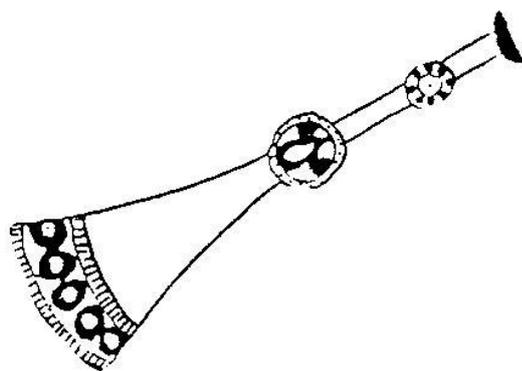
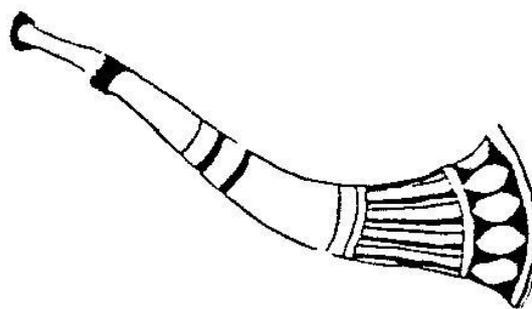


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The Official Newsletter of Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue



CHAIR'S REPORT

Tevet/Shevat 5777
January/February 2017

Where do you start? Such a loss.

Firstly let me wish "long life" to Lesley Annis and her two sons, Richard and Jonathan and to let them know that Geoff will never be forgotten by this Shul. I was going to wax lyrically (yes, I can) about Geoff's involvement, influence and commitment to the Shul from its early beginnings until his sudden death, but I think that the obituary on page 5 says it all.

"Olev ha-shalom", Geoff, it was a honour to work with you.

As you are all aware, we held our Chanukah Service on Friday evening 30 December 2016 and I would like to extend a big thank you to all those who attended, as well as those who prepared the latkes, fish balls, doughnuts and other "weight watcher specials" for the Chanukah Kiddush. I would also like to thank Sarita Robinson for taking the Service. Yet again with the fish balls, it was a case of there one minute and gone the next. Some even vanished before being "put out".

This year's Limmud conference took place in Birmingham on the last week of December 2016 and we have been sent a report on the event, which can be found on page 6.

The Friendly Circle's next meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 18 January 2017, whilst on Friday 27 January 2017, the City of Hull will be marking the Holocaust Memorial Day 2016 with a civic commemoration at the Hull Guildhall starting at 7.00pm. Details of these events can be found on page 3.

Looking further ahead, we will be holding our Tu B'Shvat Seder on Friday 10 February 2017 and our Purim Service and Kiddush will be held on Saturday evening 11 March 2017.

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

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

ANNIS Lesley and her family would like to pass on their sincere thanks to everyone who sent all the wonderful messages and cards which gave so much comfort and support to us, since the sad death of Geoff. We would also like to thank Ian for all the support he has given us during this difficult time.



HULL JEWISH COMMUNITY CARE (HJCC)

Following the success of 'Fish and Chips with the HJCC', HJCC have great pleasure in inviting the community to another of their Friendly Circle afternoon teas on **Wednesday 18 January 2017 at 2.00pm.**

The event is taking place at the **Ne've Shalom Synagogue** and as usual, there will be a "sumptuous repast", before which, there will be some planned 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).



CITY OF HULL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2017

There will be a civic commemoration at the Hull Guildhall on **Friday 27 January 2017 at 7.00pm.** In addition to a talk on the Holocaust, there will also be music and poems by members of the local community. Doors open at 6.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend this free event.



NEVER FORGET

In order to mark National Holocaust Day 2017, the Holocaust Trust will be showing the film "Denial", followed by a question and answer session with members of the Trust.

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 29 January 2017 at 5.00pm** at the City Screen Cinema, 13-17 Coney St, York YO1 9QL. Tickets are £11.00 or £10.00 (if retired) which you can book online at emma.b@picturehouses.co.uk or call 0871 902 5726.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING

16 December 2016

Present: Ian Sugarman (Chair), Joanne Kearsley (Secretary), Aimi Sugarman (Treasurer), Audrey Sugarman, Henry Goldstone, Malcolm Rosenberg and Chris Lilley.

Business

The Chair reported that the Open Friday Night Service held on 18 November 2016 had proved another resounding success with 95 members and visitors attending and enjoying a thoroughly good evening. He thanked everyone who had helped to make the evening such a success, especially John Friend for assisting with the Service and those ladies who had prepared and served the food.

The Secretary reported that the Shul had received letters from the Jewish Blind and Disabled Society and the Jewish Deaf Association requesting donations, as the Shul had previously given. The Council agreed to donate to each charity and the Treasurer confirmed that she would send the cheques. A 'thank you' letter had been received from St. Lukes Church in Willerby which observed that those attending the Open Service had enjoyed a very interesting evening.

The Treasurer reported that the Shul's finances were healthy and as far as she aware there were no outstanding bills. Most of the membership subscriptions were coming in either by cheque or by direct debit. The Treasurer confirmed that she was setting up on-line banking to provide a quicker response to the paying of commercial invoices and to more easily monitor the Shul's finances.

