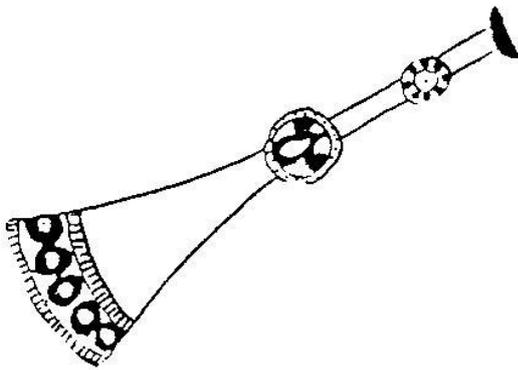
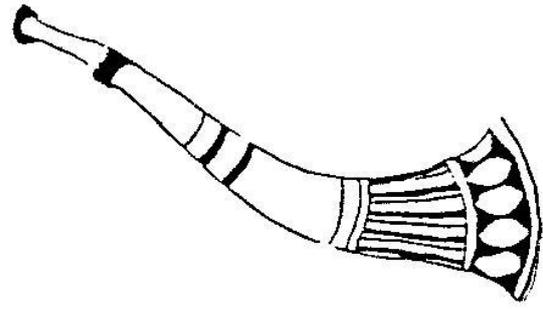


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The Official Newsletter of Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue



CHAIR'S REPORT

Shevat/Adar1 5779
January/February 2019

Shalom. Firstly, it's with great sadness that we have to report the loss of Sydney Bush, who passed away in Spain on 21 December 2018. Sydney's funeral took place at our Tranby Lane Cemetery, at which Ian Sugarman led a moving service. On behalf of the Council, I would like to wish Ann and Sarita, family and close friends of Sydney, 'long life'.

The number of members and visitors seem to be increasing for our services over the last few weeks. I must thank the skill of our dedicated lay readers for conducting the services.

We are holding one of our famous Friday Night Open Services on Friday 22 February at 7.00pm. The service will be led by Aimi and Ian, and they will be explaining the nature and background of the prayers being recited and some of the traditional rituals being observed. Following the service, visitors (and our own members) will have the opportunity to sample a range of Jewish style foods. Could you please inform our catering officer, Audrey Sugarman, on 01482 563835 with names and the number of guests you intend to invite.

Members will have noticed that we have had two regular attenders to the Shul over the last 6 months. Sarah and Rebecca have both decided to start the journey of converting to Judaism and we wish them all the best. Our Life President, Ian Sugarman, will be giving up every other Sunday morning to guide them through the conversion programme. Deborah Wrapson will also be giving up her Sunday morning to teach them both Hebrew (most of my scars have now healed from my time in the classroom). Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers has kindly agreed to be there Sponsoring Rabbi through this amazing time. I wish you both well on this life-changing journey and it's really worth all the time and effort which goes into it. All the members are fully supporting you. Good Luck.

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.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2019



This year's event will be held on **Sunday 27 January 2019 at 2.00pm at the Guildhall, Hull.**

We are privileged to have a Klezmer Group coming from Sheffield, who will sing the story of the Holocaust. They will present a programme of live music led by Yiddish singer Phil Tomlinson and his Klezmerim in commemoration of those who were murdered in the Holocaust, and all those who have suffered from genocide, war and persecution. These will include Jewish songs from the Holocaust, with a particular focus on songs that were composed or performed in the ghettos that preceded the Nazi death camps.

These songs are intermingled with traditional tunes, together with brief readings. Translations will be provided for the songs and readings. Together the programme conveys life, love, loss, despair, nostalgia, resistance and hope. In addition, we shall have three students from the Irene Sendler School, the Polish school in Hull, to give a short presentation of the theme for this year, which is 'Torn From Home'.

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 20 February 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).



