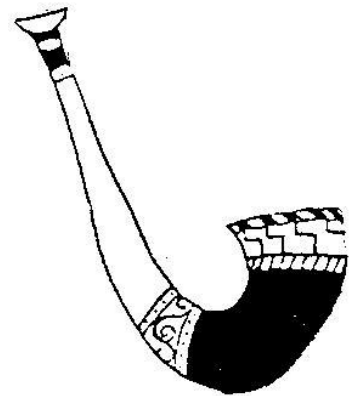
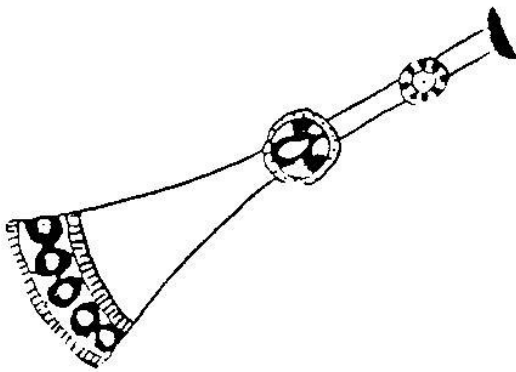
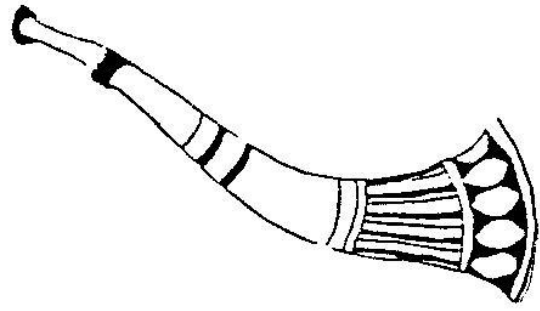


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The Official Newsletter of Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue



CHAIR'S REPORT

Iyar/Sivan 5779
May/June 2019

Shalom.

I hope that you all had a splendid Passover this year, I certainly did!

I would like to personally thank Malcolm Rosenberg, our Senior Warden, for leading the Communal Seder on the first night of Pesach (Friday 19 April). We had around 17 people attending this year and I have received a lot of phone calls and emails expressing how marvellous the evening went. So thank you again Malcolm, for all the preparation you put into making it a memorable evening. Special thanks also go to Deborah Wrapson for co-ordinating and preparing the food for the evening. I would also like to thank Joanne, Shirley and Chris for preparing the Seder tables and arranging the splendid food for the evening. Thanks also go to all our other members and friends who also supplied and prepared the splendid food. Please can I book you all for next year?

I would also like to thank Elaine Winetroube for obtaining a fantastic new deal for the gas and electric supplies for the Shul. Elaine spent several hours on the telephone and following up with endless emails, resulting in Elaine saving us a staggering £600.00 per year. Well done Elaine and thank you again.

Malcolm is in the early planning stages of inviting Dove House Hospice to give a talk to our members about the wonderful work the Hospice undertakes each year. Further details, such as the date, time and place of this presentation, will follow soon.

Audrey, Gillian, Henry and I attended the Open Service at All Saints Church, Preston on Sunday 6 May 2019. We were made very welcome by their community who were delighted to see us. This visit followed on from their attendance at our Open Service in February.

Natalie Winetroube celebrated her 90th birthday a few weeks ago. Best wishes to Natalie. You have to keep going until the big one!

The Friendly Circle are planning a visit to Hornsea for Fish and Chips in July. A coach will be provided for the outing and all are very welcome to attend. Please contact me, or Harold Flasher, for further information.

We are now in the position to start kitting out the quiet room for the Shul. If any members or friends have a couple of grey settee's (*which are fire retardant to The Furniture and Furnishings (Fire Safety) Regulations 1988 (amended 1989 and 1993 act)*) in good modern condition and would like to consider donating them to the Shul, please contact me. I would like to get the room finished before the start of the High Holy days.