Following a brief discussion, the Council agreed that the Shul's investment should be moved to a safer inshore account and a meeting with an Independent Financial Adviser to discuss possible options regarding a low-risk investment would be set up.

Following valuations on the building and contents carried out by Beercocks and Dee Atkinsons respectively, the Treasurer reported on the required combined insurance cover. The Chair was concerned that, based on the valuation, the Shul's current insurance cover was too low and the Treasurer agreed to make enquiries regarding suitable cover and report back to the Council.

The Chair reported that Geoff Annis was in hospital undergoing surgery and that Thelma Kelsey was very ill. He would keep the council informed. Suzanne had reported that the Shul now had 81 followers on Facebook.

The Chair confirmed that the Chanukah Service and Kiddush would be held on Friday 30 December 2016. This would correspond to the seventh night of Chanukah.

The Chair then informed the Council that the Celebratory Luncheon with the Chief Rabbi, which was being held on Sunday 5 March 2017, was not a Hull Jewish Representative Council event, but was being organised by the Pryme Street Synagogue. The Shul was not involved in the seating of those members attending from Ne've Shalom and it was Howard Levy who should be contacted.

Date of next Council meeting – Friday 27 January 2017

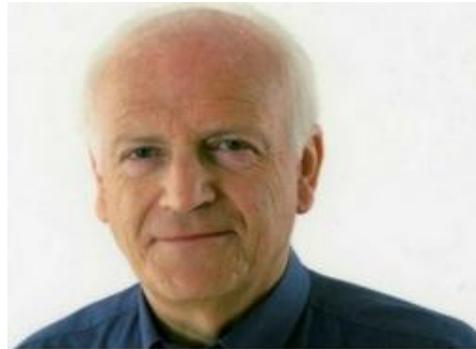
GEOFF ANNIS - SADLY MISSED BY ALL

The following feature entitled "Wife pays tribute to 'lovely' Hull drama teacher Geoff Annis after sudden death" was first published in the Hull Daily Mail on 28 December 2016. We feel this to be a fitting tribute to someone who touched some many lives in our own and in the wider community. We wish 'long life' to Lesley, Richard and Jonathan

The wife of a well-known drama teacher at the centre of Hull's theatrical community has paid a moving tribute following his sudden death.

Geoff Annis, 78, suffered a stroke during a major heart operation at Castle Hill Hospital and passed away just five days before Christmas.

He taught for 30 years as head of English and drama in secondary schools, including Wolfreton, Bilton Grange, Leo Schultz and Baysgarth in Barton-upon-Humber.



Describing her husband as a "lovely man", his wife Lesley, 72, said: "I don't know of anybody who has a bad thing to say about him. He adored his four grandchildren and was a loving, family man. His childhood friends say he was always doing daft things. He was a big, daft thing."

Mr Annis lived in Anlaby and was a member of the Guild of Drama Adjudicators. He also worked as a voice-over artist for brands such as Warburton's, Covent Garden Soup and Tetley's. Visitors to the Imperial War Museum in London will still be able to hear his voice playing over the displays, a thought that brings comfort to his wife, who would have celebrated 50 years of marriage in March. Mr Annis' breakthrough as an actor came at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with a production of Richard III. He played the lead role and even received a glowing review from the Sunday Times critic Harold Hobson.

He later entered the Rose Bruford College of Speech and Drama and was a vital member of the Hessle Amateur Operatic and Dramatic society from 1977. He was a member of Hull Playgoers and Hull Literary Club, and ran an adult education course in Ripon on the works of Rudyard Kipling. One of his most public roles was in Coronation Street playing the registrar at one of Mike Baldwin's many weddings.

Since her husband's sudden death, Mrs Annis has been moved by the kind words and support of family and friends. She said: "I want to say thank you to all my family and friends who have been so kind and offered me so much support during this time. I could not have done this without them. I also want to thank the staff at Castle Hill. They never left Geoff's side and were wonderful."

The jazz-lover, who offered his voice to countless audio books, met his wife Lesley in Locarno, which later became LA's in Ferensway, and the pair married in 1967. As well as production and voiceover work, Mr Annis was part of the founding group who helped build the Reform Synagogue in Willerby. "Geoff was well known in the Jewish community and because of his faith he was buried on the Friday before Christmas," said Mrs Annis. "It has all been so sudden and I just want people to know how appreciative I am of their help and kindness, especially my immediate family."

Mr Annis is survived by his wife Lesley, two sons and four grandchildren.

A SMALL DOSE OF LIMMUD - CONFERENCE 2016

The following article has been written by Heather Harris, who attended the recent Limmud conference which was held in Birmingham on 25 - 29 December 2016.

I was able to catch only the last 48 hours of conference this year but it was well worth the drive to Pendigo Lake alongside the NEC near Birmingham and enduring the sub-zero temperatures there 27th-29th Dec.

All was in full swing with what felt like the full complement of nearly 3000 attendees when I arrived...testament to Limmud's attraction was someone from Los Angeles at my communal breakfast table saying to draw fully 1% of all UK Jewry to the event was impressive and something to be very, very proud of.

