. The recent Jewish Policy Research report which caused much concern across the UK Jewish community with its findings that Jews are increasingly leaving synagogue communities behind also showed the stability and strength of Reform Judaism. We are bucking the trend and remaining steady against the tides of decline of the non-Haredi community.

Together, we form a national community worthy of celebration.

We should celebrate the many amazing indicators that our community has a very bright future ahead. I am privileged to have the opportunity to travel around Britain, seeing for myself the vibrancy of Reform Judaism in every corner of the country. Everywhere I go, there are synagogue communities doing amazing work: spreading learning, caring for one another and inspiring the next generation in the chain of tradition. It's a great joy to work in partnerships with synagogues to enable our national movement to thrive. In every place, I see the same willingness to evolve and strive to do even better.

Our overall success as a movement is a product of that desire to never stand still, that belief that there is always more that we can do to bring our Judaism to life. In the year ahead, our movement is ready to do even more.

What can you expect from us in the year ahead? We're bringing on-board new staff to help deliver in some key areas of importance during the year ahead. Already we have our ground-breaking young person's mental health and wellbeing officer, an invaluable support in an area which has become ever more important with the sharp increase of mental ill-health among our young people.

We are also adding a new Young Adult Worker and Student Chaplain to help boost provision for students and young adults seeking their own meaningful path to connect with Judaism, in our existing congregations and meeting them where they are. Ensuring there is a route for our 18-35 year olds to find their place in our communities is vital to maintaining our stability as a movement long into the future.

Strengthening our nation-wide community and every individual community within it remains our top priority. We have launched the process of forming a Covenant which will link together our communities, clergy and professional staff, articulating and defining what it means for all of us to be part of one national movement. The process of shaping a document for consultation this will take place throughout the year, leading to our biennial Chagigah in 2018. The principles of covenantal relationship and duty to one another are core principles we hold as Jews - it is only right we make them a core part of our Reform Judaism. Our initiatives to strengthen communities will continue, including a new initiative to be launched focussing on maintaining financial resilience in our communities.

As a new year is upon us, we consider our deeds from the past year and carry out some *cheshbon nefesh* - a personal accounting. There will always be more we can and will do, but we should look back and be proud of the resilient and vibrant community we have built together. I pray that 5778 will only be sweet, calm and creative year. *Shana Tova U'Metukah*.

PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK

The following article was sent to us by Mike Westerman for publication in the Shofar Shalom.

I was reminded of this most important work, on our recent visit to Jersey, when we visited the Synagogue. As mentioned in my article about our visit, the Secretary was preparing to talk to a group of non-Jewish children about Judaism and its relevance in today's world.



I have said previously, but am still not sure how many people in the Community realise, even now, the work done behind the scenes, so to speak, in order to present Orthodox and Reform Judaism and the Jewish Community of Hull, to the wider public of Hull and the East Riding.

Sharon Dysch, Anna Grantham, Joanne Kearsley, Avril Sugarman, Deborah Wrapson, Andy Harbert, Prof, John Friend, Ian Sugarman, Phil O'Driscoll, Peter Altoft, Chis Lilley and others, speak about Judaism to Primary and Secondary schoolchildren, as well as students in Years 12 and 13 and also adult groups.

I attended the "Living Faiths Day" on July 14, at Cottingham High School and Sixth Form College. The many students involved in the "Living Faiths" sessions, are able to ask questions about **all** the different faiths represented, including as well as Orthodox and Reform Judaism, Church of England, Methodist, Islam, Sikhism, Quakers, Buddhism, the Baha'i faith, Jehovah's Witness and non-faith, Humanism.

All, are owed a debt of gratitude, by all of us, working to put forward the positive teachings of Judaism, that filter out into the wider community, in so many varied ways.

This work, done by such committed people from **both** our Synagogues, is more important today than ever before, as the community at large, is living in dangerous times, for all.

ENGLISH YAHRZEIT DATES WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE HEBREW DATES FOR RELATIVES OF MEMBERS OF NE'VE SHALOM - THE HULL REFORM SYNAGOGUE

Harry Tessler	23 Aug. 2017	Elic Bermitz	24 Sep. 2017
Sheila Chetham	29 Aug. 2017	Louis Shields	28 Sep. 2017
Nicholas Rauchwerger	31 Aug. 2017	Parents of Max and	Yom
Cyril Danns	1 Sep. 2017	Annelies Adler	Kippur
Marrianne Kuschnitzky	1 Sep. 2017	Helen Goldstone	2 Oct. 2017
Sam Peysner	6 Sep. 2017	Iris Pearce	11 Oct. 2017
Isaac Brookner	9 Sep. 2017	Harry Levy	12 Oct. 2017
David Sugarman	14 Sep. 2017	Wolfe Harris	12 Oct. 2017
Dr Max Adler	16 Sep. 2017	Charlotte Mautner	13 Oct. 2017
Geoffrey Levy	18 Sep. 2017	Leah Furman	13 Oct. 2017
Rebecca Waytzman	18 Sep. 2017	Rita Kelly	18 Oct. 2017

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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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Date	Time	Leader	Refreshment Rota
Friday 11 August (Jim Lightowler's Special Kiddush)	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Audrey Sugarman Gillian Smith
Sunday 13 August (Hebrew Reading Class)	11.00am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 13 August (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 18 August	7.00pm	Andy Harbert Phil O'Driscoll	Christine Joseph-Jay Elaine Winetroube
Friday 25 August	7.00pm	Mark Huntington	Lesley Annis Deborah Wrapson
Sunday 27 August (Free Film Show – "Denial")	3.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Aimi Sugarman Sarita Robinson
Friday 1 September	7.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Gill Drummond
Shabbat 2 September	10.30am	lan Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Marija Guilas Gillian Smith
Shabbat 2 September (Torah Workshop)	12.15pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	N/A
Friday 8 September	7.00pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Jackie Lukes
Friday 8 September (Council Meeting)	8.00pm	Andy Harbert	N/A
Friday 15 September	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Ann Bush Audrey Sugarman
Wednesday 20 September (Erev Rosh Hashanah)	7.00pm	To be announced	Deborah Wrapson Gill Drummond
Thursday 21 September (Rosh Hashanah)	10.30am	To be announced	Lesley Annis Joanne Kearsley
Friday 22 September	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Ann Bush Aimi Sugarman
Friday 29 September (Kol Nidre)	7.30pm	To be announced	N/A
Shabbat 30 September (Yom Kippur)	11.00am	To be announced	Audrey Sugarman (Havdalah)
Sunday 1 October (Sukkah Building)	11.00am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Wednesday 4 October (Sukkot Service and Kiddush)	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Audrey Sugarman Gillian Smith
Friday 6 October	7.00pm	Andy Harbert Phil O'Driscoll	Helen Jackman Christine Joseph-Jay

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.

If you would like further details, or wish to reserve a particular date, please contact Audrey Sugarman on (01482 563835)

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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.