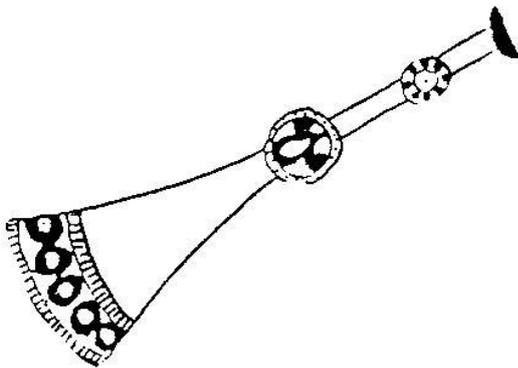
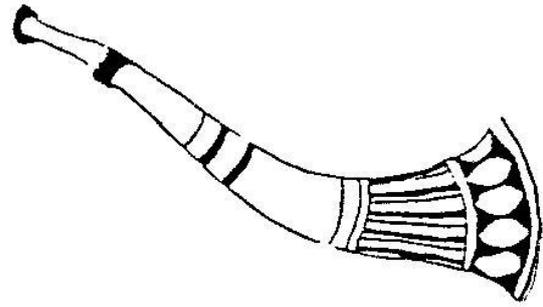


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The Official Newsletter of Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue



CHAIR'S REPORT

Sivan 5778
May/June 2018

Shalom

What a wonderful afternoon, as members of both Shul's came together to mark Yom Ha'atzmaut 70 (the 70th Anniversary of the State Israel). The BBQ organised by the Hull Jewish Representative Council (HJRC) went down really well with all those members attending and the food wasn't bad either. Thank you to ever one involved with organising such a wonderful event.

We held a First Aid and Defibrillator training session on Sunday 15 April. Nine people attended, 7 of own members and 2 from Pryme Street. This was a slightly disappointing turn-out for such an important event. Those who did attend, found the up-date worthwhile and let's hope we never need to put in to practice.

A big mazeltov to Aimi who took 3 days off work to gain her 3 day First Aid at Work certificate. We now have another qualified First Aider at the Shul.

To comply with the Food Standard requirements, we are holding a Food Safety training course at Ne've Shalom on Sunday 10 June starting at 10.00am to 3.00pm. Could I please strongly ask that that this course be attended by all those members who are on the refreshment rota. Please can you inform Audrey Sugarman who will add your name to the list.

The HJRC are seeking to appoint a new Secretary and for anyone who is interested, please contact Michael Westerman for further details.

Don't forget that we continue to hold our Friday Night Services every week at 7.00pm and our Shabbat Morning Services at 10.30am on the first Saturday of the month.

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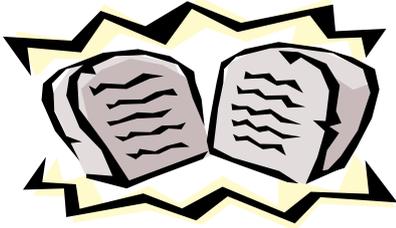
HULL JEWISH COMMUNITY CARE (HJCC)



For information, to all the friends of the Friendly Circle, the next events in our calendar will be held at the **Pryme Street Synagogue** on **Wednesday 16 May 2018** at **2.00pm**.

We have a very interesting speaker who will bring his collection of antiques and similar objects about which he will talk and quiz us. There will be the usual sumptuous repast. HJCC will be delighted to welcome you all, especially the younger members of the community.

For further details or to request a lift to this events, please contact Harold Flasher, Chairman of HJCC, on (01482) 655 537 or 07766 416 605, (or indeed, any member of the committee).



SHAVUOT SERVICE AND KIDDUSH

This year's Shavuot Service and celebrations will be taking place on **Sunday** morning, **20 May 2018**, starting at **10.30am**.

Following the Service, there will be a Shavuot diary Kiddush, to which everyone is invited.



FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

To comply with the Food Standard requirements, we are holding a Food Safety training course at **Ne've Shalom** on **Sunday 10 June 2018** starting at **10.00am**.

This **free** training is open to everyone, but is especially relevant to those members who are on the refreshment rota. Please can you inform Audrey Sugarman on (01482) 563835 who will add your name to the list.



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 29 June**, 2018, starting at **6.00pm** prompt.

