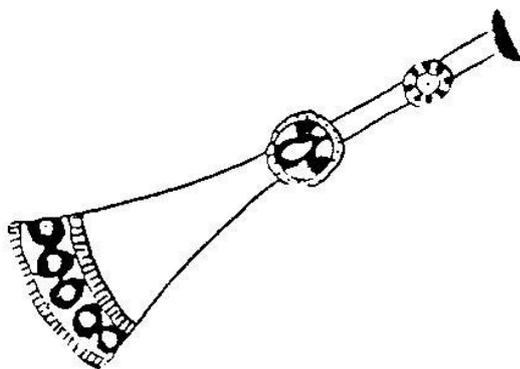
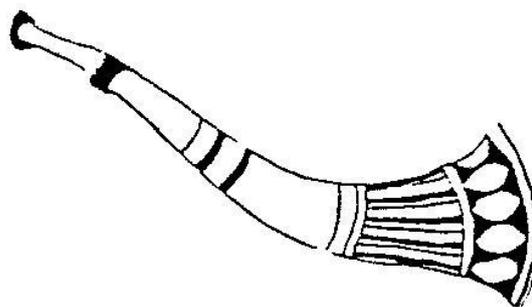


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CHAIR'S REPORT

Kislev 5780
November/December 2019

Shalom.

I'm delighted to report that history was made at Ne've Shalom on Sunday 10 November 2019 as we held our first Remembrance Service, which we all hope will become an annual event.

We had the pleasure of Andrew Percy MP and many other high profile guests supporting the Service, along with another 60 plus guests in attendance.

I would personally like to thank our outstanding and dedicated Vice-Chair, Aimi Sugarman, for all her hard work in co-ordinating the moving service. Aimi was also interviewed on BBC Radio Humberside that morning regarding the service. A full report on the Remembrance Service can be found on page 6



The date has now been set for the trip to see The Prince of Egypt musical at the Dominion Theatre, London. This will take place on 16th May 2020. The musical is based on the 1998 film and includes the same fantastic music. We will travel by Hull Trains, probably from Brough Station - for easy parking - leaving at approx. 8.30am and arrive back at around 8.00pm. Train timetables and tickets have not yet been released, but at today's prices a return ticket can cost between £30 and £80, depending on demand. The price of the theatre ticket is £79 for a circle seat. Further details can be found on page 3

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL



CHANUKAH SERVICE, KIDDUSH AND 'OY, WOULD I LIE?'

This year, we are holding our Chanukah Service, and a very special Chanukah Kiddush and Social Evening, on **Friday evening, 27 December 2019** starting at **6.15pm**. As this is also the sixth night of Chanukah, we will be lighting our giant Chanukiah.

Following the Service and in keeping with tradition, there is the opportunity to sample Chanukah-style food, such as fried fish balls, latkes and donuts.

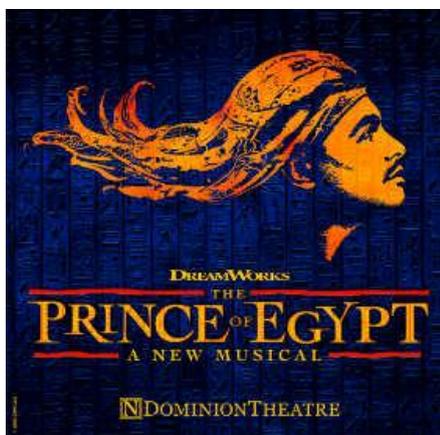
We will then be holding an event called "Oy, Would I Lie" at which a panel of four 'experts' will define the same Yiddish/Jewish-related word and the teams will have to pick the correct definition. The team picking the most correct definitions will win a 'never-to-be forgotten' prize. Please make every effort to attend what should be a fun evening.

ANNUAL OPEN FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE



Following the huge success of previous Open Friday Night Services, the next one will take place on **Friday 21 February 2020** starting at **7.00pm**. What makes this Service different from the normal Friday Night service is the running commentary from those leading the Service explaining the nature of the prayers being recited, their background, origin and the traditional rituals being observed. After the Service, and following the Brachot over the wine and bread, there will be the Kiddush with a wide range of "Jewish-style" foods.

