

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



CHAIR'S REPORT

Tammuz 5778 June/July 2018

Shalom,

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the summer at last.

I would like to thank Ian for taking our Shavuot Service on Sunday 20 May which went very well. The turnout this year was not the best we have had, but all those present enjoyed Ian's service and the Shavuot-themed Kiddush afterwards.

All members should have now received their GDPR paperwork from Aimi. As you are aware, this is regarding the new data protection regulations and a big thank to everyone who has now returned the signed documents.

If you have not yet returned them, please could you kindly send them back to Aimi as soon as possible, to ensure that our Shul meets the new regulations. I would especially like to thank Aimi for doing this mammoth task!

I would also like to wish Chris Lilley all the best for his heart operation on 5 July. We are thinking about you and hope to see you back in Shul soon.

We are holding the Shul AGM on Friday 29 June at 6.00pm, after which will be the Friday Night Service. Everyone is welcome to attend and 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. Further details can be found on page 3.

Please don't forget to come to our Friday Night services at 7.00pm and Shabbat Morning Services at 10.30am.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL



MDA GARDEN PARTY

The Hull Friends of Magen David Adom (MDA) would like to invite all of the Hull Jewish Community to attend their garden party on **Sunday 17 June 2018** at **2.30pm**.

The event is being held at the home of Angela and Les Gold, Riga House, 24 Humber Road, North Ferriby HU14 3DW. The official 'openers' will be Anna and Henry Grantham. As well as refreshments, there will be a bottle stall, cake stall, plant stall, raffles, games and a variety of other fund raising activities.

Tickets are still available and these can obtained by contacting Anita Coupland on (01482) 657494 who can also provide further details.



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 Thursday 21 June 2018 at 2.00pm.

There will be entertainment, as well as 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).



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.

The agenda includes the Chair's report, the presentation of the Shul's accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018, 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 held before the Friday Night Service. Please make every effort to attend.

If you wish to be considered for the Shul Council and meet the criteria for election, the nomination form for Council positions can be found on page 9. These people are responsible for the financial and administrative control of the Shul and it's vital that anyone who wants to be involved has the opportunity to do so.

Please ensure that you complete the nomination form and send it back no later than **Friday 22 June 2018** to the Secretary, Joanne Kearsley.

THE SECOND PASSOVER

On Shabbat B'ha'alotecha, there was mention of the existence of a Second Passover. This article by Chaim Lazer, which first appeared in the on-line edition of the "Jewish Magazine", provides some insight into this Festival.

Have you ever heard of the holiday called Pesach Sheni. It means the second Passover. On the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Iyar, exactly one month after the day before Passover, we have a special holiday that is called Pesach Sheni, the second Passover. This year, 2018, the second Passover fell on Sunday 29 April. It is a real holiday and today many even celebrate it. How and when did it come to be? Let me explain:

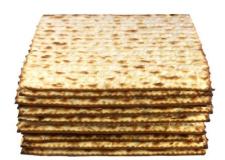
On the day before Passover, on the fourteenth of Nisan, was the day when the Paschal Lamb was brought to the holy Temple to be offered on the holy Altar. Only those who were of ritual purity could offer the Paschal lamb. Anyone who was defiled (ritually impure) could not bring the Paschal lamb to the holy Temple. In order not to take away from this great mitzvah and spiritual infusing experience, G-d in His great mercy commanded that anyone who was unable to bring the Paschal sacrifice at the proper time, either because they were impure or too far away could bring in one month later on the



fourteenth of Iyar. They were to eat it together with matzah and bitter herbs, just like it was done on Passover.

The first Pesach Sheni was observed on the second year after the Jews left Egypt. This was because there were men who were ritually defiled from carrying the remains of Joseph from Egypt to Israel to be buried in Shechem (Nabulus of today). These men could not bring the required Paschal Lamb along side of the rest of the Jews. They came to Moses and asked him what they could do, as they also wanted to enjoy the benefit of a Passover experience. Moses then asked G-d who gave the special mitzvah.

Today, although we are able to live in our holy land, yet the holy Temple has yet to be



rebuilt. We are all in a state of ritual impurity and many of us are distant from G-d. Yet the underlying principle of Pesach Sheni still applies. All who desire to bring their Pascal lamb and enjoy the spiritual wealth of eating of the true Pascal lamb, sit down and eat matzah on this day.

