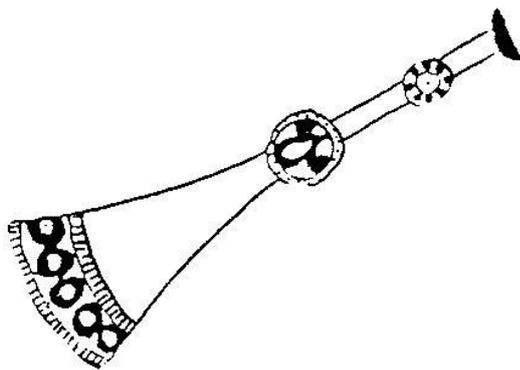
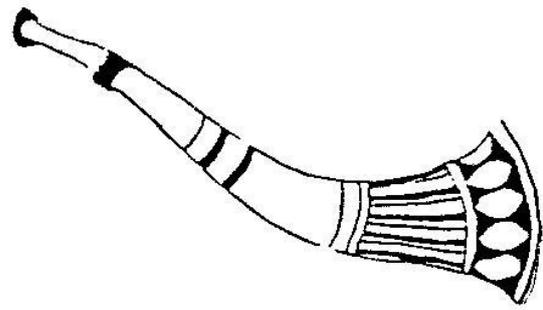


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CHAIR'S REPORT

Sivan/Tammuz 5777
June/July 2017

This is definitely my last Chair's report. Really.

Firstly, it is my sad duty to report the loss of one of members, Thelma Kelsey, who died recently, at the age of 87. Thelma, a member for over 35 years, had been poorly for some time. In her younger days, she was a very active member of the Ladies Guild and regularly attended Services. We wish her remaining family 'long life'.

It was great to participate in Andrew Percy's Affirmation to the Jewish Faith Ceremony during the Friday Night Service on 19 May 2017. I always find it emotional on these occasions, especially when the Shema is recited by the Convert, in front of the Ark and in the sight of all the congregation. We are very lucky to have a number of our members who have gone through this ceremony and become actively involved and committed to Ne've Shalom. I thank them all for making our community a better place.

Our Shavuot Service and Kiddush was held on Tuesday evening 30 May 2017 and I'd like to thank Tony Sevilla-Harland for taking the Service. Although I was celebrating Shavuot in Tel Aviv, I understand that it was a good evening with plenty of food (naturally).



On page 5, there is an article from Heather and Sarita, the Co-Chairs of Hull Day Limmud which was held on Sunday 7 May 2017 at the Hull History Centre. I thought that it was a very interesting event covering a wide range of topics which were accessible to all levels of Jewish understanding. Although I was involved in one of the workshops, I did have the opportunity to experience a number of the other workshops on offer. It was also good to see a number of us supporting the event.

Finally, please don't forget to come to our Friday Night and Shabbat Morning Services.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NE'VE SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

The Synagogue Council would like to inform all members that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue will take place on **Friday 16 June**, 2016, starting at **8.00pm** prompt.

The agenda includes the Chair's report, the presentation of the Shul's accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017, the proposal to make changes to the Shul's Constitution, the election of Officers, etc.

If you are a full member of the Shul, you have a right to vote, so why don't you come and exercise this right. As this will be following the Friday Night Service. Please make every effort to attend.



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 21 June 2017 at 2.00pm**.

The event is taking place at the **Pryme Street Synagogue** and there will be another fine speaker and a sumptuous repast. All members of the community are invited to enjoy our great community 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).



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 treated in confidence.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING

19 May 2017

Present: Ian Sugarman (Chair), Joanne Kearsley (Secretary), Phil O'Driscoll, Audrey Sugarman, Henry Goldstone, Malcolm Rosenberg, Elaine Winetroube and Sarita Robinson (MRJ Northern Fieldworker).

Business

It was reported that as Beal's had now completed building the houses opposite the Shul, they would shortly have no need for the use of Shul's car park. Before leaving, they had promised to paint the Shul's facias and doors as payment 'in kind' for using the car park. The Chair demonstrated the portable speaker and microphone purchased by the Treasurer. The Council agreed that this would enable the congregation to better hear the outdoor funeral services conducted at Tranby Lane. New Siddurs had been ordered in remembrance of Geoff Annis and Sarita agreed to collect them, on behalf of the Shul, whilst she was working in London.