There also will be opportunity to look around the Synagogue, talk to those members present and examine the Ark, Scrolls and other artefacts.



THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

We can now confirm that the trip to see the Prince of Egypt musical at the Dominion Theatre, London will be taking place on **Saturday 16 May 2020**. The musical features music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, who wrote the songs of Wicked, with a book by the film's writer Philip LaZebnik, and will be directed by Scott Schwartz.

We will be travelling by Hull Trains, leaving approximately at 8.30am, attending the theatre and travelling back to Hull, arriving at about 8.00pm.

If you'd like to come please let Helen know on 07884432329 or at helen@hsts.co.uk by 30 November. An £80 deposit for a place can be paid by cash or cheque to Helen Jackman.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING

8 November 2019

Present - Andrew Harbert (Chair), Aimi Sugarman (Vice Chair & Acting Treasurer), Joanne Kearsley (Secretary), Malcolm Rosenberg, Audrey Sugarman, Henry Goldstone, Shirley Cassidy, Elaine Winetroube, Helen Jackman, Tim Harris, Mark Huntington and Ian Sugarman (Life President).

Business

The Chair reported that he had spoken to Rabbi Debbie Young Summers at Chagigah and she would be contacting the three Converts shortly. She would be liaising with Ian regarding the Beit Din date which the Chair hoped would be before Pesach next year. Helen advised that Kate Billington would be creating the stained glass window for the Shul. Kate would be meeting Elaine and Helen at Shul to assess the window and give an estimate. Elaine reported that as well as Warren's donation, other members of her family were interested in donating towards the new window. Shirley was thanked for the work she and Chris had carried out in the first three-quarters of the year.

The Chair reported on the outstanding High Holy Day services for 5780. He personally thanked Ian for his hard work co-ordinating the services again this year. There had been a remarkable number of members filling the Shul for all the services. He also thanked Sarah, Adrian and Rebecca for delivering three fantastic sermons over the High Holy Days Services, as well as Sarita, Malcolm and Tony for their Torah readings, which again were read in splendid style. The Chair also thanked the team of highly dedicated Lay Readers, Sarita, Ian, Aimi, Malcolm, Mark and Tony, for taking the Services, Joanne for a tremendous Shofar blowing and gave special thanks to all the members who gave inspired readings during the Services. The Chair then thanked Ian for the singing of the Kol Nidre prayer and Neal Skinner for accompanying him on the cello. Ian and Neal had spent many hours and days rehearsing and writing the accompaniment for the Kol Nidre prayer and all those present were truly moved by the singing and cello playing. The Chair confirmed that, as agreed by the Council in August, the money collected from this year's High Holy Days appeal would be donated to Dove Hospice.

The Chair then reported that this year's Simchat Torah honours went to Audrey Sugarman and Aimi Sugarman (Grandmother and Granddaughter). Both Aimi and Audrey continue to be very committed to the Shul, giving up so much of their spare time. The many hours they spent each week behind the scenes to ensure the Shul runs in a smooth manner did not go unnoticed. He then thanked Aimi for organising the catering, driving to Manchester to collect and present the splendid food for the evening. The food had been very well received by the fantastic show of members celebrating the evening.

The Vice-Chair reported that the plans for the Shul's first remembrance service were progressing well. All the dignitaries had accepted their invitations. Representatives of the British Legion would be attending and the Legion would provide the standard and standard bearer. A bugler had confirmed that he would be available to perform the last post and Reveille. The Remembrance Service would be taking place on Sunday 10 November 2019 at 2.30pm. The Chanukah Service, Kiddush and Social evening would be held on Friday 27 December 2019 at 6.15pm and the next Open Friday Night Service would be held on 21 February 2020 at 7.00pm

Date of next Council meeting – Friday 13 December 2019

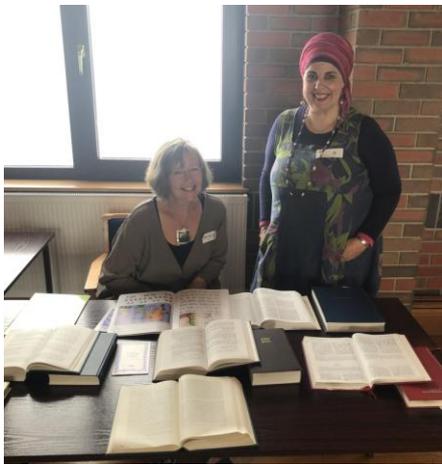
HULL HERITAGE OPEN DAY AT NE'VE SHALOM

On 15 September 2019, numerous Hull and East Riding buildings, communities and places of worship opened their doors to welcome Heritage Open Day visitors. The following article was written by Sarah James, who was one of the Ne'Ve Shalom team of educators.

