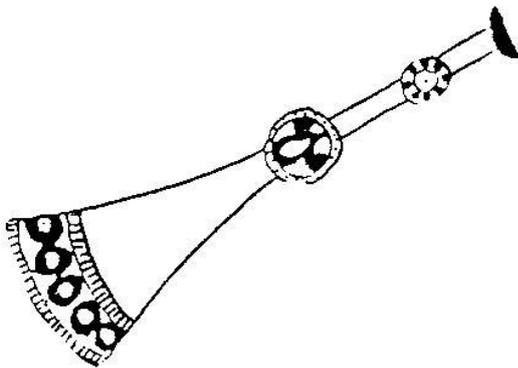
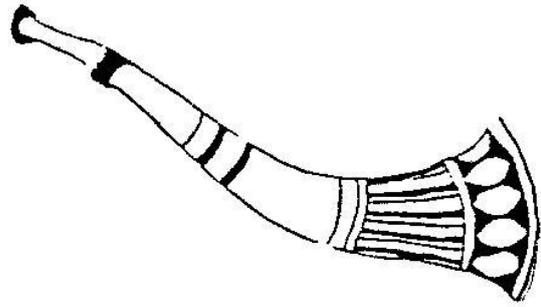


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The Official Newsletter of Ne've Shalom, the Hull Reform Synagogue



CHAIR'S REPORT

Sivan/Tammuz 5779
June/July 2019

Shalom. It's with great sadness that I have to report that Chris Lilley passed away 20 May 2019 in Freeman Hospital, Newcastle. Chris had put up a long and brave fight due to his medical problems. I wish all Chris's family 'A very long life'. Thanks go to Ian taking the moving funeral service.

On Sunday 12 May 2019, the Hull Jewish Representative Council hosted a Community BBQ to celebrate the 71st Anniversary of the State of Israel - Yom Ha'Atzmaut 5779. We had a very good turn out from members and friends of our Shul. Ian and I assisted in cooking (and tasting) the food on the BBQ. I have not received any reports of food poisoning, yet. Everybody seemed to enjoy the splendid afternoon. Ian led truly wonderful Shavuot Service on Sunday 9 June and Tony did a remarkable job reading from the Torah. Thank to Audrey, Gillian and Elaine for preparing the marvellous Kiddush.

I have been asked to remind members about the Garden Party being held by the Hull Friends of Magen David Adom (MDA) on Sunday 7 July 2019 at 2.30pm. There is a donation of £6.00 and the venue for the party will be Riga House, 24 Humber Road, North Ferriby HU14 3DW

Following a request by the Conversion Class members, we have decided to have a kosher outing to Manchester. The plan is to visit Jacksons Row Synagogue whose history spans back 150 year, have a spot of lunch at the JS Restaurant, visit a few book and Judaica shops and finally stop off at a nearby kosher deli/supermarket on the way back. We have booked a Mini bus from the Synagogue to depart at 9.30am on Sunday 18 August. The transport will be free of charge. Please see page 3 for further details.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Friday 21 June 2019 at 6.00pm prompt. If you are a full member of the Shul, you have a right to vote. Please try and make every effort to attend the meeting. 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.

RECEIVING THE SHOFAR SHALOM ELECTRONICALLY



In these current environmentally friendly times, we are offering all members the opportunity the receive the *Shofar Shalom* directly to them by e-mail.

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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 19 June 2019** at **2.00pm**.

The afternoon will be a social event with among other things, bingo and the chance to chat with your friends, 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).

Looking ahead, the meeting on **3 July 2019** will be our trip to Hornsea for a day out (including a fish and chip lunch) by coach (this is already well subscribed, but we can take one or two more if you ring me as soon as possible). On **21 August 2019**, we have invited a lady from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, whom quite a lot of you will know – Sarah Booth. She will be talking about the work of the Trust in our area.

NE'VE SHALOM SYNAGOGUE AGM



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.

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

KOSHER FIELD TRIP TO MANCHESTER



At a recent Conversion Class, some of us were reminiscing about our early Sunday morning salt beef and bagel experiences. As London was too far, it was decided to go on a field trip to experience a kosher Sunday morning in Manchester. The plan is a guided tour of Jacksons Row Synagogue, followed by a spot of lunch at the JS Restaurant (click on the link for the menu <https://jsrestaurant.co.uk/our-menus/>, visit a few book and Judaica shops and finally stop off at a nearby kosher deli/supermarket on the way back.

We have booked a Mini bus from the Synagogue to depart at **9.30am** on **Sunday 18 August 2019**. All members and friends of Ne've Shalom are welcome to join us. Transport will be free of charge. Please contact Helen on 07884 432 329, or at helen@hsts.co.uk to reserve a seat.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL MEETING

3 May 2019

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

Business

Suzanne had confirmed that the designs hanging in the Sukkat Shalom Synagogue in London had been rescued from an old Synagogue. Ian reported that he had sent Riitta Siitari-Bush the design and cost of the shelter for the current bench at Tranby Lane Cemetery. He had not yet received a response.

