



# REP PRESENTS

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## Community United Against Terrorism

When the last edition of RepPresents was published just before Chanukah we wrote about "Standing Together with the people of Paris" following the appalling atrocities that had taken place there in November last year. As we go to print with our Pesach edition the evil murders in Europe have been repeated yet again.

The tourist shopping centre of Istanbul was the target of the next instalment of the bestiality, possibly with Israelis as their target; soon to be followed by bombers in Brussels attacking both the airport and metro system. Innocent people who are just going about their daily activities are being brutally murdered on the streets of Europe as well as on the streets of Israel where fatal stabbings are sadly still a regular occurrence.

Sharon Bannister, President

of the Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester and Region, says, "Never before in my lifetime have I been so grateful for the efforts of our Security Services, along with our own CST who carry out their valuable work, often unseen but always much appreciated."

"We join with the rest of the civilised world in offering our heartfelt sympathies to the victims of terror and their loved ones. We can only hope and pray that no further lives are to be taken by the inhuman

followers of this brand of extremism."

Vice-President Jonny Wineberg, who Co-Chairs the *We Stand Together* initiative for Greater Manchester, said, "These incidents only make us more determined to reject the inhumanity of those who would divide us. We will recommit our efforts to standing with those of all faiths, creeds and nationalities who are determined to say no to hatred and build respect and understanding."

## From the President

Sharon Bannister, President of the Jewish Representative Council, reflects on the many changes that are taking place within our organisation.

The recent retirements of our loyal, dedicated and long-serving staff, Susan Daniels and Karen Finlay have left a big hole in the Council's administrative functionality and they will both be missed, not only for their consistent presence and public face of the Council but also for their vast knowledge of our community affairs. We wish them both a long and happy retirement. On a personal note, when I first became a delegate to the Council in 1995 (that long ago?), Susan was very helpful and friendly, as was Karen when she started soon after. During my term as President their assistance and support has been particularly welcome.

The new face in the Office is to be Laurie Burnley-Myers who comes highly recommended and will be a great asset. Laurie starts in May of this year and I am eagerly looking forward to her implementing her new ideas for our office systems and procedures.

Our Representative Council is now in a period of great change – changes that will better equip us to be truly representative of this great community, to champion our interests with the wider community, to support our affiliated organisations, to work alongside them, assist them in achieving their aims and be the authoritative voice of Greater Manchester Jewry.

The updated structure of the Representative Council is now firmly taking shape, with our Working Groups taking on the responsibility for their respective functions and producing good results. The Officers and Executive will be elected at the May AGM and we look forward to an exciting 2016-17 as they deliver the outcomes we need.

As from our AGM, the leadership of the Council will also undergo change. The job of President will be split between two Officers: A President and a newly created position of Chair. The President's role will remain as the public representative, to liaise with both public and private bodies, to participate in the various forums, committees and advisory groups that need to take in to account the unique nature of our Community, the needs and expectations of its members and correct ever-present misunderstandings or incorrect assumptions and challenge antisemitism. The President will continue to chair



the plenary Council meetings.

The new Chair will assume responsibility for the internal workings of the Representative Council. They will chair the meetings of the Executive and the Officers, be responsible for the effective running of the 6 Working Groups and be the driving force of the Council going forward.

By splitting these two roles alongside the new Officers' functions we will allow for a much more effective use of the limited time and resources available from our leaders.

There is also to be another very welcome new development with the newly created Jewish Leadership Council's External Affairs Managers, one of whom is to be based in our Office. Along with their counterparts in Glasgow and Leeds they are being charged with Community Advocacy which is exactly aligned with much of what we do. They will bring a level of professionalism to this increasingly vital function. In a time of rising antisemitism thinly veiled as anti-zionism, it is essential that we have competent, effective and agile resources to not only rebut the vile hatred but just as importantly disseminate positive messages.

Still too often I hear reports of people asking, "What does the Representative Council do?" Our Facebook and Twitter feeds are bringing our work before wider audiences and I urge those who use these media to share our message out to their own audiences. To the Council delegates I repeat my frequent request – please report back to your own organisations; let them know what we do for them and just as importantly, represent them at our Council meetings.

