



The Voice of the Jewish Representative Council

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THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday May 11th 2008 10.15am

Nicky Alliance Centre, Middleton Road

Guest Speaker: Michael Oglesby DL

Former High Sheriff of Greater Manchester and founder and Chairman of Bruntwood

The whole community is invited

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Inspiring Gathering to remember 'Mr Interfaith'

By Judith Hayman

Two hundred Mancunians from across the religious spectrum came together at the Manchester Marriott Victoria & Albert Hotel on a cold winter's evening to celebrate the life and career of the late Henry Guterman MBE. 'Mr Interfaith', as he was affectionately known, devoted his life to fostering good interfaith relations. The event was organised by the Jewish Representative Council in partnership with 19 other organisations including the Faith Network 4 Manchester, the Council of Christians and Jews, the Muslim Jewish Forum and the Indian Jewish Association. Mr Guterman had at one time or another led all four of these organisations, as well as many others.

The Henry Guterman Memorial Lecture was delivered by Lord Janner of Braunstone QC who, like Henry, has spent a lifetime promoting interfaith dialogue. He shared a platform with Rev Steve Williams, co-chairperson of the Council of Christians and Jews; Afzal Khan, former Lord Mayor of Manchester and co-chairperson of the Muslim Jewish Forum and Dr Girdhari Bhan, co-chairman of the Indian Jewish Association. Jewish Representative Council President, Mrs Barbara Goldstone, chaired the event, paying tribute to Henry, saying, "Mr Interfaith taught us all tolerance and respect."

Lord Janner, former MP for Leicester North West and chairman of the Holocaust Education Trust, said, "Henry fought for the right of individuals, irrespective of religions."

As an 18-year-old soldier, Lord Janner attended the second anniversary of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen death camp and became the youngest war crimes investigator for the British Army in the region. He recounted his experiences during his two years of service, including the surprise of some officers that someone so young was in his role.

He worked at weekends with Jewish orphans in the Bergen Belsen Displaced Persons camp. "These children had nothing," he said, "no family, no home, absolutely nothing. It taught me that we have to work together. It doesn't matter what religious background one comes from. Henry Guterman understood this and we must all try to do what he tried to do - working tirelessly in engaging with other faiths. Otherwise, the alternative is appalling."

He also had a stark warning for those assembled, "We must not let it happen, but anti-Semitism is starting again." He spoke of the current situation on campus in Manchester where some Jewish students felt increasingly intimidated. He also drew attention to the situation across parts of Europe where there was growing racism against Jews and other minorities. He felt the only way to stop the growth of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia was for religions to work together to combat it. He warned, "We have to live together in peace and understanding or we die together. If we want peace we have to bring other faiths together."

One way in which Lord Janner is addressing this issue, he proudly explained to the meeting, is with the development of the Co-existence Trust. This initiative, alongside Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan, is working to create further understanding between Jews and Muslims and combat prejudice against the two faiths. "We have to deal with these issues and not separate ourselves. As Jews we



Above: Representative Council President Barbara Goldstone, Lord Janner and Project Officer Jonny Wineberg



Below: Henry Guterman's family at the Memorial Event

must recognise that we are a tiny part of the British population, compared with the Muslims who number around two million in this country and are gradually growing." Lord Janner referred to his book, 'One Hand Alone Cannot Clap', which explained this philosophy and why he worked so hard to bring people of different views together.

The event was organised by Jonny Wineberg, Project Officer of the Jewish Representative Council, and Co-Chairperson of the Muslim Jewish Forum, a role previously held by Henry. They also worked together for 15 years with The Jewish Youth Project where Henry served on the management group. Mr Wineberg told RepPresents, "The memorial lecture showed the positive effect of interfaith work. Henry worked for interfaith harmony and for young people. We should continue to ensure that young people understand their own faith and the faith of others."

Alison Philcock, of Unite Against Fascism, travelled up from London specially for the event. She said, "Henry would always rush down to speak whenever we asked him and it was the least we could do to come to Manchester to remember him."

Henry's children Robert, Mark

and Emma hosted the event. In a moving tribute to his father, Robert spoke of their visit to Berlin in 2005 and of learning that the Nazis deported Henry's two-year-old cousin Avigdor to the death camps. Robert said, "Dad believed in the freedom of this country and wanted to put something back. He did not trust the benign talk of the BNP."