Pesach Sheni, the second Passover, come to tell us that it is never too late to return to G-d. No matter how far we have wandered from the true path to G-d,

no matter how much we have become defiled from the spiritual void, G-d in his infinite kindness gives us a second chance.

Matzah is not like bread; bread spoils after a few days; matzah does not. Bread is puffed up – and it spoils; matzah is lowly – and it endures for a long time without spoiling. People who are puffed up have their day of glory and then they are gone.

It is the humble who endure and continue the chain of Jewish life. Let us remember this on the second Passover when we eat our leftover matzah: We shall continue; we shall endure.

Enjoy the day by having a piece of matzah, even though your house is full with bread.

WHO IS A JEW? - THE LATEST



On 4 June 2018, the former Israeli Justice Minister, Moshe Nissim, presented his recommendations on the subject of conversion to the Israeli Prime Minister after a process that lasted for 8 months. During this period, the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism (IMPJ) met twice with Mr. Nissim for lengthy working meetings.

The recommendations of the former minister were presented after the government requested the Israeli Supreme Court to delay submitting their decision on the petitions by the Israel Reform and Conservative movements to recognise their conversions, for the law of

return. (In other words a situation wherein people who are not Israeli citizens, undergo Reform conversion in Israel order to request recognition as new immigrants). In principal the proposal had three main parts:

- 1. That by law in Israel there would be only one authority for conversion and that this would be Orthodox. Private conversion (both Orthodox and non-Orthodox would not be recognised).
- 2. Israeli law would recognise that (as already decided by the Supreme Court) that conversions by all Jewish communities in the Diaspora (including Reform and Conservative) would be legal and recognized for purposes of the law of return and those converts would be allowed to make Aliyah to Israel and be officially registered as Jews in the Population Registry.
- 3. Supervision of all issues involving conversion including nominating conversion "dayanim" (judges) would be done by a new government authority (not the chief rabbinate). In this new authority there would be representatives of the government, the chief rabbinate, and the Jewish Agency for Israel (with specific representation by JAFI of the Reform and Conservative streams). The chief rabbinate would not have veto power whatsoever.

The following comments have been issued by the IMPJ to the above recommendations.

"The recommendations of the Nissim committee are concerning yet interesting at the same time. Of course we cannot agree to have Orthodox conversion be the sole basis in Israel for establishing the right to be considered a Jew under the Law of Return. On the other hand the proposal for the first time calls for legally recognising non-Orthodox conversions done outside of Israel, and protects the advances we have already made in Israel. Additionally there is a clear recognition that the chief rabbinate can no longer have a monopoly on the issue of conversion.

As we expected the Haredi political parties and the Rabbinic establishment in Israel have already begun an attack on the recommendations while at the same time renewing their campaign of vilification of the non-Orthodox streams. As we told Mr. Nissim and the representatives of the government, there is no chance that politically the recommendation for new laws can be passed because of the makeup of the present government coalition.

Therefore as of now our media strategy in Israel is to relate to the Haredi and Orthodox establishment's attacks on the proposal and on us as further proof (after the Kotel) that there is no willingness by the Rabbinic establishment to make progress on any compromise. In this situation there is no reason now to study the Nissim recommendations in depth and decide on our position towards a compromise.

The single danger that we must be aware of is that there may be an attempt to promote a conversion law not on the basis of the Nissim recommendations, and that it would be based on previous versions that give sole power to the monopoly of the chief rabbinate over conversion in Israel.

These proposals are not at present on the table but we have to remember that the delicate political situation of the coalition might lead to this. In the event that these proposals are renewed we will need to respond in the strongest possible manner as we did successfully many times in the past."

The following is the response by Rabbi Gilad Kariv, President and CEO of the IMPJ, to the conversion recommendations.

"In the recommendations on the issue of conversion there are both worrisome and encouraging aspects, and on the surface a discussion would be appropriate.

However it is clear that the Haredi political parties and the Rabbinic establishment are already planning to bury the recommendations permanently.



This is more proof that they are not interested in reaching a national agreement or compromise. This is exactly why these parties cannot be given sole responsibility for entrance through the "gates of the Jewish people" which belong to all the Jewish people in Israel and the Diaspora, and not to an extreme minority.