Pesach is upon us again. May we all have peaceful and meaningful Seders, enjoy our abstinence from Chometz and not suffer too much from over-indulgence of Matzo.

## Up to the Challenge

The Jewish Representative Council held our Annual Community Challenge Quiz for the Leslie Donn Challenge Cup on Sunday Evening reports Clive Moss-Barclay.

It was a very exciting evening with Dr Adam Simon and Jonny Wineberg as Quizmasters, Adam having taken over from his father, Malcolm Simon, due to the latter's illness. Elaine Simon and Phil Langer supported on the organisational and technical aspects or the quiz with Linda Jacobs and Barbara Goldstone in charge of arrangements for the event. A Kosher Hamper was the top raffle prize, donated by Tesco, who also put up £100 in vouchers for the first prize. Another donation of a print of 'Running from the

Pogrom' by the Israeli artist, Eduard Gurevich, was auctioned and bought for £45.

20 teams took part in the quiz, which was exciting all the way through with Outreach pulling away at the break following the Marathon round but Stenecourt pegging them back to be level on 114 points

with two rounds remaining. Meanwhile half a dozen teams were battling out for third place, which was eventually shared by the Muslim Jewish Forum and Whitefield Hebrew Congregation, who each received £50 of Tesco vouchers. At the top of the leader board, Outreach managed to score a perfect 10 points on both of the final two rounds on 'Jewish Interest' and 'Popular Music' to pip Stenecourt by a single point and scoop the £700 first prize, Stenecourt receiving £200 for second place.

Community Challenge Quiz Final Table		
Position	Team	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Outreach	134
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stenecourt	133
Joint 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Muslim Jewish Forum / Whitefield Hebrew Cong.	120



President of the Jewish Representative Council, Sharon Bannister, presents the cheque to Dr Peter Elton and the rest of the members of Outreach's winning team.

# Farewell to Karen & Susan

This year the Jewish Representative Council says goodbye to its two administrators, Karen Finlay and Susan Daniels, who between them have ensured the smooth running of the Council and its committees for many years, reports **Philip Langer**, Treasurer.



Karen (back left) and Susan (front left) with the Honorary Officers meeting then Chief Rabbi Elect, Ephraim Mirvis, in the Council's Office in 2014

Karen retired in February after working 16 years for the Council; Susan joined the Council in 1990 and will be retiring in June. Between them Susan and Karen have worked 42 years for the Council fulfilling all its essential administrative functions. They have ensured the smooth running of the Council's office and supported its many committees and working groups, arranging meetings, taking minutes, overseeing correspondence and arranging events.

Karen and Susan worked very closely with the late Dr. Sydney Baigel on the Council's Yearbook, which is one of our major sources of funding. Karen

liaised with advertisers and contributors to the Yearbook including Lord Mayors, Mayors, Israel Ambassadors and Council delegates. Susan's role has been to keep the yellow pages section of the Yearbook (and website) up-to-date. She has also been responsible for ensuring that all the articles and reports were formatted in the correct style for the Yearbook.

Karen was responsible for overseeing the arrangements for the annual Yom HaShoah commemoration service, ensuring that the appropriate people received their invitations to this important event in the Council's calendar. An important function of the

Honorary Officers is to meet with all the Mayors of the Greater Manchester Boroughs and each year Karen would arrange for these meetings to take place. She also acted as the Council's bookkeeper making sure that our finances were all in order.

Susan liaised with all the Council's affiliates and their delegates. She has had the important role of administering the meetings of Council, Executive and AGM which she also attends to take minutes, deal with correspondence, etc. Susan has also supported the organisers of the annual Community Challenge quiz liaising with all the organisations that take part as well as helping out on the day. Susan has also been a great help on the preparation and dissemination of RepPresents.

There are many other activities that Susan and Karen have undertaken over the years that they have worked for the Council - the list is almost endless! There is really so much that goes on in our office and we are very grateful to them both for looking after us in such an efficient manner.

We wish you both long, healthy and happy retirements - you deserve it. You will be sorely missed by us all.