In his vote of thanks David Berkeley QC said, "We miss him because he is irreplaceable."

Jewish Students: Proud, Safe but Anxious

Representative Council Executive member, Harry Lesser, reports on the situation for Jewish students on Manchester's University campuses, where he is Senior Lecturer in Philosophy.

First, the good news. The campus is still a place where Jewish students, male and female, feel they can walk anywhere in total safety wearing kipot, Magen David jewellery or Jewish Society jumpers. In Rusholme they might be more careful, but on campus there is no problem. They report also that all allegations of discrimination against Jews within the University have been investigated and found to be false.

The only problem is the Students' Union, which, as they point out, is legally independent of the University. The basic problem is that 90% of students understandably take no interest in Union politics, and this is what enables unrepresentative minorities to have a totally disproportionate influence. Hence the vote last year to twin with Ramallah and the later rejection of a motion condemning terrorism. These debates have also been conducted with a background of unpleasantness, including the chanting of anti-Semitic (not merely anti-Zionist) slogans, and attempts to intimidate the women: they are apparently more careful in how they deal with men, particularly burly men! There appears to be no doubt that anti-Zionism is sometimes, and perhaps often, a front for anti-Semitism.

The situation, as they see it, has now improved; but needs to be watched carefully. Tactically, they feel that what is needed at the moment is 1) to resist attempts to provoke them into an ill-judged response; 2) to work in the Union elections for the return of known "moderates"; and 3) if possible, to build up friendly relations with Muslim students at the individual level. This last is not easy, though

relations with all the other religious groups, especially the Hindus, are good.

One may note at this point that the situation is similar with regard to the UCU, the lecturers' union. At universities like Manchester less than half the members of staff belong to the union and 90% of those who are members take no active interest. The problem is once again an unrepresentative minority. In the UCU things have gone quiet since academic boycotts were found to be probably illegal but the expectation is that, sooner or later, some new anti-Israel motion will be proposed or political move made.

As regards anti-Israel propaganda, whether by students or lecturers, this sadly continues, the situation being perhaps worse at MMU than at the University of Manchester. Both Pappe and Norman Finkelstein have recently visited Manchester. They drew quite large audiences and Finkelstein was strongly heckled for his moderation and his belief in a two-state solution. But it appears, from the report of someone present at a number of these meetings, that it is always the same people who attend, and few converts are being made.

Finally, the students emphasised to me that they were very anxious, in this situation where things have improved but alertness is still needed, to maintain contact with the community. There have been times in the past when members of the local community have approached the University authorities without properly understanding the situation and proper communication can prevent this. But also the concern of the community is much appreciated, and the wish for co-operation very strong.

Since the above piece was written, we have received new information following the results of the Students' Union Elections.

A coalition of moderate students, including the Jewish Society, managed to defeat the Respect/Socialist Workers in 13 out of 14 positions on the Executive and in 35 out of 44 positions on the Union Council. This clearly puts the Student Union back in the hands of 'normal' students. Crucially the position of Campaigns officer was won by an independent who wishes to shift the focus away from Israel/Palestine to more local issues.

These results have transformed the political climate in Manchester, and should mean positive things for Jewish students on campus. There are now 3 Jewish Students on the Executive, with several others on Council and we hope that this will create a more calm and approachable Students' Union for Jews, and all others, in Manchester.

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Providing a quick and easy-to-use guide to your communal organisations

Contact us by phone, post or e-mail to add your event to the Communal Diary!

Check the Communal Diary before arranging your event to reduce clashes with other functions, and we will publicise your event to all our delegates and their organisations.

Whose needs are they anyway?

A chance for you to say what the real needs in our community are; say if you are happy with what's out there or not; express your happiness or discontent and rant if you want!

Monday 31st March, 8pm to 10pm
Manchester Maccabi, Bury Old Rd.
For more info T. 0793 0534422
E. N.leadership@gmail.com

The President's Week

A short speech at a Civic event; a photo opportunity in the Jewish Telegraph; an interview on GMR's Citizen Manchester. This is the public face of our Community's President. Here, **Barbara Goldstone** gives us a glimpse into what goes on behind the headlines with her diary of a week in February.