The Chair reported that East Hull Community Transport (EJCT) was now only seeking six spaces for their vehicles, but were still prepared to pay the Shul £1,200 for twelve months. EHCT had signed the agreement and they would be using the car park from 27 May 2019 and access for the vehicles had been arranged.

The Chair reported that the Purim Service and get-together was enjoyed very much by all who attended. He thanked Ian for leading the Service, Audrey and Henry for judging the fancy dress and Veronica for keeping the score board. The film show of "Yentl" was enjoyed by 22 guests on Sunday 24 March and the Chair thanked Ian and Aimi for running the film and providing refreshments. He also thanked Malcolm for taking the Communal Seder, about which he had received very good comments from people who had attended. They had also commented that they had enjoyed the evening.

Elaine reported that she had looked into the tariffs for gas and electric with NPower and agreed a deal which saved the Shul an incredible £600 per year. Elaine was thanked by the Council. The Chair reported that the new CCTV system had been installed on 20 March 2019 and thanked Audrey for being in attendance. Ian reported that the Hebrew-reading and conversion classes were going well.

All Saints Church Preston, near Hedon, would be holding an open service on Sunday 5 May at 6.00pm. The Hull Jewish Representative Council would be hosting a BBQ to celebrate the 71st anniversary of the State of Israel on Sunday 12 May at 12.30pm at Pryme Street. The Shavuot Service and Kiddush would be held on Sunday 9 June at 10.30am. The Hull Heritage Open Day would be taking place on Sunday 15 September and the Northern Chagigah would be held at Easingwold, York on the weekend of 1-3 November 2019.

The Chair explained the changes to the Shul's Constitution which would be voted upon by the members during the Shul's AGM for approval. A copy would be sent to the MRJ Covenant Committee for information. There was a brief discussion regarding the positions on the new Shul Council and a number of members agreed to stand for re-election. Aimi was nominated for the Vice-Chair and Malcolm agreed to be nominated for Treasurer.

The planned trip to visit war Graves in France in June 2020 was briefly discussed and it was suggested the cost of the trip would be approximately £800

Date of next Council meeting – Synagogue AGM - Friday 21 June 2019

SCHOOL VISITS AT NE'VE SHALOM



Following from Mike Westerman's article, our own School Visit Co-ordinator, Deborah Wrapson, sent us the following article about what we do at Ne've Shalom. Deborah is the first responder to requests for visits and co-ordinates not only our team of volunteers, but also the resources necessary to carry out a school visit.

When I see an email passed through by Ian, I know immediately what it is that is going to be asked, 'Can we please come to see your synagogue?' or 'Can someone come from your synagogue to speak to our children?' At least in general that is what the enquiry is.

Recently, we refused the request received by Joanne Kearsley asking if a school could bring the children to 'our mosque', as well as the school which asked for a four hour visit to include a room for the children to eat their sandwiches, followed by the question 'could we confirm there was no charge for this?'

On a more positive note. We still have two more visits this academic year, but have already reached over 800 children in 2018-19.

We have been asked to deal with specific topics including Rosh Hashanah (thanks to Joanne for teaching the children how to blow a shofar), Pesach (thanks Tim, I used last year's horseradish which had been in the freezer to give the children a 'real' experience). I hadn't realised what a gory story the Pesach story is – but between rivers of blood and murder of the first born, it isn't too difficult to hold the children's attention.

My team of helpers include Jackie, Joanne, Malcolm, Phil, Shirley, Tim and Vicky. I realise that as she now lives in Miami, it is too difficult for Vicky to continue to help us. Should she want to claim travel expenses, it would bankrupt the Shul. I do hope, however, to be able to continue to ask the others if they would continue to support these visits.

A cousin in London wondered what school visits do to fight anti-Semitism. My answer is that although the teachers think school visits are to fulfil the requirements of their curriculum and OFSTED, my priority is to emphasise that Judaism is not as strange, or as different, as the children may think before their visit. I emphasise that the Shul is just another religious building, that we have a day of rest because we are told so in the Creation (and ask the children to imagine going to school every day from the start to the end of term), to explain why Shabbat starts in an evening (there were no watches, clocks or even mobile phones to tell the time in biblical times).

Finally, most visits finish with a taste of grape juice and a 'taster' of challah with the Brachot being recited in English and Hebrew. I always stress that the children are not drinking wine to ensure that I don't get an irate parent putting the story in the Hull Daily Mail. My aim is to reach into children's memories. In years to come, if they hear something derogatory about Jews, they may remember that taste of Kedem and the sweet challah and hopefully think, 'those Jews are not all bad'.