## Breaking Barriers & Building Bridges

**Filis Rosenberg** reflects on how, as a member of the Manchester Jewish Representative Council's Executive, she has the opportunity to interact in various ways with so many people.

February was of particular interest as it included a very enjoyable visit to the Khizra Mosque in Cheetham Hill on the UK's 'Visit my mosque' day followed two weeks later by a visit to the Jamil Mosque also in Cheetham Hill.

As a member of the Challenging Hate Forum, which is chaired by the Dean of Manchester Rogers Govender, I liaised with The Manchester Jewish Museum and their curator Alex Cropper. Alex very kindly brought along a beautiful framed Ketubah to our event 'Art brings Community Together' which formed part of Hate Crime week. Tony Lloyd, Mayor and Police and Crime Commissioner, spoke on 'The Route to ending Hate Crime in Manchester'. This was followed by Councillor Nigel Murphy,

Manchester City Council, who chose the event to launch Manchester's Hate Crime Strategy 2016 - 2019.

At the AGM of the North Manchester Independent Advisory Group, which is headed by the police, we were informed that there is a serious need to increase diversity in the police force in Manchester and the hope was expressed that there would be an increase in the number of Jewish members of the force.

Lastly I attended a special meeting with Itamar Marcus who is the Director of Palestinian Media Watch. This was a special event was organised by the ZCC and attended by about 25-30 Christian and Jewish Zionists. Itamar's deep insight gave us much food for thought.



Alex Cropper (left), curator of Manchester Jewish Museum, and Filis Rosenberg with a framed Ketubah from Manchester Jewish Museum.

## Can you Help Raise Funds for the JRC?

Fundraising for the Jewish Representative Council is taking a completely new direction reports **Susan Isaacs**, member of the Fundraising Working Group.

In May this year we will be launching a super raffle with some very exciting and varied prizes. This will be drawn at the Community Quiz in November and tickets will be sold throughout the community. We are also planning events that are varied and will appeal to all.

Our aim is to raise sufficient funds to support the work of the

Jewish Representative Council; but to achieve this goal we need your help and support. How can you help? If you are able to offer your home for events, sell raffle tickets, obtain or donate raffle prizes, or simply wish to work on the Fundraising Working Group please contact the office at [office@jewishmanchester.org](mailto:office@jewishmanchester.org) or telephone 0161 720 8721.



**THE JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF GREATER MANCHESTER AND REGION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday May 8th 2016 10.15am**

**Guest Speaker:**



**Luciana Berger MP**  
Shadow Minister for Mental Health

For venue details, contact: [office@jewishmanchester.org](mailto:office@jewishmanchester.org)

**The whole community is invited to attend**

### RepPresents Pesach 2016

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# Health at Risk in Salford

New research carried out by the Jewish Representative Council's Vice-President **Jonny Wineberg** and **Dr Sandi Mann** of the University of Central Lancashire has identified a range of health needs of Salford's Jewish communities.

The ground-breaking survey commissioned by Salford Clinical Commissioning revealed concerns about immunisation take-up, healthy eating, amounts of exercise and attitudes to mental health within the predominately orthodox Jewish communities in the region. Over 500 people took part in the year-long research project that included peer-led focus groups as well as questionnaires.

The findings have highlighted particular concerns related to men and children's lack of exercise, with just over one third of men meeting the recommended levels of physical activity compared to two thirds nationally. Less than half the children do more than an hour's exercise per week, with a third doing less than 30 minutes per week. The percentage of women meeting recommended levels is comparable to the national average. The "Healthy Eating" message

is not always getting through to this community with over half the children being given cake to eat at least once a day. Whilst more than half the children get at least 3 portions of fruit or vegetables a day, 90% of children fail to receive their '5 a day'. The survey revealed that a small percentage of the community are unwilling to have their children immunised, often due to lack of information. This compares badly with the wider community where, for example,

the uptake of MMR immunisation is almost 100%.