Sunday
I attended the Community First executive meeting at Manchester Town Hall with Sir Howard Bernstein and Ivan Lewis MP leading the deliberations. We covered a range of issues impacting on the future of our community including how we will find its future leadership; planning our youth provision and more effectively using the internet, and our own www.jewishmanchester.org website, so that people can readily find the information they need.



In the afternoon I telephoned Frank Baigel, Chairman of the Jewish Historical Society, about the visit of Elkan Levy. He is speaking to our Council at its March meeting in the morning and to the Society in the evening. We agreed to entertain him in between!

The Archbishop of Canterbury's speech, which included the idea of some aspects of Sharia Law possibly being incorporated into English Law, has certainly raised a few concerns. A number of people have now mentioned this to me and I will speak to Rabbi Y Brodie of the Beth Din on this matter.

Monday
Today I came into the Representative Council's Office. Firstly I read through the Jewish Telegraph announcements and then the CST Annual Report. I made a mental note to include their recommendations in my Presidential Statement. I then went upstairs to speak with the Manchester Beth Din about the Archbishop and to find out if anything more was known about Jamie Oliver's alleged comments on Shechita.

In the evening the RepPresents meeting was held in my house. We reflected on the activities of the past few months over tea and cakes, and planned how to incorporate these into this edition of the Representative Council's newsletter.

Tuesday
I was in the office today to check my invitation to next Sunday's Civic Service for the Mayor of Trafford at South Manchester Synagogue. Then, at 11:30, we had our Honorary Officers meeting, at which we resolved to create the Jewish Community Awards and invite nominations to recognise outstanding contributions to our community.

In the evening I attended a SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) meeting at Bethesda Pentecostal Church for the launch of the Agreed Syllabus.

Wednesday
This morning I came into the

office to check over the agenda for the Executive Committee Meeting. Later in the day I attended the 'Respect' meeting in Salford Town Hall. This discussed recommendations to achieve better behaviour for children as part of the Government's agenda to combat anti-social behaviour.

Thursday
I was going about my duties in the office when I received a phone call from Joy Wolfe who is the Life President of the Manchester Zionist Central Council. She informed me of Alan Beswick's anti-Israel comments on BBC GMR Radio. I phoned up and was surprised when they put me live on air and found myself debating with Alan Beswick for about five minutes! We agreed to differ but I was glad I had presented Israel's case.

In the evening I attended the Executive Committee Meeting, where we covered many of the issues I had been working on during the week.

Friday
Today Dana Gloger from the Jewish Chronicle rang the office to obtain information about our community. She was interested in hearing whether there were any further situations that need attention. I can only hope that such interest leads to Manchester getting better coverage rather than being squashed into a few short paragraphs!

With a busy week over, Shabbat meant that I could hang the chain of office up for at least 25 hours and get refreshed for the next, exciting week!

The Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Manchester in association with The Zionist Central Council & The Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester & Region

invites you to

THE COMMUNITY SHERMAN LECTURE
7.30pm for 8pm start, Sunday, 6th April 2008

JEWISH LIFE AS A WORK OF JEWISH ART

Guest Lecturer

Prof. Melissa Raphael-Levine

Professor of Jewish Theology, University of Gloucestershire

Mamlock House, Bury Old Road

Rabbi Felix Carlebach - an obituary

The passing of Rabbi Felix Carlebach, the 96 year old doyen of the Manchester rabbinate, was the end of an era, writes **Joy Wolfe**.

Clearly a "Legend in his Lifetime", he was born in Lubeck, into a respected rabbinical family, and lived there until he escaped to England in 1939 with his wife Babette, his dedicated partner until she died in 1991.

They came on a guarantee from Chief Rabbi Joseph H. Hertz. Arriving unable to speak any English, he grew to be a great orator serving at Palmers Green and Southgate until 1947 when he moved to South Manchester Synagogue, building his congregation into one of the most respected ones in Manchester. He was known for his wicked sense of humour, and his demand for strict decorum during services.

He retired in 1987 and, when the congregation moved to Bowdon in 2003, he was honoured with a plaque, unveiled by Prince Charles, who planted a tree in his name. After retirement, he attended Shaare Hayim Synagogue where he was shown great respect. The service

prior to his funeral took place in his original synagogue in Wilbraham Road.