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. Please make every effort to attend.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING

22 April 2018

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

Business

A special plaque would be made in remembrance of Aubrey Gordon and Geoff Levy to recognise their role as the first spiritual leaders of the Shul. Council members agreed that due to safety requirements, the designated area for smoking would be along the side of the building near to the road. This was a sheltered area and anyone wishing to smoke would have to adhere to this directive. Ian informed the Council that the Shul's website now contained a privacy policy. Ian also informed the Council that he had confirmed the Jewish status of Jonothan Stuart Plotnek and that he would be eligible to become a full member of the Shul.

The Chair gave his apologies for postponing the previous week's Council Meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. He reported that there was a very good turnout for this year's Communal Seder and a superb night was enjoyed by all. He thanked Sarita for conducting the Seder and the ladies who prepared and served the wonderful food. Seven members attended the defibrillator and first aid training held on Sunday 15 April 2018. Aimi had passed her first aid course with 100%. Well done Aimi. To mark the 70th anniversary of the State of Israel, a BBQ had been held at Pryme Street and was a huge success.

The Chair reported that an invitation had been received from the Humberside Police Forum for the Shul to give a brief overview of the Jewish community, its background and any current issues. Ian and Andy agreed to represent the Shul. An e-mail had been received from Chris Lilley reporting on his ill health and his concerns about his future well-being. The Council sent all their good wishes. The Treasurer informed the Council that to meet the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), she would be sending information to all members requesting their consent for the Shul to hold their personal data. Those Council members holding the personal data of members, would have to sign additional forms to confirm that this data was secure, encrypted and only used in respect of the activities of the Shul. The MRJ have been given consent by the Shul to hold all members' personal data.

The Council was informed that Christine Joseph Jay's final Beit Din interview on 15 March 2018 had been successful and that her conversion had been certificated. Gill Drummond's final Beit Din interview would be held at the Shul via Skype on 14 June 2018.

The Chair explained that to comply with Food Standard regulations, the Shul had to meet certain standards of cleanliness and hygiene and also to have trained staff. He had therefore arranged for a Food Safety training course to take place in the Shul Hall on Sunday 10 June 2018. The course would be between 10.00am to 4.00pm and any member who prepared food in the kitchen would have to attend, or be removed from the kitchen rota. Regarding cleanliness, it was agreed that a professional cleaning company would be brought in following the clearance of non-required items by a team of members. To improve security, the Council agreed to purchase a new lock for the outer door with a 4 digit pass code. This would enable the door to be permanently locked, but allow members to gain access.

Date of next Council meeting – Friday 15 June 2018

WHO KNEW?

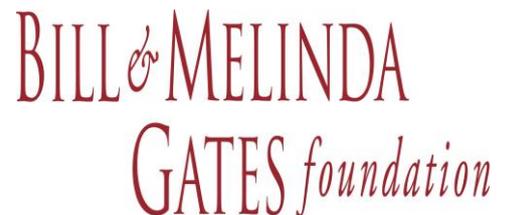
We were contacted recently about the role that the Hull League of Jewish Women (LJW) played in 1961, when Hull worked together to show the world that polio could be eradicated. Members of the Hull LJW were involved in the administration and distribution of Oral vaccine and the following article, written by Peter Hirschfeld, a past member of Ne've Shalom, describes how this event was commemorated in Hull on 23 April 2018.



In October 1961 Hull was hit by an epidemic of Polio. The city pulled together in ways that few people appear to be aware. Various voluntary organisations provided volunteers to help with logistical support to those dispensing the oral vaccine to 300,000 people in the town over 1 week. Hull was the first city to fully vaccinate their population using this system of inoculation.

Amongst the organisations providing volunteers was the Hull branch of the League of Jewish Women. My mother, Sylvia Hirschfeld, was the Chairperson at the time and must have helped to recruit volunteers from within the ranks of the organisations. However, she never spoke about this to her family and having talked to others whose mothers were involved, this was the norm. Perhaps this was in part due to the war time spirit when the community pull together in time of adversity.

Moving onto April 2018, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are funding the “One Last Push” Campaign; a pledge to eradicate Polio across the world. Three countries still have Polio cases and this initiative will hopefully help in the eradication. As part of this work they have visited cities to promote their aims and to get people to sign their pledge. Hull was chosen because of the epidemic in October 1961 and the work of the volunteers.