Having had a very successful event during last year's Heritage Open Day, the Shul again opened its doors to visitors.

As with the previous year, we had a steady flow of people, many of whom said they had also visited Pryme Street, so it was interesting for our guided tours of our Shul to include information relating to the Reform Movement and its similarities and differences with Orthodoxy.

The Shul was very warm and welcoming, with a splendid array of choice refreshments treats on offer. In addition to all the wonderful food, there was another table displaying our siddurim; Hebrew Alef-Bet books; our shoferot; and many other examples of our religious and ceremonial objects – all of which seemed of great interest to our visitors.



Guided tours were also given, and the Torah scrolls were on the Bimah, and the Ark open for all to see and respect.

One of the loveliest aspects for visitors was our new Quiet Room, freshly-painted and furnished, and several people made use of this.

Overall, it was a very beneficial event to have participated in, and it is hoped we will be able to do so again next year.

For those interested in knowing about the many other sites and events that took place, please follow this hyperlink: <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/printable-area-lists/town/Hull/detailed>

Finally, a very big thank you to all those who organised and volunteered for the event, especially Aimi, Andy, Audrey, Christine, Di, Elaine, Henry and Ian and everyone who helped to make the day yet another success. "Toda raba!"



THE INAUGURAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday afternoon, 10 November 2019



In 1992, the first Service was held in the new Shul building. For over 25 years, the members of Ne've Shalom had always wanted to hold the communal Remembrance Day Service, but were never granted the opportunity. History was therefore made when the Shul held its first own Remembrance Service on Sunday afternoon, 10 November 2019. The very proud Chair of the Shul Council, Andy Harbert, has sent us the following report.

I had always known the desire for the Shul to hold the communal Remembrance Day Service and the disappointment of not being able to, year after year. So this year, we therefore decided to hold our own Remembrance Day Service.

A small group came together to plan the event and I would like to personally thank our outstanding and dedicated Vice Chair, Aimi Sugarman. for all her hard work co-ordinating the amazing event. Such was Aimi's commitment, that she agreed to be interviewed on BBC Radio Humberside at 7.20am on the Sunday morning.

Finding support from the wider community was a challenge, however, we had the pleasure of welcoming Andrew Percy MP, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside, the Deputy Mayor of Beverley Town Council, the President of the Royal British Legion (Willerby, Anlaby & Kirkella, a Humberside Police Chief Inspector and many other high profile guests supporting the Service, along with a further 60 plus guests in attendance.

My special thanks go to Ian for taking the moving service and to the Royal British Legion in attendance carrying the standard in memory of the fallen. I would also like to thank Sarah James for her car parking duties and to Elaine and Helen for warmly greeting our guests to the Shul.

The Service started with Veronika lighting the six-branch menorah, followed by Natalie and Audrey and I laying wreaths in memory of the fallen victims from the war.

We then had some powerful stories about members of the local Jewish community who gave their lives in the World Wars read by family members, poems from a Jewish English poet who died serving in World War 1 and exhibitions of his painting and illustrations as well as photographs of fallen soldiers, veterans, war documents and many more. The part of the Service dedicated to the Acts of Remembrance were extremely moving and Ben Parry's playing of the Last Post and Reveille was literally awesome.



Following the Service, the refreshments were very well received by all and I would like to thank Laura, Mark and Rebecca for helping with the catering duties.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who took the time drop us a line and thank us for the moving service. Please God, next year.

THE FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE REFRESHMENT ROTA



Every week, after the Friday Night Service, we say the brachot (blessings) for wine and bread, as is the custom on Erev Shabbat.

