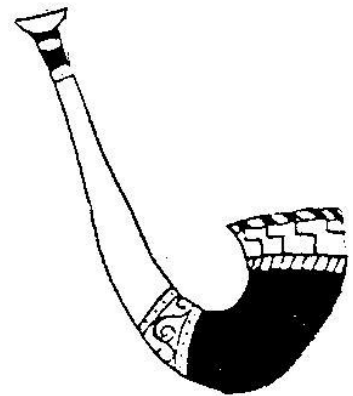
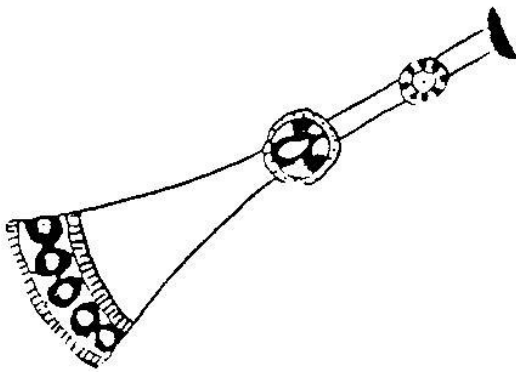
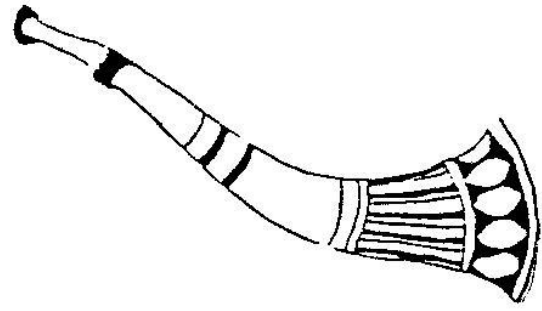


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*The Official Newsletter of Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue*



## *CHAIR'S REPORT*

Adar 2 5779  
March 2019

Shalom. I would like to thank Aimi for providing such a splendid Seder table for Tu B'Shevat on Sunday evening 20 January. Ian led a remarkable service which all 7 of us enjoyed! I must admit I was truly disappointed with the lack of members attending such a lovely evening, when so much effort had gone in to preparing the celebrations.

The Cardiology Ward at Castle Hill Hospital had the great pleasure of Henry Goldstone visiting them for a few days last month. Henry had a few new parts fitted and he is now back on top form and guarding the memorial boards again.

We held our annual famous Open Service on Friday 22 February. We had in excess of 80 people attending and I have received remarkable feedback from all who attended the evening. A big thank you goes to Ian for taking the splendid service and the running commentary. Also thanks go to Audrey and her helpers, Lesley, Joanne, Elaine, Shirley and Deborah, for providing the splendid Jewish-style foods afterwards. Members of Ne've Shalom have been invited to All Saints Church in Preston on Sunday evening 5th May at 6.00pm for their Service. I feel that it would be nice if we could go along and support them, as they supported us.



Sadly, it's with great sadness that I have to report that our Vice Chairman, Phil, is standing down from his role. Phil has been a truly remarkable person to work with. He has done so much for the Shul over the last few years and he has been the back bone for many things in keeping the place ticking over. On behalf of all members, Phil, thank you so much for all you have done for Ne've Shalom. We will be seeking a replacement at the AGM in June.

This year's Purim celebrations will be taking place on Wednesday 20th March at 7.00pm. Although fancy dress is optional, prizes will be awarded for best dressed, as judged by our team of experts.

I'm pleased to report that we have managed to draw down some funding to provide security cover for the Shul, and hopefully, this will be on-going. We will be dimming the lights on Sunday 24 March at 2.00pm for another one of our successful film showings. This time we are showing the Film Yentl. Further details on page 3. Our Senior Warden, Malcolm Rosenberg, has volunteered to lead this year's Communal Seder on Friday evening 19 April. (He actually came forward and volunteered... really). Further details can be found on page 4 on how to obtain tickets.

Finally, 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.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

### 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 13 March 2019** at **2.00pm**.

There will be entertainment followed by the usual sumptuous repast. We would love to see all our usual friends plus anyone else who would enjoy a special afternoon, 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).

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### PURIM SERVICE AND KIDDUSH



This year's Purim celebrations will be taking place on **Wednesday evening, 20 March 2019**, starting at **7.00pm**. As usual, the Purim Service and reading of the Megillah Esther will be conducted by members of the congregation. Fancy dress is optional, but it is Purim after all, and a prize will be awarded to the best dressed. Although the Purim tradition is that you must be so intoxicated that you are unable to tell Haman from Mordechai, no spirits or strong alcohol will be provided, only Kiddush wine, sadly. Please make every effort to attend what should be a fun evening.