ANNUAL OPEN FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Following the huge success of previous Open Friday Night Services, the next one will take place on **Friday 22 February 2019** 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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JNF GREEN SUNDAY 2019



Green Sunday is 10 February 2019 and hopefully, everyone in the community, will be receiving a personal letter, mailed from London or a telephone call, asking for your support. JNF hopes that, as in the past, you will respond as generously as you can. Green Sunday gives everyone across the community, the opportunity to support the national project or Hull JNF's own project in Israel. So, if you would like to be represented in Hull's own Project, please make sure you say your donation this year, is for either the National

Appeal or Hull's own project. If you would like to support Hull JNF's project, please send your cheque made payable to Hull JNF, to Michael Westerman.

The JNF should be given credit for its magnificent effort supporting many varied Projects, from planting trees to reservoirs to centres such as Aleh Negev and Yerucham, which Hull supported so splendidly. JNF looks forward to your generous support. Should you like to be associated with HULL JNF, in any particular way, please ring Michael on 644987. Wishing all members of Ne've Shalom a healthy and happy 2019 and looking forward to your continued support.

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. Please make every effort to attend what should be a fun evening.



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.

THE HOLOCAUST EXHIBITION AND LEARNING CENTRE AT HUDDERSFIELD UNIVERSITY

The following article, written by Tom Kubie, has been sent to us by Sinai Synagogue in Leeds. With Holocaust Remembrance Day being held on Sunday 27 January, we thought that this was an appropriate time to publish it.



HSFA life president Trude Silman at the new Holocaust Exhibition & Learning Centre.

The opening of this centre was the culmination of many years of planning, research and hard work by a dedicated team - and what an outcome.

Pauline and I were privileged to receive an invitation to the opening ceremony held in September 2018. That event was reported in the Chanukah edition of the Sinai Chronicle by Ruth Grant, so I will not revisit the detail of that day; the whole day was very well organised from transport to Huddersfield and back to a very mouth watering lunch/ afternoon tea.

This centre is much more than an Exhibition and Learning Centre, for what visitors are presented with covers a wider spectrum. I believe it is, additionally, an important museum and archive thereby leading into/assisting the 'Learning' objective.

Available to investigate, research and learn from are stories, not figments of imagination or fiction, but the real history of:

- murder, loss of families, belongings and livelihoods
- survival, courage and resilience of individuals and families thrown out of their homes and rejected by their neighbours and erstwhile friends
- strength, determination, hard work and the will to rebuild lives and contribute to society in the country which gave sanctuary and hope for a new beginning
- evidence of lives rebuilt since the end of World War 2 and their continuing contribution to the economy of the UK

Especially at this time when anti-Semitism is on the increase it is important to demonstrate that the Jewish flame will not be extinguished as was hoped for between the early 1930s and 1945 by the Nazi regime and that we will continue to contribute and rebuild humanity to achieve a safer world for future generations.

My involvement with this project began in 2008 when I had a meeting with Tracy Craggs who at that time was Project Director for a Holocaust Survivors Friendship Association (HSFA) initiative called 'Building Bridges'. Over the years we have had several meetings which have, for me, been a terrific exercise for it gave me the chance to revisit my 'life' and remind myself of what my parents, grandparents and relatives lost as a result of the rise of Nazi power and how lives were dramatically changed. Additionally I was reminded of how my parents and maternal grandparents sheltered my brothers and myself, the opportunities they gave us and how they shaped our futures. Together, with my family in Leeds, Tracy was and still is the driving force for me and I am sure she is for other members of the Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) and the HSFA in recording for posterity what happened to us and how we coped with, in many cases, dramatic life changing events.

There are so many family histories available to research and learn from that for Sinai members, many of whom are the children and grandchildren of survivors and refugees who probably were among the founder members of the Synagogue, the Huddersfield Centre is a very worthwhile place to visit. I would suggest such a visit should be built into the Bar/Bat Mitzvah curriculum so that the *Shoah* (The mass murder of Jews under the German Nazi regime during 1941–45) and its consequences are never forgotten.