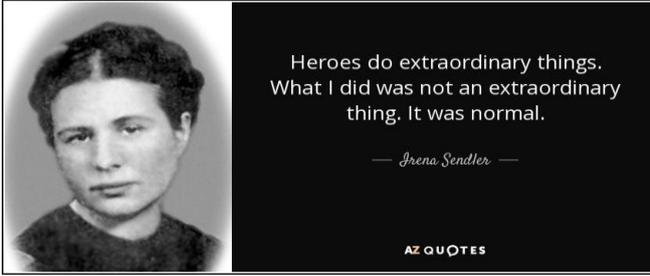
To commemorate this and to spread the message during World Immunisation Week, the Foundation marked the first day of their campaign (April 23rd) with the making of an art installation using boxes of sugar-cubes to half fill two Kingston Communication's Cream Phone boxes, On top of which sat a piece of sculpture made from the cubes.

Three members of the congregation, with a connection to the Hull League of Jewish Women in 1961, attended to help with the art installation, namely Audrey Sugarman, who sister was a member of the Hull LJW in 1961, Penny Marks whose mother was a member and Peter Hirschfeld, whose mother was Chair of the Hull LJW. We formed part of a line of City of Culture volunteers to pass the boxes of sugar cubes to the person filling the phone box. It took considerably longer to complete before the art installation could be placed on top.

Audrey and I also gave interviews to Look North, ITN News and Radio Humberside, as well as all of us having our picture taken as a group for the National League of Jewish Women organisation. This has since been used, together with an article about what happened on the day, in the Jewish Chronicle.

Overall a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience, which helped celebrate the work of the voluntary groups during the original epidemic in 1961.

IRENA SENDLER RESCUE, RESISTANCE AND THE HUMAN



Irena Sendler co-ordinated the rescue of hundreds of Jewish children to escape the horrors of the Warsaw ghetto.

To mark the 10th anniversary of her death, 2018 is internationally recognised as the year of Irena Sendler.

The Wilberforce Institute has agreed to host an exhibition about the Righteous Gentile, Irena Sendler, by the Polish consulate. It will run at the Institute, 27 High Street, Hull HU1 1NE between Monday 25 June - Friday 29 June 2018. 10.00am -3.00pm each day.

On Thursday 28 June, there will be a lecture entitled “Irena Sendler- Rescue, Resistance and the Human” by Antony Lishak at 4.30pm. Refreshments will served from 4.00pm. Booking is not required.



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THE HULL JEWISH COMMUNITY GROVE

OUR TARGET HAS BEEN REACHED!

The Hull Jewish Community Grove was initiated in celebration of the 250 years of Jewish life in Hull. To all those members of the Community who have so readily supported the Project, I offer my most sincere thanks!

As President of the Representative Council, I personally wrote to members (present and former) of the Hull Jewish Community, asking for their support, for this once in a lifetime project, marking the 250th Anniversary of Jewish Life in Hull.

The Grove will be dedicated in the first week in October and will be located at Yerucham. All who contributed to the Project are welcome to attend the Dedication Ceremony. Should you wish to attend, or are interested, please advise Michael as soon as possible.

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.

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.

ASK THE RABBI



AskTheRabbi.org responds to the following Shavuot-themed questions:

“Why is it a custom to have a dairy meal (especially cheesecake!) on Shavuot, unlike on other Jewish Festivals?”

It is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot, possibly as one component in re-enacting the Sinai experience.

Having just received the laws about kosher food at Sinai, the Jewish people had no choice but to limit themselves to dairy or plant-based foods. They could not eat meat right after Sinai since that would require kosher slaughter, salting and other preparations before it could be eaten. So all they were left with was dairy food - like delicious cheesecake!

“Why is the Book of Ruth read on Shavuot?”

One explanation is that Ruth's tremendous self-sacrifice in abandoning her country, her wealth and her comfort in order to become part of the Jewish people is a lesson to us all about priorities in life.

Another reason is that on Shavuot we all look upon ourselves as converts to Judaism. When the Jewish people came to Mt. Sinai, they unconditionally accepted the entire Torah and God's sovereignty. They purified themselves, the men were circumcised and the entire people entered into a covenant with God. Each of these steps is repeated by every convert to Judaism.

A third reason is that Ruth's great-grandson was King David, who was born on Shavuot (and 70 years later, died on Shavuot). The Messiah will ultimately trace his lineage to King David.