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 15 May 2019 at 2.00pm.**

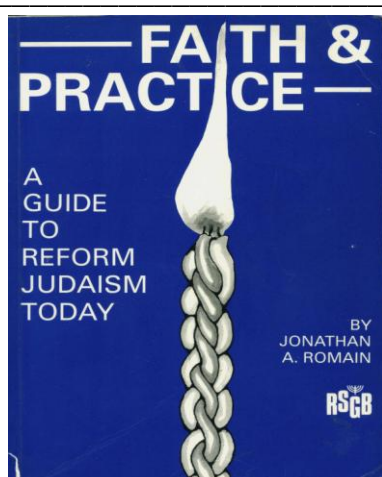
There will be a very interesting talk on the History of Hull by a member of the Hull History Centre followed by the usual sumptuous repast. We would love to see all our usual friends plus anyone else who would enjoy a special afternoon,

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).

We are planning to take a coach load to Hornsea for a fish and chip lunch, followed by either a walk on the seafront or around Hornsea Freeport – depending on the weather. A lot of people have already shown interest, but we can take up to 48 people including those in wheelchairs. It will be on a Wednesday as is usual for a Friendly circle meeting – probably the 22nd of July 2019.

However, at this stage the date is not written in stone and we are open to suggestions for other days, if one proves more convenient. Hopefully, there will be more than just the usual members of the community who attend meetings and as ever anyone is very welcome. Just let me know at your earliest convenience that you are interested and when and we will put your name down.



CONVERSION CLASSES

Having received confirmation that Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers is sponsoring our three Converts, Sarah, Rebecca and Adrian, we have re-commenced our Conversion Classes. The next two classes will take place on Sunday morning **19 May** and **26 May** at **11.30am** and last about an hour.

Although these sessions are primarily to provide academic support to the conversion process, we do have a number of others attending these interesting discussions.

Over the next few sessions, we will be looking at Shabbat Observance, the Jewish Calendar and Festivals. These classes are designed to provide guidance, research biblical sources and provoke discussions on Shabbat observance, the different Festivals, both major and minor, within the Jewish calendar and provide an insight into how these Festivals are celebrated at the Synagogue and within the home.

If you want to come along for a refresher, you are most welcome.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SHAVUOT SERVICE



This year's Shavuot Service and celebrations will be taking place on **Sunday morning, 9 June 2019**, starting at **10.30pm**.

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

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 be taking place on **Friday 21 June, 2019**, 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.

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.

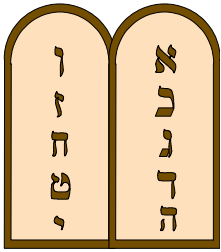
If you require any further information on the positions within the Shul Council or have any queries about expected duties, please contact Andy Harbert, the Chair of the Council.

Please ensure that you complete the nomination form and send it back no later than **Friday 14 June 2019** to the Secretary, Joanne Kearsley.

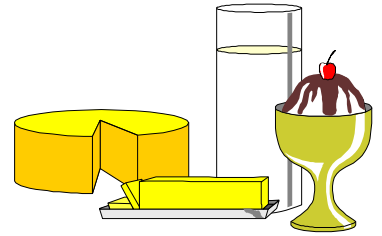
The AGM will be followed by the Friday Night Service. Please make every effort to attend.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

Chairman:	Andy Harbert (Shul Management)	07736 397858
Acting Vice Chairman:	Aimi Sugarman (Legal)	07507 891608
Secretary:	Joanne Kearsley (Administration)	01724 340506
Treasurer:	Aimi Sugarman (Financial)	07507 891608
Senior Warden:	Malcolm Rosenberg (Services)	01482 846712
Council Members:	Henry Goldstone (Security/Plaques)	01482 667258
	Elaine Winetroube (Telephone)	01482 571035
	Audrey Sugarman (Welfare/Catering)	01482 563835
Co-opted Members:	Jim Lightowler (Building Maintenance)	01482 654663
	Chris Lilley (General)	07972 563194
	Shirley Cassidy (Catering)	01652 634479
Life President:	Ian Sugarman	01482 835864