For more information contact Centre Director, Emma King, on 01484 365 302, or 07928 669 020 or at E.King@hud.ac.uk; or visit the website at www.holocaustlearning.org.uk



NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (NORTH)



2018 has been a busy year at Reform Judaism. Over 200 people attended Chagigah, our biennial celebration weekend, which took place from 22-24 June, near Nottingham. Reform Judaism's 41 communities made significant commitments on mental wellbeing, financial sustainability and the environment.

A new initiative focusing on synagogue finances was launched and endorsed with a vote from delegates. 'Money for Values - Re-thinking Synagogues' Finance' is designed to help synagogues consider new models of financial stability looking at membership models, fundraising and budgeting that reflect the priorities and values of the community.

A colorful poster for Northern Chagigah 2019. It features a collage of Jewish symbols and icons at the top left, the Reform Judaism logo, and a stylized graphic of two figures holding hands. The text reads: "Save the date! Northern Chagigah* 1-3 November 2019 The Hawkhill, Easingwold". Below this is a list of bullet points: "*Yes it is for you *Of course your non-Jewish partner is welcome *Yes there is children's programming *No you don't have to be active in your community to enjoy it *Yes you can come on your own *Yes there is financial assistance *Yes everyone is friendly *No you don't have to go to any sessions *Yes there are good walks, newspapers & quiet spaces *Yes there is lots of good food!". At the bottom, it says "Still unsure? Get in touch with Sarita@rjuk.org or 020 8349 5716" and "Register your interest at www.reformjudaism.org.uk/events/northern-chagigah/".

Entering the next phase of the "Communities that Care" initiative launched at Chagigah 2016, Reform Judaism committed to adopting the NHS's recommended five steps to mental well-being. During the next two years, Reform congregations have committed to making communities safe, welcoming and open to all people with mental well-being problems and to partnering the Reform Movement on the journey to being a mental well-being friendly movement using the NHS's recommended steps.

Communities voted to make a stand on reducing single use plastic containers. The target is to cut single use plastic by 50% by Rosh Hashanah 2018 and 90% by Rosh Hashanah 2019.

We are leading the way on loneliness with our "Communities" that Care Initiative.

Our ground-breaking Combating Loneliness and Isolation Conference in March brought together 100 delegates and experts from across the Jewish and professional spectrum for the first time to tackle these issues. The initiative has launched tea parties and telethons reaching out to our synagogue members – including one in Liverpool organised by Anna Cohen. Our next Mental Health and Wellbeing Conference is taking place on 23 May at West London Synagogue and we would love to see you there!

WHAT IS PURIM KATAN?

The following article about this lesser-known leap year holiday was written by Chaviva Gordon-Bennett and appeared on the "ThoughtCo" website. This year, Purim Katan starts on the evening of Monday 18 February 2019.

Most people have heard of Judaism's festive Spring holiday of Purim, but most have not heard of Purim Katan.



Celebrated on the 14th of the Hebrew month of Adar, the holiday of Purim is detailed in the Book of Esther and commemorates the miracle of the Israelites being saved from their evil enemy Haman. With Purim Katan (פּוּרִים קָטָן), Purim simply refers to the Jewish holiday of Purim, and katan literally means "small." The two put together as Purim Katan actually translates as "minor Purim," and this is a minor holiday that is only observed during a Jewish leap year.

According to the Talmud (in tractate Megillah 6b), because Purim is observed in Adar II, the importance of Adar I must still be recognized. Thus, Purim Katan fills that void. Interestingly, the Talmud tells us that there is "no difference between the fourteenth of the first Adar and the fourteenth of the second Adar", except that, on Purim Katan, the megillah is not read and gifts are not sent to the poor. The *al ha'nissim* (sections of prayer about miracles) prayer is not recited, and the *tachanun* prayers (sections of prayer involving confession and asking for forgiveness) are not recited.

On the other hand, fasting and funeral eulogies are not allowed (Megillah 6b).