Alcohol consumption for Jewish adults is fortunately very low compared to the rest of the population, although a significant percentage of respondents could be classed as 'binge-drinkers' on the Sabbath. Up-take of cervical smears is lower than the rest of the population, possibly due to the low perceived risk of HPV infection and cervical cancer, the higher number of pregnancies and religious norms relating to menstruation. Mental health is still a big stigma within the orthodox Jewish community which may prevent many people seeking the help they need.

Dr Sandi Mann said, "This research has revealed important health issues that are particular to the orthodox community and that these need to be addressed by the local NHS if they are to improve the health of this population".

Download the research report at [www.salfordccg.nhs.uk/assessing-health-needs](http://www.salfordccg.nhs.uk/assessing-health-needs), or contact the Lead Researcher, **Jonny Wineberg**, at [jonny@jewishmanchester.org](mailto:jonny@jewishmanchester.org) or on 07930 534422.



Dr Sandi Mann and Jonny Wineberg

# Small Is Quite Big

**Ed Horwich**, the Jewish Small Communities Network Co-ordinator, likes to describe what his organisation does as a "Front Line Front Desk Bureaux". JSCN provides a route to fulfill a need, whether it's a community needing to find the people, or individuals or organisations needing to find the communities.

JSCN began in 2004 by supporting a series of meetings of the small Jewish communities situated along the North West coastline. Representatives from Southport, St Annes, Blackpool the Lake District and North Wales came together to share their experiences and attended a meeting addressed by the then Chief Rabbi, Lord Sacks.

Open to the whole spectrum of Jewish life, JSCN extends from Chareidi, through Modern Orthodox and Traditional, to Liberal and Reform covering upwards of 78 Jewish small communities in the UK outside of the main conurbations of London, Manchester, Leeds, Liverpool and Glasgow. Contrary to public opinion, many of these Jewish small communities are not dying but actually quite happily getting on with things, and in some cases actually thriving. Interestingly, the latest UK census showed that there are people who identify themselves as Jewish in nearly every borough throughout the whole of the UK.

Over its 12 years, JSCN has become an accessible door that is open to everyone, responding to enquiries about family history, social and welfare problems, religious dilemmas, availability of religious services and much more. We take

people's needs, issues or problems and channel them to someone who should be able to help. We also act as a means through which small communities can reach a wider audience than their own websites can achieve through our Website, email Newsletter and new internet Radio Programme.

In the last six months JSCN has listed 3 new Jewish communities, in Berkshire, Lincoln and York, and been contacted by 2 more who we thought had become extinct in Welshpool and Chester. Last week the first Purim service in modern times was held in the City of York. The first Shabbat service ever was held in Scarborough, and new members were appealed for in Chester. Over the last twelve months the community in Stoke has hosted around 50 school and group visits to its synagogue.

Through its contact with Jewish small communities JSCN feels able to represent the needs and issues of these communities. We are about to become a Registered Charity which will enable us to engage with the Board of Deputies, the Office of the Chief Rabbi, the European Council of Jewish Communities, The FED, the Association of Jewish Refugees

and the like. It will also enable us to source the help and assistance that people coming through JSCN's open doors are seeking, in all its various forms.

For further information contact Ed Horwich, JSCN co-ordinator, at [jscn.org.uk](http://jscn.org.uk), [hello@jscn.org.uk](mailto:hello@jscn.org.uk), [www.mixcloud.com/jscn](http://www.mixcloud.com/jscn) or [facebook.com/jscnuk](https://facebook.com/jscnuk).



Jennie Goldstone

# Learning Ivrit at Manchester Uni

**Sherry Ashworth** was one of three lucky people selected by the Jewish Representative Council to participate in the 11 week Beginner's Hebrew at Manchester University's Centre for Jewish Studies which began in February 2016.