“Is there any special mitzvah to be fulfilled on Shavuot like there are on other Jewish Festivals, such as eating matzah on Passover?”

Shavuot is the anniversary of the Revelation on Mount Sinai, when God communicated the Torah to the entire Jewish people and in so doing, revealed to them their national mission and purpose. In our prayers, Shavuot is referred to as *Z'man Ma'tan Tora'teinu*, the time of the Giving of our Torah.

Unlike all the other holidays, no particular mitzvah is associated with Shavuot: On Passover, we eat matzah, on Sukkot we dwell in a sukkah and on Rosh Hashanah we blow the shofar, but no specific commandment is related to the giving of the Torah. Shavuot celebrates the totality of Torah. The Torah is all encompassing, it sanctifies and elevates every aspect of life; therefore it cannot be encapsulated in any single ritual, or any one experience.

On all festivals, the spiritual light that originally encompassed the world on the first occasion of that festival (for instance, the very first Passover) flows again every year at that same time. This increased spirituality is available to us if we are attuned to it.

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

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| Morris Levin | 17 May 2018 | Jeannette Sevilla | 10 June 2018 |
| Anita Sevilla | 17 May 2018 | Les Rosenberg | 11 June 2018 |
| Warren Winetroube | 20 May 2018 | Issac Maniloff | 13 June 2018 |
| Thelma Kelsey | 21 May 2018 | Abby Furman | 14 June 2018 |
| Rosza Lusztig | 22 May 2018 | Jennie Harris | 18 June 2018 |
| Gerald Godfrey | 27 May 2018 | Cissie Silver | 18 June 2018 |
| Annie Brookner | 30 May 2018 | Edgar Bennett | 18 June 2018 |
| Beatrice Levy | 30 May 2018 | Berta Rose | 19 June 2018 |
| Ada Bransky | 1 June 2018 | Janet Sugarman | 20 June 2018 |
| Stuart Rosenthal | 4 June 2018 | Immanuel Godfrey | 20 June 2018 |
| Harold Harris | 7 June 2018 | Phillip Waytzman | 20 June 2018 |
| Leah Stetinski | 7 June 2018 | Jim Smith | 3 July 2018 |

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 18 May | 7.00pm | Malcolm Rosenberg | Lesley Annis Shirley Cassidy |
| Sunday 20 May (Shavuot Service and Kiddush) | 10.30am | Ian Sugarman | Aimi Sugarman Audrey Sugarman |
| Friday 25 May | 7.00pm | Sarita Robinson | Elaine Winetroube Joanne Kearsley |
| Friday 1 June | 7.00pm | Aimi Sugarman | Gill Drummond Helen Jackman |
| Shabbat 2 June | 10.30am | Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland | Audrey Sugarman Gillian Smith |
| Shabbat 2 June (Torah Workshop) | 12.15pm | Tony Sevilla-Harland | N/A |
| Friday 8 June | 7.00pm | Ian Sugarman | Deborah Wrapson Joanne Kearsley |
| Sunday 10 June (Food Safety Training Course) | 10.00am | Andy Harbert | Audrey Sugarman |
| Friday 15 June (Council Meeting) | 6.00pm | Andy Harbert | N/A |
| Friday 15 June | 7.00pm | Phil O'Driscoll Andy Harbert | Veronika Keczkas Elaine Winetroube |
| Friday 22 June | 7.00pm | Mark Huntington | Lesley Annis Jackie Lukes |
| Friday 29 June (Synagogue AGM) | 6.00pm | Andy Harbert | N/A |
| Friday 29 June (Admission to Faith Ceremony) | 7.00pm | Malcolm Rosenberg Sarita Robinson | Shirley Cassidy Christine Joseph-Jay |
| Friday 6 July | 7.00pm | Aimi Sugarman | Gill Drummond Veronika Keczkas |
| Shabbat 7 July | 10.30am | Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland | Audrey Sugarman Gillian Smith |
| Shabbat 7 July (Torah Workshop) | 12.15pm | Tony Sevilla-Harland | N/A |
| Friday 13 July | 7.00pm | Sarita Robinson | Gillian Smith Joanne Kearsley |
| Friday 20 July | 7.00pm | Phil O'Driscoll Andy Harbert | Lesley Annis Audrey Sugarman |
| Friday 27 July | 7.00pm | Tony Sevilla-Harland | Deborah Wrapson Ann Sevilla-Harland |

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.