After the inappropriate and destructive conduct of the Government of Israel following the Western Wall compromise agreement, we are not willing to again enter into new understandings with the government only to later discover that the Prime Minister's "natural partners" will have thwarted them rudely while carrying on a campaign of insult, slander, and incitement against millions of Reform and Conservative Jews."

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.

CHAGIGAH 2018



There are still a few places left for this year's Chagigah 2018. Chagigah is the Movement's biennial celebration of Reform Judaism. Chagigah means just that: a celebration. It reflects the special atmosphere created over a weekend away, celebrating Reform Judaism and being part of one big community. It is being held on **22-24 June 2018** at Eastwood Hall near Nottingham.

For more details, visit https://www.reformjudaism.org.uk/events/chagigah2018 or contact Sarita Robinson on 07415 274 362

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

Jennie Harris	18 June 2018	Ann Greenstone	15 July 2018
Cissie Silver	18 June 2018	Malcolm Gold	18 July 2018
Edgar Bennett	18 June 2018	Alan Hillel Gerstein	21 July 2018
Berta Rose	19 June 2018	Bernard Annis	22 July 2018
Janet Sugarman	20 June 2018	Samuel Rosenthall	24 July 2018
Immanuel Godfrey	20 June 2018	Barbara Bennett	24 July 2018
Phillip Waytzman	20 June 2018	Harry Tessler	12 Aug. 2018
Jim Smith	3 July 2018	Sheila Chetham	18 Aug. 2018
Tessa Pliener	9 July 2018	Nicholas Rauchwerger	20 Aug. 2018
Becky Furman	11 July 2018	Cyril Danns	21 Aug. 2018
Bert Goldstone	15 July 2018	Marrianne Kuschnitzky	21 Aug. 2018
Solly Bermitz	15 July 2018	Sam Peysner	26 Aug. 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 15 June (Council Meeting)	6.00pm	Andy Harbert	N/A
Friday 15 June	7.00pm	Phil O'Driscoll Andy Harbert	Veronika Keczkes 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 Keczkes
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
Friday 3 August	7.00pm	Mark Huntington	Veronika Keczkes Jackie Lukes
Shabbat 4 August	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Audrey Sugarman Gillian Smith
Shabbat 4 August (Torah Workshop)	12.15pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	N/A
Friday 10 August	7.00pm	Malcolm Rosenberg	Shirley Cassidy Helen Jackman
Friday 17 August	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Elaine Winetroube Gill Drummond
Friday 24 August	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Christine Joseph-Jay Deborah Wrapson
Friday 31 August	7.00pm	Phil O'Driscoll Andy Harbert	Lesley Annis Joanne Kearsley

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.

NOMINATIONS FOR SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

All the positions on the Council are open to nomination and voting for each position (if there is more than one nominee) will take place at the **Annual General Meeting** of Ne've Shalom – The Hull Reform Synagogue on **Friday 29 June, 2018** in the Synagogue Hall, Great Gutter Lane, Willerby HU10 6DP at **6.00pm prompt**. All nominations must be received by the Synagogue Secretary no later than midnight, Friday 22 June, 2018, otherwise the papers will be deemed as invalid. If the position does not have a nominee, then that position will be unfilled on the night and the Synagogue Council, if it so decides, has the power to co-opt a person to that position at a later date.

When nominating and seconding a person for any position, please ensure that the nominee wants to be considered and is aware of the duties of that position.

To complete the form below, please insert the name of the person being nominated against the appropriate position and complete the details of the proposer and seconder in the boxes below.

Position	Present Holder	Person Being Nominated	
Chairman:	Andy Harbert		
Vice-Chairman:	Phil O'Driscoll		
Secretary:	Joanne Kearsley		
Treasurer:	Aimi Sugarman		
Senior Warden:	Audrey Sugarman		
Council Members:	Henry Goldstone		
	Malcolm Rosenberg		
	Elaine Winetroube		
Please complete (in capital letters):		Please complete (in capital letters):	
PROPOSER		SECONDER	
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	

When completed, please send this nomination form to:

Mrs Joanne Kearsley, Secretary, 29 Copse Road, Ashby, Scunthorpe DN16 3JA or at ioannekearsley@yahoo.co.uk

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.