After much soul searching, Rabbi Carlebach returned to Lubeck in 1985, was granted the freedom of the city in 1987, visiting his former school, meeting classmates he hadn't seen since 1939. A great music lover, he was thrilled to conduct the orchestra in Lubeck. He had a unique collection of Holocaust stamps.

His 90th birthday was marked by a tribute at the Royal Northern College of Music and friends dedicated an annual Halle concert to him in 1987. He was an accomplished pianist, playing duets with the late Ethel Bernstein and his daughter Naomi.

His interests were widespread including a lengthy period as a chaplain at Manchester Airport, being called in at the time of the Munich disaster, served Christie Hospital, the Jewish Blind Society, Morris Feinmann Home, B'nai B'rith and gave 65 years service to the Council of Christians and Jews. He was also chaplain to six Manchester Lord Mayors.

From the Lakes

Just up the M6 from Manchester is a hidden wonder of the Jewish community who would love to welcome Mancunians who would like to visit. **Fiona Frank** gives us a feel for what Jews are doing in rural Lancashire.

Lancaster and Lakes Jewish Community is a small and eclectic community drawing in people from Lancaster, Kendal, Morecambe, and the outlying villages. It exists for all Jewish people, people with Jewish heritage, Jewish partners, Jewish children or grandchildren, or just for people with an interest in Judaism.

We are not affiliated to any particular Jewish movement but rather, aim to run services and events and celebrate the festivals in a way which is inclusive for people of all Jewish traditions.

We are closely linked with Lancaster University Jewish Society and hold services in their consecrated rooms within the University's beautiful, purpose built clover-shaped Chaplaincy Centre. We also hold discussions of Jewish interest in members' homes, and have regular talks from invited

speakers. Last year we held a successful Klezmer dance, with caller Sue Cooper and band Manchester Klezmer, at a local Community Centre. This attracted many Klezmer music lovers from the city as well as several Jewish people from the district who hadn't been in touch with us before.

We held our AGM in February and are currently planning our programme for 2008, which will include services, a community Seder, a 'Jewish Film Festival' night, and speaker and discussion events. If you'd like to join us, or for further details, please contact: Fiona Frank (Secretary) Tel **07778 737681** or email fionafrank@googlemail.com Susannah Cogger (Treasurer) email susannahcogger@hotmail.co.uk

Website: <http://lanclakesjc.blogspot.com>

The Kohens meet the Kumars

Those who made the effort to attend the Hindu-Jewish Association Manchester "Kohens meet the Kumars" afternoon tea at Manchester Reform Synagogue on February 24 were richly rewarded, writes **Judith Hayman**.

The organisers copied a successful Muslim Jewish Forum Womens' event last year at Urbis, where participants broke the ice by bringing along an object that was relevant to their religion or culture.

The numbers of each faith attending were quite even, helping to create a sharing atmosphere. The afternoon started on a high note with the Hindu guests being treated to a knowledgeable explanation of the synagogue service by the Jackson's Row stalwart Mrs Irene Gould. There was an opportunity to stand on the bimah and lean over and look at the Torah scrolls. The guests were intrigued to learn of the penalties for dropping a scroll!

The fusion refreshments were a novelty to Jews and Hindus alike. The home-made spicy vegetable samosas were a good forspeis to the Brackman's kuchen and pastries to follow. As usual the catering was far too ample!

The main focus of the afternoon was discussing the items brought by both religious groups. An ornamental Israeli glass mezuzah brought by Dr Jackie Lewis of Whitefield led to some useful debate. A trophy with a Hindu "Umm" led to the Jewish members learning that, in Hindu belief, this sound was made at the beginning of the world.

Although there are few similarities in religious practice between Jews and Hindus it was obvious that the two religious groups had no trouble in getting along with each other. There appeared to be a natural empathy. After tea a



Above: Irene Gould shows Hindu members of the Association the view from the bimah Below: Hindu Jewish Association Co-Chairs Dr Girdhari Bhan (left) and Louis Rapaport



representative from each table summed up what had been discussed at the table.

Dr Girdhari Bhan, Co-Chair of the Association, then addressed the group informing them that the name of the organisation had been changed from the Indian-Jewish Association to the Hindu-Jewish Association to better reflect the interfaith nature of its work. He also stressed that Hindus did not like to be described as Asian as this was too imprecise a term.