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### FREE FILM SHOW FOR ALL

Following our recent successful film showing of "Sixty Six", there will be a showing of the film "Yentl" in the Shul hall at the Ne've Shalom Synagogue.

Rebbe Mendel (Nehemiah Persoff) is a single father who teaches the Talmud, a sacred text of Judaism, to the boys of his small Polish town. Behind closed doors, he also instructs his daughter, Yentl (Barbra Streisand), despite the fact that girls are forbidden to study religious scripture. When Yentl's father dies, she still has a strong desire to learn about her faith - so she disguises herself as a male, enrolls in a religious school, and unexpectedly finds love along the way. If you wish

to view the 'trailer', it can be found at <https://youtu.be/iUUILOhBRCw>

The event is taking place on **Sunday 24 March 2019** at **2.00pm** 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 be missed as it contains many memorable Barbara Streisand songs and the screenplay is written by Jack Rosenthal.

## FORTHCOMING EVENT

### COMMUNAL SEDER 5779



This year's Communal Seder will be taking place on the **first night of Pesach, Friday 19 April 2019**.

The Seder Service will commence at **6.30pm** and, as in previous years, the Seder is for members and their friends and there are limited places available. As always, we are very pleased that our Communal Seder is such a well attended event.

To ensure there is sufficient catering for everyone we need you to **book your place in advance**. Tickets will again cost **£13.00** per person **for members** and **£18.00** per person **for non-members** (£7.00 for children under 13 years).

Tickets are available from Helen Jackman, who can be contacted on 07884 432 329, or at [helen@hsts.co.uk](mailto:helen@hsts.co.uk) or see Andy in Shul.

**Please note**, that although bookings **should** be made in advance, should you choose to pay on the night, the prices will rise to **£15.00** per person **for members** and **£20.00** per person **for non-members**. Don't wait, book now and save!

To help us with catering, Deborah, Shirley and Joanne would be grateful for an expression of interest in attending. They may ask you for help in making a salad etc., to make the event a really communal affair and you can reclaim the cost of the ingredients.

If you have helped regularly in previous years and are not intending to join us this year - it would be helpful if you could let Deborah know. Deborah can be contacted on 01482 848247, at [deb.wrap@gmail.com](mailto:deb.wrap@gmail.com) or see her in Shul.

You can also use [joannekearsley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joannekearsley@yahoo.co.uk) and Joanne will forward any messages to Deborah.

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## SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

Chairman:	Andy Harbert (Shul Management)	07736 397858
Vice Chairman:	To be confirmed	
Secretary:	Joanne Kearsley (Administration)	01724 340506
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	Shirley Cassidy (Catering)	01652 634479
Life President:	Ian Sugarman	01482 835864

# *SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING*

*25 January 2019*

**Present** - Andy Harbert (Chair), Joanne Kearsley (Secretary), Aimi Sugarman (Treasurer), Audrey Sugarman, Malcolm Rosenberg, Shirley Cassidy, Elaine Winetroube and Ian Sugarman (Life President).

## **Business**

Chris, the caretaker, had now installed a light with a movement-sensor above the Shul entrance to make it easier for people to see the key pad in the dark. The Chair reported that Humber Watch Ltd would be shortly installing a new CCTV system to improve the Shul's current security. Malcolm reported that he had spoken with Norman Harrap & Son, a stained glass supplier, located in Spring Bank in Hull, to enquire about providing resin-stained glass to imitate stained-glass windows for the Shul in memory of the late Warren Winetroube. Having spoken to them, it appeared that what they could provide was far too expensive and he would carry out further research online to find something more suitable, such as ready-made Perspex. Ian reported that the Watchman would be promoting the Shul's upcoming film afternoon for free.

The Chair thanked Aimi for organising the Tu B'Shevat Seder Service and reported that all those who had attended felt that it had been a lovely evening. He also reported that Laura Gold had been elected as the new President of the Hull Jewish Representative Council (HJRC) and that the HJRC would be sponsoring a barbecue to celebrate the anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel, which would be held at the Pryme Street Synagogue on Sunday 12 May 2019. The Chair also reported the death of Sydney Bush on 21 December 2018 and, on behalf of the Council, wished Ann, Sarita and all his family "Long Life".