As for how to celebrate, it is considered worthy to simply mark the day with a small, festive meal such as a special lunch, and generally to increase one's joy as well. However, what about the fact that the Talmud says there is essentially "no difference" between actual Purim and Purim Katan?

Many understand this to mean that on Purim Katan, one is meant to focus on the emotional and internal aspects of Purim, instead of focusing on the obvious, external aspects of the holiday (reading the megillah, sending gifts to the poor, reciting prayers). Without the requirements of specific observances, any act of celebration is done completely willingly and wholeheartedly.

Sixteenth-century Rabbi Moses Isserles, known as the "Rema", says, in comments on Purim Katan,

"Some are of the opinion that one is obligated to feast and rejoice on the 14th of Adar I (known as Purim Katan). This is not our custom. Nevertheless, one should eat somewhat more than usual, in order to fulfil his obligation according to those who are stringent. 'And he who is glad of heart, feasts constantly' (Proverbs 15:15)."

According to this, then, if one is joyful, he will feast on Purim Katan and when he's glad of heart as well.

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.

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

Rachel Levitt	29 Jan. 2019	Helen Sprinz	11 Feb. 2019
Leah Peysner	29 Jan. 2019	Maudie Harris	12 Feb. 2019
Benjamin Brookner	31 Jan. 2019	Sydney Landau	13 Feb. 2019
Maudie Harris	2 Feb. 2019	Poul Lustig	14 Feb. 2019
Esther Rock	3 Feb. 2019	Rita Bermitz	18 Feb. 2019
Sydney Landau	3 Feb. 2019	Pauline Rosenberg	18 Feb. 2019
Minnie Gorfunkie	4 Feb. 2019	Sadie Bermitz	19 Feb. 2019
Hermina Merz	8 Feb. 2019	Norman Levy	19 Feb. 2019
Cissie Dubb	8 Feb. 2019	Solomon Wayne	21 Feb. 2019
Sylvia Hirschfeld	9 Feb. 2019	Shirley Rosenberg	24 Feb. 2019
Zena Lightowler	9 Feb. 2019	Sydney Furman	25 Feb. 2019
Kayla Bermitz	10 Feb. 2019	Koppel Peysner	25 Feb. 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 25 January (Council Meeting)	6.00pm	Andy Harbert	N/A
Friday 25 January	7.00pm	Andy Harbert Phil O'Driscoll	Deborah Wrapson Gill Drummond
Friday 1 February	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Andy Harbert Helen Jackman
Shabbat 2 February	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Audrey Sugarman
Friday 8 February	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Ian Sugarman Audrey Sugarman
Friday 15 February	7.00pm	Mark Huntington	Jackie Lukes Vickie Davide
Friday 22 February (Friday Night Open Service)	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman Aimi Sugarman	Audrey Sugarman Helen Jackman Deborah Wrapson Elaine Winetroube
Friday 1 March	7.00pm	Andy Harbert Phil O'Driscoll	Gill Drummond Christine Joseph Jay
Shabbat 2 March	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Audrey Sugarman
Friday 8 March	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Phil O'Driscoll Rebecca Verlander
Friday 15 March	7.00pm	Malcolm Rosenberg	Shirley Cassidy Joanne Kearsley
Wednesday 20 March (Purim Service and Kiddush)	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Deborah Wrapson Jackie Lukes
Friday 22 March	7.00pm	Aimi Sugarman	Audrey Sugarman Sarah James
Sunday 24 March (Free film show – Yentl)	2.00pm	Andy Harbert	Aimi Sugarman
Friday 29 March	7.00pm	Mark Huntington	Jackie Lukes Vickie Davide
Friday 5 April	7.00pm	Andy Harbert Phil O'Driscoll	Helen Jackman Gill Drummond
Shabbat 6 April	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Audrey Sugarman
Friday 12 April	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Phil O'Driscoll 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.

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.