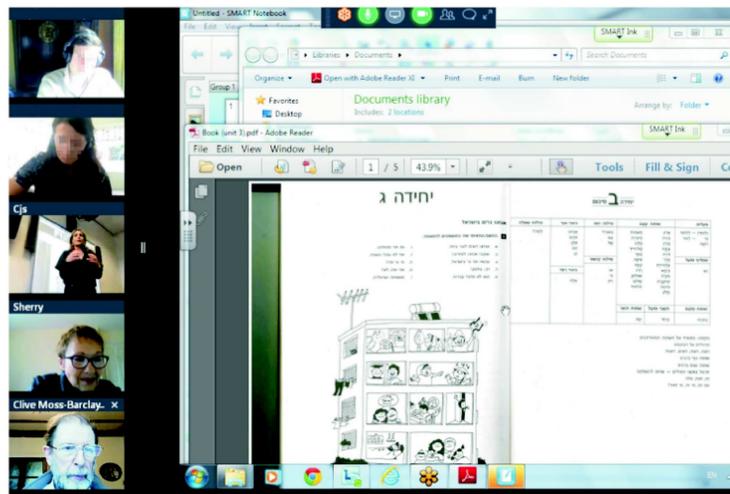
The aim of the course was to familiarise students with the spoken and written forms of Hebrew and the basic structure of Hebrew grammar. The course aimed to enable the students to begin to express themselves in writing and engage in simple dialogues. Sherry reflects on what the course has meant to her.

Like many, I've always wanted to learn Ivrit, having had to resort to English on trips to Israel, and I've puzzled over menus in Hebrew script, which looked NOTHING like the Hebrew I was used to in my siddur. Does that actually mean falafel? Really?!

Beginner's Hebrew is not for slackers! We received five hours of classroom tuition a week, and were expected to spend at least double that amount of time on homework - and it was necessary! It was quite a discipline to learn script, and even more challenging to learn spelling. Is it an ayin or an aleph? A taf or a tet? And don't get me started on vowels and vavs! It was heartening to see that everyone in the class including bright-as-button undergrads and postgrads struggled over these aspects too; but in the end practice does

makes perfect. One exciting feature of the course was that it was offered both online and in the classroom. Students were able to either attend lessons on campus or log in and enjoy fully interactive lessons. I opted for a combination of both. I found online to be just as good as campus for mastering the grammar and practising conversation, but when online I missed the interaction with other students - it isn't really easy to chat among yourselves when you're just a thumbnail image on a screen, and everything you say can be heard loudly and clearly by the teacher - not to mention the rest of the class.

Our two teachers, Sophie Garside and Malka Hodgson, were wonderful, having the knack of explaining the trickiest points with clarity and humour - and often with the patience of a saint. The eight students on our course came from as far away as Dublin, Southampton ...and Prestwich! Two of the postgrads on campus are learning Ivrit for when they study at the Weizmann Institute next year. And as for me - I'm already booking my next trip to Israel. Save me a seat in the falafel bar!



Screenshot from the Online Hebrew Course with Sherry, Clive Moss-Barclay, fellow students and lecturer.

# April Meeting Highlights Sar-el & AIPAC

The last Council meeting of the Jewish Representative Council before our AGM featured presentations of the work of Sar-el Volunteers in Israel and a report back from the recent American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Conference in Washington DC, reports **Jonny Wineberg**.

Following President Sharon Bannister's remarks condemning the recent spate of terrorist attacks around the world, Jennie Goldstone, UK Sar-el Coordinator, spoke about the work of Sar-el in taking 60 to 100 volunteers a year from the UK to Israel. The volunteers

pack rations, medical supplies and more for the IDF.

There have been over 150,000 Sar-el volunteers since it started and you can get involved via [www.sar-el.org](http://www.sar-el.org).

Representative David Phillips of Whitefield Hebrew Congregation and his wife, Judith, reported on the opportunity they took to attend the recent AIPAC Conference. Over 18,000 people were present with dozens of breakout tracks and speakers including Natan Sharansky, numerous Senators, Liam Fox, former Foreign Secretary, Vice President Joe Biden, Yitzchak Herzog and many more MKs. Presidential Candidates Hillary

Clinton, John Kasich, Donald Trump and Ted Cruz addressed the Conference although Bernie Sanders did not attend.

Their response to what they heard was that they felt very glad that they don't have to vote in US Elections!

Anyone wishing to attend in future can go. It just costs \$500 via [www.aipac.org](http://www.aipac.org).