The Chair reported that the two Headstone Consecrations, Lionel Schooler's on Sunday 2 April and Warren Winetroube's on Sunday 23 April 2017, were both very well-attended and the refreshments at the Shul following the ceremonies had been enthusiastically welcomed. Gillian Smith's 80th celebration Kiddush on Friday 7 April 2017 was also well attended and everyone had a great night. The Communal Seder held on Monday 10 April 2017 only attracted 11 members and friends and was conducted by Igor Zinkov, a Rabbinic student from Leo Baeck. There had been mixed reviews. The Open Friday Night Service on 28 April 2017 was another success with over 50 people enjoying a good night. The Chair thanked everyone who had helped to make the evening such a success, especially Audrey, Lesley and Gillian, for preparing the magnificent range of Jewish-style food.

Malcolm reported that he had successfully collected a number of outstanding subscriptions, but five were still proving difficult to contact. He was hoping for a positive resolution over the next few weeks. The Treasurer had spoken with NPower to re-negotiate the current gas and electric payments which she felt were too high. She had received an 18% reduction for electricity commencing on 15 May 2017 and, as the gas contract would shortly up for renewal, NPower would be contacting the Treasurer to agree a new lower tariff. In the meantime, NPower would send a cheque to the Shul to cover the previous overpayment. The Treasurer had also received a letter from British Gas regarding the yearly renewal of the Homecare cover which would automatically renew on 31 May 2017. Although the cost had increased by 7%, the Council still felt it was prudent to renew the cover.

Following the execution of Trust Deeds for present and future investments and for the property and contents of the Shul, Richard Broom, the independent Financial Advisor, would draw up a report regarding the investment of monies held at the Beverley Building Society. This would then be discussed and considered at the AGM on 16 June 2017. All documentation including cheque books, invoices, etc. had been submitted to Sadofskys for review and the Shul's accounts for 2016-17 would be presented and discussed at the AGM. The Chair, on behalf of the Council, thanked the Treasurer for all her hard work on the Shul's finances.

The Chair confirmed that the Shavuot Service and Kiddush would be held on Tuesday 30 May 2017 at 7.00pm and that Tony Sevilla-Harland would be taking the Service.

Date of next Council meeting – The AGM on 16 June 2017

HULL DAY LIMMUD - WE DID IT!

The following article has been sent to us by Heather Harris & Sarita Robinson, Co-Chairs, Hull Day Limmud regarding the recent Hull Day Limmud held on Sunday 7 May 2017.

Limmud is a charitable organisation without denominational or political agenda, which believes in the inherent value of Jewish education. Limmud is dedicated to Jewish learning in all its variety.



Perhaps we should have known it was going to be something special when we sold out completely and Limmud had to start a waiting list a full 10 days before? There's no denying that, just as predicted, it took a massive amount of work to make happen. It was full-on exhausting and we worked flat-out; we have come to know that there are literally so many things to prepare, procure, plan and progress to put on a Day Limmud. But we did it, and how...

We welcomed 130 participants to the beautiful Hull History Centre on Sunday 7th May, from communities spanning: Glasgow, Newcastle, Leeds, Manchester, York, Bristol, Southport, Nottingham, London and beyond. And we gave them a very good time. We have had the most wonderful feedback about every aspect: the venue, the food, the sessions, the atmosphere, the warmth of our welcome and our friendliness.

It seems everyone really loved it, from members of the Limmud Executive, to the Presenters, the Participants and our wonderful home-grown team of Volunteers: 'what a lovely occasion', 'a fantastic Limmud day', 'an enormously successful event', 'thoroughly enjoyed it', 'an amazing lovely day'.

Those of you who were there will know that experiencing the day itself was quite extraordinary: 'the vibe was great', 'there was a great atmosphere', 'the atmosphere was so lovely', 'I spoke to so many people and came away feeling great'. For us the day was a tapestry of periods of frantic activity interspersed with brief spells of calm.