The Chair announced that a MRJ seminar regarding Safeguarding would be taking place on Sunday 10 February 2019 at Jackson's Row Synagogue in Manchester. Aimi confirmed that she would be representing the Shul. The Chair also reported that he had received a letter from CST confirming that funds were now in place to pay for security services at the Shul until the end of March 2019.

The Chair announced that he was looking to give the small classroom a makeover. The classroom would be cleared of bookcases, decorated and furnished for use as a 'quiet room', where members could go to read or just relax, when required.

The Holocaust Memorial Service will be held at the Guildhall, Hull, on Sunday 27 January 2019 at 2.00pm and the next Friendly Circle will be held on Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 2.00pm at the Pryme Street Synagogue. The Friday Open Service will be held on 22 February 2019 at 7.00pm, whilst the Purim Service and Kiddush (Fancy Dress) will be held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 7.00pm. Another communal film show will be held on Sunday 24 March at 2.00pm and the film will be 'Yentl', starring Barbra Streisand. This year's Communal First Night Seder will be held on Friday 19 April at 6.30pm.

Following on from the previous discussions regarding a student Rabbi for the High Holy Days 5780, Council members reported that the consensus of opinion from members of the Shul was that they preferred the Shul's Lay Readers to conduct the Services. The Chair thanked the Council for their feedback from the members and said that he would inform MRJ of the Council's decision.

**Date of next Council meeting** – Friday 15 March 2019

## GETTING DRUNK ON PURIM: IS IT WORTH IT?

This feature article by Avi Lazerson was first published in the March 2014 edition of the Jewish magazine and discusses the need to be intoxicated on Purim.



Each year Rabbis come out and request that people drink within moderation on Purim even though the halachic requirement is to drink until one does not know the difference between "*Cursed is Haman and Blessed is Mordachai.*" The reality of the situation is that many young people in yeshivas do get drunk and have much fun and do nothing sinful or dangerous. Yet for others, the thought of getting drunk is disgraceful and I happen to agree but within a certain frame work. Getting drunk during the year, meaning not during Purim is a reckless action that removes one's brains and mind from a person's actions. During the year it can be very harmful and lead to alcoholism.

Drunkness should be avoided in all cases. Drunks are next to drug addicts on the bottom rungs of humanity. But on Purim, each person has the ability to use that normally despicable pattern of behaviour to elevate his soul above the mundane. The ancient sages condoned, even encouraged, getting drunk this once. The reason being that often times we need a catalyst to enable us to push aside the facade of the physical world in order that we can apprehend the spiritual elements that exist side by side with the physical. The problem is that as we live our lives, we live them in accordance to the physical environment that surrounds us. We realise that there are doors to open to go in and out. There are walls that separate us from others. Food and drink are for sustaining and giving us a feeling of well being. Everything in our life is physical to the point that we begin to view life as chiefly being physical. The spiritual side, well, it may be somewhere, but who knows?



As one begins to drink on Purim, the drinking is done only for the purpose of fulfilling the Sages dictum "*A person should drink on Purim until he does not know...*" When the physical attraction of the world is diminished and spiritual side begins to beckon to you, you have realized that there is more to the world than the physical. Yes, although this may be a substance induced realization, still a spiritual experience is worth the hangover that is the next morning's badge of faith. Someone who cannot trust himself to drink sanely and safely has no business drinking. If a person is not careful with the mitzvot of G-d and he may come to transgress, he has no business drinking.

Each person must look into their own hearts and decide for themselves if they should drink or not. Remember, there is no sin in not drinking or not getting drunk, but there is one if one gets drunk and does something wrong.

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## ASK THE RABBI



Asktherabbi.org responds to the questions:

**“Is it true that G-d is not mentioned in the Book of Esther?  
If so, why not? Why do we wear masks and dress up on Purim?”**

Although the Book of Esther is part of the Bible, it never mentions the name of G-d, though there are veiled allusions. This surprising omission actually reflects a central theme of this holiday. On Purim we celebrate the fact that the hand of G-d guides us, even at times when we do not see open miracles or obvious Divine intervention. When we read the Megillah, we are not awestruck by dramatic changes in the laws of nature, but by a series of seemingly disconnected events that ultimately resulted in the salvation of the Jewish people.

King Ahasuerous executed his first wife and chose the beautiful Esther as his new queen. These are not miracles, but behaviour to be expected from a despotic king. Nor was it a miracle that Mordechai once saved the king from an assassination plot, thereby earning his gratitude. Each event, in and of itself, was not miraculous or even exceptional. When seen in retrospect however, the series of events is seen as engineered from Above for the purpose of evoking repentance from the Jewish people and then saving them from danger.