Judith and David Phillips

# JLC Getting to Grips With External Affairs

In consultation with the community in Manchester, the Jewish Leadership Council (JLC) is looking to recruit a new External Affairs manager who will be based in the city and support community work. Two similar positions have also been created in Glasgow and Leeds.

The newly-created roles will increase the JLC's ability to provide practical advocacy support to communities in major Jewish centres. They will also facilitate greater support to local lay leaders and assist with the engagement of political and civil society close to the proposed hubs. The Manchester manager will also be responsible for liaising with communities in major towns and cities in the North West of England.

Sharon Bannister, the President of the Manchester Representative Council, who was part of the consultation process that resulted in the new positions, said, "We strongly welcome this investment in the regions has been warmly welcomed by communal bodies in each location."

He added, "These new positions will provide joined up thinking whilst supporting the local organisations who are working for the good of our community." This is the first step for the JLC in a wider

investment programme which will eventually see seven External Affairs managers in major Jewish centres across the UK. They will be supported through the creation of two new roles at JLC's head office. Judith Flacks has been recruited to the newly created role of Head of Campaigns and Adam Langleben will become Head of Digital and Stakeholder Engagement.

Russell Langer, currently UJS Campaign Director, will be taking up the existing role of Public Affairs Manager in June. The Head of Campaigns will focus on planning for campaigns and support other organisations with the commemoration of Cable Street and coordinating activity surrounding the centenary of the Balfour declaration. The New Head of Digital will be tasked with creating and managing a world-class social media and campaigning resource for the entire community.

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# Board Wants More Manchester Members

Richard Verber, Senior Vice-President of the Board of Deputies, appealed for more Manchester representative in a wide ranging address to December meeting of the Jewish Representative Council, writes Jonny Wineberg.

Richard, who I was privileged to know when he was a young man growing up in Manchester, is now responsible for the Board's International Division, which includes looking at what the community can do to support Israel and ensure that Israel's case is always supported at the highest levels. He expressed his concerns about Jeremy Corbyn's position based on his previous statements about Israel and that the Board will be following this up.

He stressed the need for more people to help the BoD get its message across, just as the Jewish Representative Council does. The BoD is currently seeking more engagement with, and representatives from, the Manchester community. Senior members of the BoD intend to visit Manchester and speak at various Synagogues over the next few months. Their intention is to listen and learn more about the Manchester Jewish Community, its needs and aspirations.

Richard informed the Council that the BoD intends to rewrite its constitution to make it more relevant to the present day. The purpose of the BoD is to protect Jewish Community and its freedom to practice in areas such as Brit Milah, Shechitah etc. To achieve its aims, officers and members of the BoD meet

regularly with Members of Parliament, Local Councillors and Senior Civil Servants to discuss areas of concern to the community and to secure their support.

When asked how the BoD can claim to represent the Jewish Community when it has no Charedi representatives, Richard informed the Council that members of the BoD meet with Charedi communities every week on relevant issues and regularly invite them to send representatives to its meetings.

There is also significant dialogue between the BoD and the Jewish Leadership Council with both organisations working together on regular basis. The way the BoD works with small Jewish communities has changed recently and the needs of these communities are now addressed within the Board's Community Issues division. It was suggested by Council delegates that the BoD should have regional offices so that it could work more effectively with communities outside London.

When asked about young leadership, Mr Verber expressed his view that if one gives space to young people, they will come. "Young people do care," he said,



Richard Verber addresses December's Council meeting

"and if properly empowered they will get involved. The BoD has this challenge as it has failed to involve young people previously." Richard thanked the Council for giving him the opportunity to address the meeting and looked forward to an even closer working relationship between the two organisations.

# Dangers for Jewish Students at Manchester University

Lawrence Rosenberg, President of Manchester Jewish Student Society (J-Soc) addressed the December meeting of The Jewish Representative Council on successes, challenges, social life, student politics and the need for unity.

He described the worrying situation on the Manchester campus where there has been a steep decline in the numbers of Jewish students over recent years. Manchester has the largest student community in the country but only the tiniest percentage of those students is Jewish. There has been a lack of community spirit amongst the Jewish students and J-Soc that would make people want to come back.