And for me, there is something very moving hearing 60 children recite the Brachot in Hebrew hoping that they know that even in this strange sounding language they are just thanking Hashem for their food and drink.

Whilst I hope that we never live through the times that my father did in Nazi Germany leading up to Shoah, if we can instil into at least some of the children to have a positive memory of Judaism in these deteriorating times, then we have done something worthwhile.

My thanks therefore to everybody who has supported me with these visits.

ASK THE RABBI



Asktherabbi.org responds to the questions:

What is the origin of placing a pebble on a grave and why should one try to use a round one?

The custom has very practical origins, although today its significance is much more psychological.

In days before communal cemeteries existed, placing stones on a grave served as a marker of the spot where the person was buried. It also prevented a body being disturbed by wild animals. It was also a warning to a Cohen (traditionally not allowed to go near a dead body unless it was a member of his immediate family) that he was near a corpse and should avoid it.

With the use of gravestones and public cemeteries, none of these apply now, but leaving a stone - either at the funeral or whenever one visits the grave - does serve another function : a way of showing one's respect and expressing it physically by bending down and picking up a stone and placing it on the grave. It is like leaving "a calling card" on the grave.

Frankly, any stone or pebble will do, whatever its shape or colour.

My mother's Yahrzeit is Adar 13 (right before Purim), but sometimes there are two Adars. On which Adar should I light the candle: Adar 1 or 2?

Firstly please accept my blessing that you be blessed with many more healthy years!

The answer to your question depends on whether you are Ashkenazi or Sephardi. The Ashkenazic custom is to commemorate the Yahrzeit on the first Adar (unless the original passing was during the second Adar and then the correct date is the second Adar in any year that has one) and the Sephardic custom is to commemorate the Yahrzeit on the second Adar.

Is it true that a Jew with a tattoo cannot be buried in a Jewish cemetery?

A tattoo does not forbid a Jewish burial. This idea is one of the greatest myths around.

Of course, the Torah forbids tattoos in general, but that it a matter of Jewish law and has its own set of rules. But even if the tattoo is of a type that the Torah bans, there is no connection between having a tattoo and not having a Jewish burial.

THE FAMILY AT WAR

In the last issue of the Hull Jewish Watchman, there was an article written by Howard Cuckle on the life and death of Major General Orde Charles Wingate and his time in Burma. One of our members, Natalie Winetroube, whose uncle, Ernie Rosenthal, had served in Burma with Major General Wingate, sent us the following article in which she reminisces about her family's military service in the Second World War.

My sister, Audrey, and I were interested in the story of Orde Wingate and the Chindits as our Uncle Ernie served in his unit in Burma with the Chindits fighting the Japanese. Before being sent to Burma, Ernie served in France and was one of the 'lucky' soldiers rescued on the Dunkirk beaches by one of the 'small boats'. Ernie never spoke much about the campaign in Burma and when he came home, he was gaunt and silent for days. He just lay on my Grandmother's sofa, not speaking much at all for quite a while.

Ernie was one of the Rosenthal Band of Brothers who all served in the Forces in different capacities. There was Sydney, Cyril, Ernie, Jack and Ronnie and I have photographs of all our Uncles in their various uniforms.

As a schoolgirl evacuated for the whole of the War, I wrote to all my Uncles to keep in touch with them. When I received a reply from Ernie in Burma, it came in the form of a square blue airmail. These airmails were often censored and sadly, they got lost when I moved house as an adult. I wish I had kept them all.

Our father was Sam Rosenthal and he could not join up in the War as he had only one good eye and a glass one, having lost one eye in an accident in his youth. He was, however, a Senior Air Raid Warden in his shelter on some land near the Carlton Cinema on Anlaby Road, where the Tesco Store is now. He was opposite Stirling Street which received a direct hit from enemy bombers and Dad was responsible for digging dead and alive people out of the wreckage. Some of the ladies in the area kitted Dad out with scarves, gloves and balaclavas, as our Mum had gone to live in Hornsea with my two little brothers. Luckily, our Grandmother had rented a house there, as she had been bombed out and our Grandfather was an invalid in a wheelchair having lost his legs from Diabetes.

Sadly two of our Uncles were killed in the War. Cyril, aged 26, was a gunner down South shooting at German aircraft. Ronnie, aged 21, was a trained mechanic and serviced aircraft in Gloucester. He couldn't wait to join the RAF and he was killed on his return to his barracks, outside Cheltenham, after being on leave to celebrate his 21st birthday

How our Grandmother recovered from the loss of two precious sons in 10 months we shall never comprehend. She did, however, make an effort to find two Jewish soldiers who were stationed in or around Hornsea and invited them to her Erev Shabbat dinner on a Friday night. Be they Free French, Algerians, Poles, American or Canadian, she invited whoever she could. She was an unsung heroine in her own right.