All went (more or less) to plan and all went (more or less) smoothly. The team met the challenge of not one but two of our hot water urns not working, and David Lewis and his 40 Heritage Walkers going missing somewhere in the Old Town, with creativity and optimism! It was a great pleasure to be among such a crowd with such big smiles on their faces.

Everyone is telling us we deserve to feel proud: 'I hope you and the Hull team feel tremendously proud', 'well done for pulling it together and pulling it off!', 'Kol haKavod', 'a huge mazeltov for organising such a wonderful event'. So let's be just that... we are very proud of what Hull Day Limmud has achieved for our community, and very grateful to everyone who played a part in achieving it.

Did Hull manage to 'punch above its weight' once again? You bet we did!

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOM TOV AND SHABBAT

Having recently celebrated Shavuot in Tel Aviv, I was fascinated by the differences between the Shabbat prohibitions and the Festival prohibitions. This explanation by Avi Lazerson first appeared the December 1999 Edition of the Jewish Magazine.

On the Shabbat it is forbidden to cook, yet on the Jewish Holy days, it is permitted. Not only is it permitted, it is even recommended in order to have more enjoyable food.

The Shabbat is called an "oneg", meaning a delight, whereas the Jewish Holidays are called "simcha", times of happiness.



The Shabbat is fixed by G-d eternally, yet the Jewish holidays are dependent on the Jewish calendar which is fixed by humans, hence the Jews through the agency of the ancient Jewish courts fix the time for the holidays and not G-d. Why is there this difference between Yom Tov and Shabbat?

This can be understood with a comparison of a king who invited a commoner to his palace versus a commoner who invited the king to his house. When a king would invite the commoner to visit him in the palace, it would be a very special and exciting time for the commoner. First, the time for the commoner to come to visit the king would be dependent upon the king. Also the food would be special and everything that the commoner would eat would be a special delicacy and delight. Obviously, the commoner would refrain from entering into the kitchen to prepare any foods, the king's servants would be in charge of the preparations.

When the commoner would invite the king, it would be he that arranged the time and day in accordance with the king's desires. The commoner would not delight so much in the food as in the fact that the king has come to his house to visit. The more that he was able to prepare to honour the king would add happiness to the commoner, for his happiness would not be in his eating but in the king's visit to him, a lowly common person. Therefore the commoner goes into the kitchen to cook tasty dishes.

On the day before the Sabbath, we are like the servants of the King; we prepare the food for the royal feast. On the Sabbath, however, we are like the guests of the King; we partake in the delicacies that the King has provided. The King Himself has decided upon this day to have us, the commoners, come to visit him.

On the Jewish festivals, we have invited the King, through the setting of the Jewish calendar to visit us. It is our *simcha* that the King has agreed to visit us. We are the host and we busy ourselves making the King comfortable in our home. Our joy is seeing the King enjoying his stay with us.

This is the specialness of the Jewish holidays. We are the host to the King of Kings. We must be careful to treat it with the proper respect.

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.

I'VE BEEN SAVING THESE UP

Due to the lack of space in the past few editions of the Shofar Shalom, I have been unable to include any jokes. I know of at least two readers who have been disappointed, however, if you are suffering humour withdrawal symptoms, here's a few that I've been trying to include over the past few months.

Chaim had been a faithful Jew and was in the hospital, near death. The family called their rabbi to stand with them.

As the rabbi stood next to the bed, old Chaim's condition appeared to deteriorate and he motioned frantically for something to write on.

The rabbi lovingly handed him a pen and a piece of paper, and Chaim used his last bit of energy to scribble a note, then he died.

The rabbi thought it best not to look at the note at that time, so he placed it in his jacket pocket.

At the funeral, as he was finishing the message, he realized that he was wearing the same jacket that he was wearing when Chaim died. He said, "You know, Chaim handed me a note just before he died. I haven't looked at it, but knowing Chaim, I'm sure there's a word of inspiration there for us all."

He opened the note, and read, "Hey, you're standing on my oxygen tube!"

A Chassid, with a long beard, payis, a long black coat, and shtreiml (the traditional fur hat worn by Chassidic Jews), walks into a bar with a multi-coloured parrot on his shoulder.