Further stimulus and opportunity for discussion came with the perusal of a collection of Israeli stamps by Representative Council Vice-President David Davies. Mr Davies' collection covers the 60 years of the Jewish State's existence. The Association's co-chairman, Louis Rapaport, drew the raffle.

Some cynics may ask, "Why bother with interfaith work as it preaches only to the converted?" What is comforting for both sides to know is that some effort is being made to bring people together. So the symbolism counts, and one has to start with the most open-minded before progress can be made to others.

One young Hindu father on my table lived in Gatley, close to the Yeshurun Synagogue, and he had always wanted to observe a service. Mrs Eve Bolchover promptly said she would 'fix it'. Perhaps this is what interfaith work is all about.

EVENTS DIARY

- Sunday, April 6: Jewish Representative Council Meeting, Nicky Alliance Centre, Middleton Road, 10.30 am. Speakers: Sir Howard Bernstein and Dr Peter Kurer.
- Sunday, April 6: Community Sherman Lecture, Mamlock House: 8pm. *Jewish Life as a Work of Jewish Art*. Prof. Melissa Raphael-Levine, Professor of Jewish Theology at the University of Gloucestershire.
- Monday, April 7 to Thursday April 10: Sherman Lectures continue at University of Manchester, Leamington Lecture Theatre, Samuel Alexander Building at 5.15pm each day.
- Thursday, May 1: Yom HaShoah Commemoration, Hilton Suite, Bury New Road, 8pm.
- Thursday May 8: Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel 60, 2nd City Suite, Oldham Road,
- Sunday, May 11: Jewish Representative Council Annual General Meeting, Nicky Alliance Centre, Middleton Road, 10.15am.
- Sunday, June 1: Jewish Representative Council Meeting, Nicky Alliance Centre, Middleton Road, 10.30 am.
- Sunday June 29: Salute to Israel 60 Rally. Watch Press for Details.

FOR DETAILS OF ALL FORTHCOMING EVENTS, CONSULT THE COMMUNAL DIARY. CALL 0161 720 8721 OR EMAIL OFFICE@JEWISHMANCHESTER.ORG

NEW LEADERSHIP

When the New Leadership Project began last year, it was in response to growing concern about the lack of a new generation of leaders to take responsibility for the institutions in the Jewish Community. After funding from the Government's Faith Communities Capacity Building Fund, the project has grown rapidly and has involved over 70 potential leaders. With a very successful training programme in the Autumn, development of the Greater Manchester Jewish Youth Voice, rapid emergence of the New Leadership Women's Group and the launch of the Jewish Community Survey this month, the year has been a great start for the initiative. Here we give a brief insight into two these developments and offer the chance for more of you to get involved through completing the Jewish Community Survey.

Women See Benefits

Within a few months of its inception, the New Leadership Women's Project is already revolutionising the focus of women's leadership in the Manchester Jewish community. Appointed Peer Community Workers, Laura Nathan and Samantha Rosenberg, have been working in partnership with the Jewish Representative Council and the League of Jewish Women to promote and encourage leadership amongst women of the community.

Laura is excited about the project's potential to "provide a younger generation of women with a voice so that they feel empowered to explore issues of importance to themselves and others." Samantha agrees, adding that "the future lies in mobilising leaders in their 20s, 30s and 40s who are passionate about local needs and establishing Manchester as a beneficial environment in which Jews can live and bring up their children."

Two events organised and facilitated by Laura and Samantha brought together a diverse group of women in their 20s-40s to explore the nature of women's leadership and active involvement in the community.

The first event held in December at the Manchester Maccabi Centre provided an introduction into women's leadership and positive role models, initiating discussions on what Jewish women would like to see locally and how they could work together to influence change.

Participants took part in a range of activities based on teamwork, group interaction and leadership skills. This initial event saw expressions of genuine interest in the cultivation of women's unique skills with an approach to developing the community as a whole. It was a great success and everyone felt inspired.

Suzanne Kanter from Crumpsall found the event really refreshing, commenting on how it focused on the needs of Manchester women, opening up "possibilities for potential roles for women leaders in the community."

Following this event, a second one was held in February. This explored the potential development of a new and exciting women's group, which could incorporate many of the issues discussed including learning new and diverse skills, meeting like minded women, and becoming pro-active in volunteering.