Audrey's future husband, Harold Sugarman, also served all through the war on the front line. He was an expert in decoding secret messages from the enemy and spent time in Austria and Italy. He was an expert skier and stayed on after the war, and although the authorities wanted him to be a skiing instructor, he declined. Due to the sensitivity of his role whilst serving in the secret service, he was actually given a pill to take if he was captured. Audrey and her son Ian's own James Bond who would never ever talk about what he actually did during the war.

My future husband, Ivor Winetroube, was called up when he was an 18 year old and was assigned a munitions truck taking supplies wherever they were needed. He never took a driving test in his life. Apparently, if he could keep his truck on a straight line, he was passed as a driver. I am still in constant touch with one of his co-drivers after all these years. Ivor's brother, Warren, later joined the RAF and was sent to India where there was unrest and rioting. He was only sent home when Ghandi was assassinated and the partition of India followed.

There can be few, if any, of our community who know all about our men folk's contribution to the war effort, but Audrey and I are proud of what they all did and the sacrifices some of them made, particularly Cyril and Ronnie and we will keep their memory alive forever.

CELEBRATING ISRAEL'S 71ST BIRTHDAY ...HULL FASHION.



The Hull Jewish Representative Council hosted its second celebratory BBQ at the Pryme Street Community Centre, attended by a large number of men, women and children from across the Community. Mike Westerman, has sent us the following report of the event.

On behalf of the Executive, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all who attended, but as last year, offer a special word of thanks to all the committee members, together with all the ladies of the Hull Hebrew Congregation (HHC), who made the day's event so very successful.

A special word of thanks is extended to the BBQ team, who worked so very hard to ensure everyone present, had ample burgers, chicken legs and sausages, as well as vegetarian options. I extend a special word of thanks, to Alan Kersh who came from Lincolnshire, Andy Harbert and Ian Sugarman from Ne've Shalom, Rabbi Eli Denderowitz and Vic Golding, for their most appreciated help with the BBQ. And a word of thanks also to Vic Golding, for his visual and audio input! It truly was a great team effort, which I am sure everyone present appreciated and enjoyed. The communal singing of the Hatikvah, again, was an extremely moving experience, for all present.

Once again, to all concerned, the organizing committee, the Ladies Committee of the HHC, the BBQ team and the "backroom team", I would just like to put on record my most sincere thanks, for making the event such a great success...and to all who attended, I say "Thank you so much"... and here's to you continued support to the Hull Jewish Community! You are our future!

HAPPY 71st BIRTHDAY ISRAEL Am Yisrael Chai !

A QUICKIE

Moishe and Sadie walked past a swanky new restaurant.
"Did you smell that food?" she asked. "Incredible!"
Being the nice guy, Moishe thought, "What the heck, I'll treat her!"
So they walked past the restaurant again.

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

Stuart Rosenthal	24 June 2019	Janet Sugarman	10 July 2019
Harold Harris	27 June 2019	Immanuel Godfrey	10 July 2019
Leah Stetinski	27 June 2019	Phillip Waytzman	10 July 2019
Jeannette Sevilla	30 June 2019	Jim Smith	23 July 2019
Les Rosenberg	1 July 2019	Tessa Pliener	29 July 2019
Issac Maniloff	3 July 2019	Becky Furman	31 July 2019
Abby Furman	4 July 2019	Bert Goldstone	4 Aug. 2019
Jennie Harris	8 July 2019	Solly Bermitz	4 Aug. 2019
Cissie Silver	8 July 2019	Ann Greenstone	4 Aug. 2019
Edgar Bennett	8 July 2019	Malcolm Gold	7 Aug. 2019
Berta Rose	9 July 2019	Alan Hillel Gerstein	10 Aug. 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 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
Sunday 7 July (Hebrew Reading Class)	10.30am	Deborah Wrapson	N/A
Sunday 7 July (Conversion Class)	11.30am	Ian Sugarman	N/A
Sunday 7 July (MDA Garden Party)	2.30pm	N/A	N/A
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
Friday 2 August	7.00pm	Malcolm Rosenberg	Joanne Kearsley Shirley Cassidy
Shabbat 3 August	10.30am	Ian Sugarman Tony Sevilla-Harland	Ann Sevilla-Harland Audrey Sugarman
Friday 9 August	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Elaine Winetroube Chris Blackburn
Friday 16 August	7.00pm	Mark Huntington	Ian Sugarman Andy Harbert
Sunday 18 August (Manchester Kosher Field Trip)	9.30am	Helen Jackman	N/A
Friday 23 August	7.00pm	Ian Sugarman	Audrey Sugarman Jackie Lukes
Friday 30 August	7.00pm	Sarita Robinson	Gill Drummond Rebecca Verlander
Friday 6 September	7.00pm	Malcolm Rosenberg	Joanne Kearsley Shirley Cassidy

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.