The bartender says: "Where'd you get that?"

The parrot replies: "Stamford Hill. There's hundreds of them."

A woman goes to see her Rabbi.

"Abe and Sol are both in love with me," she says,
"Who will be the lucky one?"

The wise old Rabbi thinks for a while and answers:
"Abe will marry you. Sol will be the lucky one."

A Jewish man who was riding on the London Underground reading an Arab newspaper.

A friend of his, who happened to be riding in the same underground car, noticed this strange phenomenon. Very upset, he approached the newspaper reader.

"Moishe, have you lost your mind? Why are you reading an Arab newspaper?"

Moishe replied, "I used to read the Jewish newspaper, but what did I find? Jews being persecuted, Israel being attacked, Jews disappearing through assimilation and intermarriage, Jews living in poverty. So I switched to the Arab newspaper. Now what do I find? Jews own all the banks, Jews control the media, Jews are all rich and powerful, Jews rule the world. The news is so much better!"

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

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| Annie Brookner | 10 June 2017 | Cissie Silver | 29 June 2017 |
| Beatrice Levy | 10 June 2017 | Edgar Bennett | 29 June 2017 |
| Ada Bransky | 12 June 2017 | Berta Rose | 30 June 2017 |
| Stuart Rosenthal | 15 June 2017 | Janet Sugarman | 1 July 2017 |
| Harold Harris | 18 June 2017 | Immanuel Godfrey | 1 July 2017 |
| Leah Stetinski | 18 June 2017 | Phillip Waytzman | 2 July 2017 |
| Jeannette Sevilla | 21 June 2017 | Jim Smith | 14 July 2017 |
| Les Rosenberg | 22 June 2017 | Tessa Pliener | 20 July 2017 |
| Issac Maniloff | 24 June 2017 | Becky Furman | 22 July 2017 |
| Abby Furman | 25 June 2017 | Bert Goldstone | 26 July 2017 |
| Jennie Harris | 29 June 2017 | Solly Bermitz | 26 July 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 |
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| Friday 9 June | 7.00pm | Aimi Sugarman | Gill Drummond Lesley Annis |
| Friday 16 June | 7.00pm | Andy Harbert Phil O'Driscoll | Christine Joseph-Jay Elaine Winetroube |
| Friday 16 June (Annual General Meeting) | 8.00pm | Ian Sugarman | N/A |
| Sunday 18 June (Hebrew Reading Class) | 11.00am | Deborah Wrapson | N/A |
| Sunday 18 June (Conversion Class) | 11.30am | Ian Sugarman | N/A |
| Friday 23 June | 7.00pm | Peter Altoft | Joanne Kearsley Jackie Lukes |
| Friday 30 June | 7.00pm | Sarita Robinson | Ann Bush Lesley Annis |
| Shabbat 1 July | 10.30am | Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland | Marija Guilas Veronika Keczkas |
| Shabbat 1 July (Torah Workshop) | 12.15pm | Tony Sevilla-Harland | N/A |
| Sunday 2 July (Hebrew Reading Class) | 11.00am | Deborah Wrapson | N/A |
| Sunday 2 July (Conversion Class) | 11.30am | Ian Sugarman | N/A |
| Friday 7 July | 7.00pm | Tony Sevilla-Harland | Ann Sevilla-Harland Deborah Wrapson |
| Friday 14 July | 7.00pm | Andy Harbert Phil O'Driscoll | Christine Joseph-Jay Elaine Winetroube |
| Sunday 16 July (Hebrew Reading Class) | 11.00am | Deborah Wrapson | N/A |
| Sunday 16 July (Conversion Class) | 11.30am | Ian Sugarman | N/A |
| Friday 21 July | 7.00pm | Peter Altoft | Joanne Kearsley Gill Drummond |
| Friday 28 July | 7.00pm | Aimi Sugarman | Helen Jackman Andy Harbert |
| Friday 4 August | 7.00pm | Sarita Robinson | Ann Bush Jackie Lukes |
| Shabbat 5 August | 10.30am | Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland | Marija Guilas Veronika Keczkas |
| Shabbat 5 August (Torah Workshop) | 12.15pm | Tony Sevilla-Harland | 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.

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