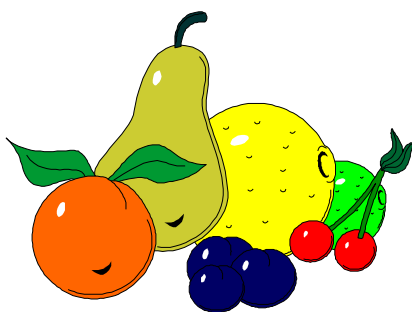
THE FESTIVAL OF SHAVUOT



Shavuot, the Feast of the Weeks, is the Jewish holiday celebrating the harvest season in Israel. Shavuot, which means "weeks", refers to the timing of the festival which is held exactly seven weeks after Passover. Shavuot is known also as Yom Habikkurim, or "the Day of the First Fruits", because it is the time the farmers of Israel would bring their first harvest to Jerusalem as a token of thanksgiving. This year Shavuot is celebrated on Sunday 9 June, but like all Jewish festivals, it starts the evening before on Saturday 8 June. Shavuot also commemorates the anniversary of the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses and the Israelites at Mount Sinai.

Celebrating the Day of the First Fruits

The farmers of Israel would begin their spring harvests with the barley crop at Passover. The harvest continued for seven weeks as the other crops and fruits began to ripen. As each fruit ripened, the first of each type would not be eaten but instead the farmer would tie a ribbon around the branch. This ribbon signified that these fruits were Bikkurim, or the first fruits.



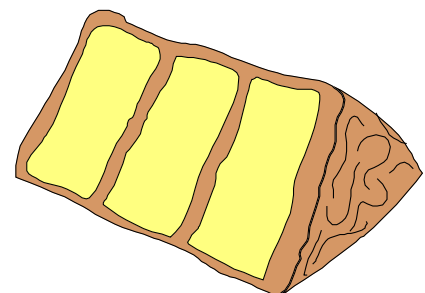
At Shavuot, the farmers would gather the Bikkurim into baskets and bring them to the city of Jerusalem where they would be eaten in the holy city. The farmers living close to Jerusalem would bring fresh fruits, while those who had to travel a long distance carried dried raisins and figs. This joyful occasion was celebrated with the music of fifes, timbres, and drums. As the pilgrims approached the city walls they were greeted by the inhabitants of the city. Sometimes the King himself would join the procession to the Temple Mount. The Bikkurim ritual is no longer practiced in present day Israel.

Shavuot customs

One Shavuot custom is the eating of dairy foods. One explanation states that this comes from a passage in the Torah which reads:

"And God gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey".

Another explanation comes from a legend stating that before the visit from God, the Jews did not keep kosher or follow the *Kashrut* (dietary) laws. It was on this first Shavuot that they found out that their utensils were non-kosher and thus unfit for use. So finding themselves without kosher meats or utensils the Israelites were forced to eat only dairy foods. Today Jews celebrate Shavuot by eating blintzes, cheesecake, and other dairy dishes.



A further legend tells the story of the Israelites finding Mount Sinai blooming and lush with greenery and flowers. From this legend grew the custom to decorate the Jewish home and synagogue with tree branches and flowers.

Shavuot and the Ten Commandments

Shavuot is also known as *Zeman Matan Toratenu*, the Season of the Giving of Our Law, which commemorates the receiving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai.

After Moses and the Israelites fled the slavery of Egypt, they wandered the desert. God provided the travellers with food to eat (manna) and water to drink. After long months Moses brought his followers to the foot of a mountain called Sinai. Though the desert was dry and bare, the mountain was lush and green, covered with grass, flowers and trees. Moses and the Israelites set up camp at the base of the mountain.



On the third day of the Hebrew month of Sivan, Moses was commanded by God to prepare the Jewish people for God's descent and visit. The Israelites washed and purified their clothes and their bodies. Three days later, on the sixth day of Sivan, the people were awoken by thunder and lightning. Thick, dark clouds hung over the mountain. The sounds of the Shofar, the ram's horn, were heard echoing across the desert. The earth began to tremble and shake. Then the Israelites heard a voice, God's voice, as he spoke to them from out of the clouds giving them his Ten Commandments. Moses then went up the mountain and returned with the Tablets that contained the Ten Commandments.