Through various discussions, several key themes emerged. It became evident that these women were eager to form a steering group which could potentially link with the League of Jewish Women and develop into a strong women's group. There was a shared belief of the importance of engaging with other faiths and cultural groups, in a way which provided a positive impression of Judaism. Suggestions included interfaith film nights, traditional dinners and volunteering in the wider community. Participant Melissa Chapman was inspired by the session. "I am very keen to get involved in something worthwhile,

enjoyable and that also benefits my community".

Laura and Samantha are thrilled at the interest in establishing this group and are eager to put ideas into motion. They are planning to meet in March to discuss the next stages of the group's development and are keen to invite Jewish women in their 20s - 40s within Greater Manchester who show interest in this initiative. If you feel a desire for change and want to get involved, please come along to the next meeting. Contact Laura on 07739 016394 or Samantha on 07983 725139, or email n.leadership@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



Above: Women work together in groups discussing the future of Manchester's Jewish community. Below: Laura Nathan leads a group exercise identifying leadership needs.



Jewish Youth Voice

Young people have been taking the opportunity offered by the Council's New Leadership Project to get their voice heard. Starting with a consultation event in December, they identified some exciting ways forward and are pursuing them with vigour.

Peer Youth Worker Darren Cohen explained, "It was just fascinating to see what people truly feel once you scratch the surface. In the build up to the first event there was a lot of apathy with people unsure of what exactly the issues were but the event definitely ensured that the issues and intentions were set out."

Issues, such as lack of exciting things to do, were consistently coming up. One young person, Joe Ailion, described how: "From 14 onwards, following our Bar Mitzvah year, we sit around peoples houses not really doing a lot and then at 16/17 the attitude becomes let's go to town, but we aren't really ready for that either. There is no middle point."

Other issues raised included anti-Semitism, lack of opportunity to engage in Jewish learning when coming from a secular background and also worryingly drugs, alcohol and 'nothing to do' appeared to be the reoccurring theme. Much of the discussion showed parallels with previous findings about young Jewish people's needs in research undertaken by The Jewish Youth Project, a partner in New Leadership.

When asked about structures that should be available, Anna Roberts, fellow Peer Youth Worker, noted some of the interesting and even radical ideas. She said, "There were some really exciting ideas put forward such as a Jewish or Inter-faith Radio Station with good music and debates. Other ideas were that we should have a Facebook forum and open a kind of Debating society similar to that of the Oxford Union."

Radio Show

Following that event, plans have moved forward rapidly, with a Radio show the first to come to fruition. With Community Radio Station North Manchester FM on air in February, the group broadcast a special feature programme called *Jewish Hour: Let's Spiel*.

The radio broadcast was a terrific success and despite a small amount of training in preparation for the broadcast, the quartet of Peer Youth Workers Darren Cohen and Anna Roberts, alongside Maya Grosberg and Daniel Sieff, who both had previous media experience, made a formidable team. They covered a large range of contemporary Jewish issues, including the advantages and

disadvantages of Jewish schools versus non-Jewish schools, a unique Jewish restaurant guide, the current latest in Jewish sport, the Jewish word on the street and a special feature on Klezmer Music.

The show attracted guests including Manchester Maccabi 1st football manager Sheldon Lee who debated the behaviour of participants in Jewish sports. In addition, Mike Kahan and Adrian Dobson of Manchester Klezmer bands *Klezmer Gourmets* and *Klezmer Kollektive* presented various Klezmer songs and gave a short explanation of the origins and contemporary rise of the Eastern European Jewish folk music.

The show also featured 'vox pops' where the Jews of Manchester were interviewed by reporter Anna Roberts. She enthused, "I really enjoyed working on the radio show, it was a good experience. It was definitely a good way to get young Jewish voices heard."

Whilst NFM's one month licence has now ended, there is the possibility of a permanent licence from April and more opportunities for Jewish young people to broadcast will be pursued.

Jewdo

The latest venture from the Greater Manchester Jewish Youth Voice was a more social event, based on the needs identified at the consultation. *Jewdo: Not a Jewish Rave* was a supper event, held just after Purim, with a comedy turn, karaoke, quiz and speeches on Jewish Leadership. The diverse activities appealed to young people looking for more than just their usual fare, with fifty enjoying the evening at the Maccabi Centre.