This theme of allusion may also be the reason behind the custom of wearing costumes on Purim. The masks and costumes show that truth always lies beneath the surface, that the physical world conceals the true spiritual reality.

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## A BIT OF JEWISH HUMOUR

The Rabbi of a very large congregation passed away and went up to heaven. At the gates, the angel in charge looked over the Rabbi's merits and faults and gave him the keys to a upmarket SUV, as befitted his status. The Rabbi went out for a spin, in order to see what status his former friends had achieved. He saw some with slightly better cars, but the bulk of those he saw drove standard Vauxhalls and Volvos.

Suddenly, a big six-door limousine went by. It had every convenience imaginable. The Rabbi honked his horn and the driver pulled down his tinted window. The Rabbi was shocked at what he saw. There, sitting with a cigar in his mouth, was Chaim, the synagogue bus driver. The Rabbi quickly turned his car around and drove back to the angel. “How could this be?” sputtered the Rabbi. “The bus driver of my synagogue drives a limousine and I, the Rabbi, have a SUV?”

“Chaim has many more merits than you,” explained the angel.

“When you got up to give a sermon, you used to put people to sleep. But the way Chaim drove the bus, people never stopped praying!”

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Sadie tells Maurice, “You're a shlemiel! You always were a shlemiel and you always will be a shlemiel.

You look, act and dress like a shlemiel. You'll be a shlemiel until the day you die. And if they ran a world-wide competition for shlemiels, you would be the world's second biggest shlemiel.”

“Why only second place?” Maurice asks.

“Because you're a Shlemiel,” screams Sadie.

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

Diana Halliday (II)	9 Mar. 2019	Joe Sugarman	13 Apr. 2019
Lilian Friend (II)	16 Mar. 2019	Barnett Furman	14 Apr. 2019
Hilda Schooler (II)	16 Mar. 2019	Hilda Rosenthal	19 Apr. 2019
Joseph Rosenberg (II)	18 Mar. 2019	Charles Leon Martin	20 Apr. 2019
Jack Powell (II)	19 Mar. 2019	Phyllis Landau	30 Apr. 2019
Sydney Leving (II)	26 Mar. 2019	Alan Brookner	30 Apr. 2019
Sarah Albeck (II)	30 Mar. 2019	Samuel Wayne	30 Apr. 2019
Maureen Preston (II)	2 Apr. 2019	Max (Mendel) Wayne	30 Apr. 2019
Mick Dubb	8 Apr. 2019	David Silver	1 May 2019
Rosie Warshisky	10 Apr. 2019	Louis Furman	2 May 2019
Dr. Cyril Levin	12 Apr. 2019	Ena Levine	2 May 2019
Queenie Goldstein	12 Apr. 2019	Bernard Sevilla	3 May 2019

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*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Refreshment Rota</b>
Friday 8 March	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Jackie Lukes Rebecca Verlander
Friday 15 March <b>(Council Meeting)</b>	6.00pm	Andy Harbert	N/A
Friday 15 March	7.00pm	Malcolm Rosenberg	Shirley Cassidy Joanne Kearsley
Sunday 17 March <b>(Hebrew Reading Class)</b>	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 17 March <b>(Conversion Class)</b>	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
<b>Wednesday 20 March (Purim Service and Kiddush)</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Ian Sugarman	Deborah Wrapson Jackie Lukes
Friday 22 March	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Audrey Sugarman Sarah James
<b>Sunday 24 March (Free film show – Yentl)</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	Andy Harbert	Aimi Sugarman
Friday 29 March	7.00pm	Mark Huntington	Jackie Lukes Vickie Davide
Sunday 31 March <b>(Hebrew Reading Class)</b>	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 31 March <b>(Conversion Class)</b>	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 5 April	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Helen Jackman Gill Drummond
<b>Shabbat 6 April</b>	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Audrey Sugarman
Friday 12 April	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Christine Joseph Jay Rebecca Verlander
<b>Friday 19 April (Communal Seder)</b>	6.30pm	Malcolm Rosenberg	Joanne Kearsley Shirley Cassidy
Friday 26 April	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Ian Sugarman Sarah James
Friday 3 May	7.00pm	Mark Huntington	Jackie Lukes Vickie Davide
<b>Shabbat 4 May</b>	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Audrey Sugarman
Friday 10 May	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Helen Jackman Gill Drummond

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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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](mailto:joannekearsley@yahoo.co.uk)

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