Through the centuries the Jewish people have celebrated this important event. It was at Mount Sinai that this band of worn and weary travellers would become the nation known as Israel.

TWO VERY OLD JEWISH JOKES

During a recent holiday in Las Vegas, Moishe and Sadie went to see a popular magic show.

After one especially amazing feat where he sawed a man in half, Moishe yelled, "How'd you do that?"

"I could show you, sir", the magician answered, "But then I'd have to kill you."

After a short pause, Moishe yelled back, "OK, then...just show my wife!"

Two Jewish cannibals are stewing a pot of food over a fire.

"Oy veh," says the first cannibal, "I really do hate my mother-in-law."

The second cannibal replies, "Nu? So leave her and just drink the chicken soup and lockshen."

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

Lawrence (Louis) Wayne	20 May 2019	Annie Brookner	19 June 2019
Mark Wayne	20 May 2019	Beatrice Levy	19 June 2019
Amelia Gold	21 May 2019	Ada Bransky	21 June 2019
Adam Raphael	23 May 2019	Stuart Rosenthal	24 June 2019
Lilly Loofe	28 May 2019	Harold Harris	27 June 2019
Ernst Kuschnitzky	1 June 2019	Leah Stetinski	27 June 2019
Morris Levin	6 June 2019	Jeannette Sevilla	30 June 2019
Anita Sevilla	6 June 2019	Les Rosenberg	1 July 2019
Warren Winetroube	9 June 2019	Issac Maniloff	3 July 2019
Thelma Kelsey	10 June 2019	Abby Furman	4 July 2019
Rosza Lusztig	11 June 2019	Jennie Harris	8 July 2019
Gerald Godfrey	16 June 2019	Cissie Silver	8 July 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

Date	Time	Leader	Refreshment Rota
Friday 17 May	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Elaine Winetroube Rebecca Verlander
Sunday 19 May (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Sunday 19 May (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 24 May	7.00pm	Malcolm Rosenberg	Joanne Kearsley Shirley Cassidy
Sunday 26 May (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 26 May (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 31 May	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Ian Sugarman Andy Harbert
Shabbat 1 June	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Audrey Sugarman
Friday 7 June	7.00pm	Mark Huntington	Jackie Lukes Deborah Wrapson
Sunday 9 June Shavuot Service and Kiddush	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Elaine Winetroube Audrey Sugarman
Friday 14 June	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Helen Jackman Gill Drummond
Friday 21 June (Synagogue AGM)	6.00pm	Andy Harbert	N/A
Friday 21 June	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Christine Joseph Jay Rebecca Verlander
Friday 28 June	7.00pm	Malcolm Rosenberg	Joanne Kearsley Shirley Cassidy
Friday 5 July	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Elaine Winetroube Lesley Annis
Shabbat 6 July	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Audrey Sugarman
Friday 12 July	7.00pm	Mark Huntington	Jackie Lukes Deborah Wrapson
Friday 19 July	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Gillian Smith Sarah James
Friday 26 July	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Christine Joseph Jay Rebecca Verlander

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 21 June, 2019** 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 14 June, 2019, 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. **Only full members** of the Shul can nominate or second.

Position	Present Holder	Person Being Nominated
Chairman:	Andy Harbert
Vice-Chairman:	Vacant
Secretary:	Joanne Kearsley
Treasurer:	Aimi Sugarman
Senior Warden:	Malcolm Rosenberg
Council Members:	Henry Goldstone
	Audrey Sugarman
	Elaine Winetroube

Please complete (in capital letters):
PROPOSER
 Name:

Address:

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Please complete (in capital letters):
SECONDER
 Name:

Address:

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When completed, please send this nomination form to:

Mrs Joanne Kearsley, Secretary, 29 Copse Road, Ashby, Scunthorpe DN16 3JA or at [**joannekearsley@yahoo.co.uk**](mailto:joannekearsley@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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Joanne Kearsley on 01724 340506
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who will provide them with further information and the necessary application forms.