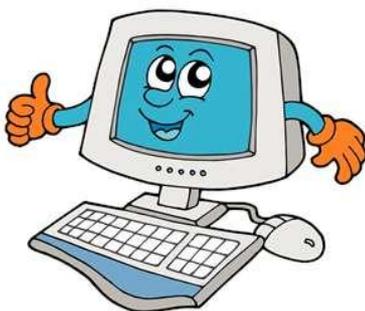


As ever there were so many sessions to choose from and immense frustration at only being able to be in one place at one time! I let myself be guided by what appealed in the moment and reviewing where that led me. I found that had been drawn into several from the 'Torah & Philosophy' track, had enjoyed some favourite presenters (e.g. Clive Lawton, one of the original founders of Limmud with his always entertaining tales of how people 'do' being Jewish around the world), and fed my love of cinema (I fitted in 3 of the more than 20 curated by UK Jewish Film).

I also had my first exposure to Scriptural Reasoning; a session during which a rabbi, a chaplain and an imam explored and discussed passages from their own scriptures on the same theme, in this case 'refugees' - this was both engaging and enriching, an altogether excellent experience. There was also plenty for those most interested in Arts & Culture, Social Action and Communities, and particularly History & Politics during which I understand things did get rather heated at times... how could they not with titles like Why Jews Should Support Jeremy Corbyn's Labour Party?

I came away from this dose of Limmud (as always) knowing more than when I arrived about all manner of Jewish-related things, and marvelling at the fact that there's always more to learn. I warmly invite you to join in and be part of what is going to be our very own 'small dose of Limmud' in Hull on Sunday 7 May 2017, which I'm proud to say is publicised on the next page of this edition of the *Shofar Shalom*.

THE NE'VE SHALOM WEBSITE



In April 2016, the Council was able to confirm that Grizdale Graphics would now be maintaining the Shul's website free of charge. Although the domain name would remain the same, hull-reform.co.uk had been bought in case the website address had to change.

Unfortunately, we have now lost the original domain name and the address www.hull-reform.com no longer connects.

If you wish to look at our web site, its new address is **www.hull-reform.co.uk**

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SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

A funeral service is being held in a Synagogue for Sadie who has just passed away. At the end of the service the pall bearers are carrying the casket out, when they accidentally bump into a wall, jarring the casket.

They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that Sadie is actually alive ... She lives for ten more years, and then dies. A ceremony is again held at the same Synagogue, and at the end of the ceremony, the pall bearers are again carrying out the casket. As they are walking down the aisle Moishe cries out....."For God's sake, watch out for the wall!!!!"

Old Mr Finklestein was sitting in Brackmans Bakery in Manchester having a coffee when a man approached him

"What's the quickest way to Whitefields?"

Mr Finklestein scratched his head.

"Are you walking or driving?" he asked the stranger.

"I'm driving."

"That's the quickest way!"

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

Julius Kath Levy	14 Jan. 2017	Harry Jacowich	5 Feb. 2017
Pauline Harris	15 Jan. 2017	Max Rose	12 Feb. 2017
Harry Furman	18 Jan. 2017	Rachel Levitt	19 Feb. 2017
David Bermitz	19 Jan. 2017	Leah Peysner	19 Feb. 2017
Dr Joseph Loofe	22 Jan. 2017	Benjamin Brookner	21 Feb. 2017
Herman Bush	28 Jan. 2017	Maudie Harris	23 Feb. 2017
Neville Greenstone	29 Jan. 2017	Esther Rock	24 Feb. 2017
Sally Godfrey	30 Jan. 2017	Sydney Landau	24 Feb. 2017
Arthur Harris	1 Feb. 2017	Minnie Gorfunkie	25 Feb. 2017
Rosie Abrahams	2 Feb. 2017	Diana Halliday (II)	28 Feb. 2017
Harold Sugarman	3 Feb. 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 13 January	7.00pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Joanne Kearsley
Friday 20 January	7.00pm	Peter Altoft	Veronika Keczkas Jackie Lukes
Sunday 22 January (Hebrew Reading Class)	11.00am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 22 January (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 27 January	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Audrey Sugarman Ann Bush
Friday 27 January (Council Meeting)	8.00pm	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 3 February	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Helen Jackman Andy Harbert
Shabbat 4 February	10.30am	Ian Sugarman John Friend	Marija Guilas Gillian Smith
Shabbat 4 February (Torah Workshop)	12.15pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	N/A
Sunday 5 February (Hebrew Reading Class)	11.00am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 5 February (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 10 February (Service and Tu B'Shevat Seder)	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Elaine Winetroube Aimi Sugarman
Friday 17 February	7.00pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Christine Jay-Joseph
Sunday 19 February (Hebrew Reading Class)	11.00am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 19 February (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 24 February	7.00pm	Peter Altoft	Joanne Kearsley Gill Drummond
Friday 3 March	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Ann Bush Veronika Keczkas
Shabbat 4 March	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Marija Guilas Gillian Smith
Shabbat 4 March (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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Joanne Kearsley on 01724 340506
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who will provide them with further information and the necessary application forms.