Following those brachot, it is the custom in Ne've Shalom to hold a Kiddush for those attending the Service. In order to prepare the Kiddush, make the teas and pass round the cakes and biscuits, we ask for two volunteers.

Anyone can volunteer, even Chairs and Life Presidents, and all that we ask is to bring a pint of milk and a small selection of vegetarian or Kosher cakes and biscuits.

If you would like to join the rota, please contact Audrey Sugarman on (01482) 563835 or see her in Shul.

ASK THE RABBI



Asktherabbi.org responds to the question:

Following the recent horrific massacre of Jews in Pittsburgh during Shabbat prayers by an anti-Semite, I was wondering why is there anti-Semitism?

The short and honest answer: I don't know and I don't know anybody who really does. However, I can share an idea from our Sages that might help give even a narrow perspective.

Amalek was the illegitimate son of Elifaz, and the grandson of Esau. The progeny of Amalek are the archetypal enemy of the Jewish People. Their very existence is diametrically opposed to the Torah. Our Sages describe the people of Amalek as being the essence of all the evil in the world.

Today, we don't know who is descended from Amalek. Around the year 600 BCE, the Assyrian conqueror Sancheriv exiled most of the world's inhabitants from their homelands and scattered them around the world. Since then, the true national identity of any people (except for the Jewish Nation) has become obscure.

The concept of "Amalek" can be helpful in understand the baffling phenomenon of anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism has no sociological parallel. Even the word is unique: "Anti-Semitism" is the only English word describing hate towards a distinct group of people. There's no English word for French-hatred, Irish-hatred, or German hatred, even though England fought bitter wars against all these nations.

We are the only people in the world towards whom there exists a unique, distinct hatred.

This bears out the Torah's prediction that until the time of the Mashiach, there will exist a nation, Amalek, with an unexplainable, inborn hatred towards us.

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

Richard Friend	4 Dec. 2019	Valerie Shields	14 Dec. 2019
Hugo Sprinz	5 Dec. 2019	Herman Goldstein	16 Dec. 2019
Lynn Shields	5 Dec. 2019	Leah Winetroube	18 Dec. 2019
Jack Bermitz	6 Dec. 2019	Rebecca Bookner	18 Dec. 2019
Frances Godfrey	7 Dec. 2019	Geoff Annis	18 Dec. 2019
Julius Dubb	8 Dec. 2019	Ruby Bermitz	20 Dec. 2019
Lothar Seewald	8 Dec. 2019	Moishe Furman	22 Dec. 2019
Jean Cooper	9 Dec. 2019	Ellis Rock	25 Dec. 2019
Leon Rosenthal	9 Dec. 2019	Morris Samuel Levy	25 Dec. 2019
Aubrey Sadofsky	9 Dec. 2019	Sarah Bush	27 Dec. 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 29 November	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Andy Harbert Aimi Sugarman
Friday 6 December	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Jackie Lukes Deborah Wrapson
Shabbat 7 December	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Audrey Sugarman
Friday 13 December (Council Meeting)	6.00pm	Andy Harbert	N/A
Friday 13 December	7.00pm	Malcolm Rosenberg	Joanne Kearsley Shirley Cassidy
Sunday 15 December (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 15 December (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 20 December	7.00pm	Mark Huntington	Andy Harbert Sarah James
Friday 27 December (Chanukah Service and Social)	6.15pm	Ian Sugarman	Aimi Sugarman Elaine Winetroube
Friday 3 January	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Deborah Wrapson Di Nichols
Shabbat 4 January	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Audrey Sugarman
Friday 10 January	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Andy Harbert Ian Sugarman
Sunday 12 January (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 12 January (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Friday 17 January	7.00pm	Tony Sevilla-Harland	Joanne Kearsley Shirley Cassidy
Friday 24 January	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Rebecca Verlander Di Nichols
Friday 31 January	7.00pm	Malcolm Rosenberg	Deborah Wrapson Sarah James
Shabbat 1 February	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Audrey Sugarman
Friday 7 February	7.00pm	Mark Huntington	Elaine Winetroube Jackie Lukes
Sunday 9 February (Tu B'Shevat Seder)	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Aimi Sugarman Sarah James

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
or at joannekearsley@yahoo.co.uk

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