Many of the young people involved indicated their interest in planning future events and taking up leadership positions in the community. These may be with youth groups initially, including Jewish Youth Voice itself, but, in the longer term, will hopefully lead them to our communal institutions.

The Jewish Youth Voice is open to any Jewish young person in Greater Manchester. It will continue to develop to enable young people to have their say on what happens both inside our community as well as on young people's issues in wider society. To get involved, email youth@jewishmanchester.org or call 07930 534422.



Above: Young people debate some of the key issues in the community at the Greater Manchester Jewish Youth Voice's consultation event

Jewish Community Survey 2008

Calling all of you in your 20s, 30s and 40s

If you've ever complained about anything in the community, now's the chance to have your say.

Whose Needs Are They Anyway?
Special Consultation Event
Monday March 31st,
8pm to 10pm
at Manchester Maccabi
Bury Old Road

Make sure you complete your Needs Questionnaire
To get a copy, phone 0161 720 8721
or download from www.jewishmanchester.org

For more info, email: n.leadership@gmail.com or join the facebook group at www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=3336900169



Record Turnout for Community Quiz

Twenty seven highly motivated teams contested this year's Leslie Donn Community Challenge Quiz evening at the Hilton Suite. No quarter was asked or given as they competed for the £1,000 first prize.

Stenecourt Synagogue, Whitefield Hebrew Congregation and North Cheshire Jewish Primary were neck and neck through the first half of the challenge. Then a music lyrics marathon round produced a huge shock as first time entrants, the Muslim Jewish Forum, scored 49 out of 50 to take the lead.

However, a superb showing in the last five rounds, where they only dropped two points, gave Stenecourt victory by one point over Whitefield. The Muslim Jewish Forum came in third.

Malcolm Simon once again conducted the quiz in his efficient and humorous manner, ably assisted by his wife, Elaine.

With the raffle and sponsorships, the event raised over £2000 towards the work of the Council but, just as importantly, was enjoyed by all who participated.



Above: The victorious Stenecourt winning Quiz Team with the Leslie Donn Community Challenge Trophy and their winner's cheque.

Awards for Excellence

New ideas sometimes come from curious beginnings. A recent discussion at the Editorial group of RepPresents regarding workers and volunteers in the community resulted in the idea of recognising their contributions with an award.

With the approval of the Executive, we approached the Jewish Telegraph and were delighted that they agreed to be a partner in this venture.

The Manchester Jewish Community Awards will recognise the contribution of individuals and

organisations to the vibrancy of our community. We are hopeful that people who have benefited from exceptional service or commitment beyond the expected will see fit to put pen to paper (or finger to keyboard) and nominate those deserving of recognition.

Barbara Goldstone, Representative Council President, explained, "We know how much so many individuals give to our community and wanted a way to tell them how much they are valued. These awards will celebrate the best

of Jewish Manchester and inspire others to aspire to excellence."

The panel will consist of communal leaders with Barbara Goldstone, Paul Harris (Jewish Telegraph Editor) and Joy Wolfe (ZCC Honorary Life President) already confirmed.

Nomination forms are available from the Representative Council Office. Those wishing to make nominations have until June 15th to do so with the awards ceremony at the Council's monthly meeting in July.

"WE MUST NEVER FORGET"

תשס"ח

Yom HaShoah

Thursday 1st May 2008



דור ודור

Generation to Generation

Hilton Suite, Bury New Road, Prestwich

at 8 pm

Admission Free - Donations welcome



Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester & Region

Nominations now open for Executive Committee:

President, 2 Vice-Presidents, Hon Treasurer, 2 Hon Secretaries

REPRESENTATIVES: 10 Synagogue, 3 Youth Organisation, 5 Women's Organisation, 9 Other Institutions, 4 Deputies, 3 Magistrates/Councillors, 5 Honorary Members

To be received no later than Tuesday, 15 April 2008



THE JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF GREATER MANCHESTER AND REGION



JEWISH COMMUNITY AWARDS 2008

Nominations are invited for outstanding achievement in the categories of:

- Volunteer of the Year
- Communal Worker of the Year
- Communal Organisation of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Youth Organisation of the Year

For a nomination form contact the Representative Council Office
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 or visit www.jewishmanchester.org

Closing date for nominations: Sunday 15th June 2008

Awards presented at The Representative Council Meeting: Sunday 6th July 2008