Since the start of his tenure as President, Laurence has overseen some success' and since the committee changeover there has been a steady rise in numbers of weekly J-Soc events.

On the recent UJS training weekend Manchester had the third largest showing of any J-Soc committee in the country. The Manchester J-Soc is trying hard to reinvigorate itself. More students want to be a part of J-Soc and that's the key to getting people involved.

Lawrence spoke about a recent J-Soc Friday Night Dinner in the George Elias centre at which the attendance was higher than anticipated and

the atmosphere warm and welcoming. His aim is to bring Manchester's Jewish students

together to form a happy and vibrant community. Lawrence talked about

some of the challenges facing the Jewish students and the J-Soc. He described how difficult and demanding the Manchester Student Union can be to work with and the need for the J-Soc to have procedures in place to avoid hardships thrown its way.

Manchester is famed for its left-wing fanaticism and there are dangerous anti-Israel movements operating on campus. During one week three separate debates took place on Israel inside the university campus making it difficult for Jewish students. J-Soc has to keep its events private, off campus and out of the way of trouble.

Lawrence recognised that he and his fellow Jewish students will face continued hardships in the future. However, he felt that as long as they were able to put on a united face and work together, they would ensure that J-Soc and the Jewish Student community would remain in good shape. He thanked the Jewish Representative Council for the work it does in trying to make Manchester a safe place for Jews.



Lawrence Rosenberg with Sharon Bannister at December's meeting

## WE STAND WITH CHAIM.

LAST YEAR, WE HEARD HIS MESSAGE

WE STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH HIM AND WITH THE OTHER LAST FEW REMAINING SURVIVORS

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**YOM HASHOAH**

# Fun Fundraising for Refugee Action

Menorah members enjoyed raising over £2,000 for Refugee Action at their Fun Fundraiser on 13th March, writes Menorah Outreach Co-ordinator and their Council Representative, Eve Davidson. The Outreach Team were delighted that all the tickets were sold over two weeks in advance.

Many members gave additional donations to support the work of Refugee Action in Manchester. Refugee Action will be putting these funds to good use as they will contribute towards their Emergency Fund and also help with training and support, so Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Manchester will be able to go forward with their lives.

Guests were entertained with a String Quartet and then enjoyed the wit of Marilyn Berg, Laughter Factor Winner 2014, while having a two course dinner and wine, catered by their own Outreach members.

Menorah's members also responded to the recent Kol Nidre appeal by contributing very generously to WJR's Emergency Relief Fund for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in camps in Greece and Turkey, as they are keen to help Refugees and Asylum Seekers both locally and where there is most need.

Menorah's Outreach Team are now busy planning a programme

over the next few months in support of World Jewish Relief, Jewish Council for Racial Equality, Oldham Unity, and Refugee Action. These activities will include a Shopathon, clothes and food collection, volunteering opportunities and meetings with those closely

involved, so that members can find out more about how best to continue their support.

To find out how your organisation can support Refugees and Asylum Seekers, contact us at: outreach@menorah.org.uk.



l-r: Jibril and Abdaziz Refugees from the Sudan, with Kate Percival from Refugee Action and Eve Davidson



Vice-President, Jonny Wineberg, helped organise FN4M / We Stand Together's Event at Manchester University bringing together 8 different faiths

# Menorah Munchkins

When Sarah Goldschmidt was appointed Youth and Community Worker at Menorah Synagogue, one of the Representative Council's most active affiliates, she little thought her 'charges' would be quite so young, writes Gita Conn.

For, in addition to her work (and play) with children and teenagers, Sarah has initiated The Menorah Munchkins, a Friday morning group for under-threes. With the help of the parents – and sometimes grandparents – the little ones learn about light and texture, Jewish Festivals and, of course this being a Friday session, they

other parents, carers and children within the local Jewish community."

Sarah, who keeps a kind but firm eye on the proceedings, points out that 'Munchkins' don't have to be members of Menorah. They – and, of course, whoever is looking after them on the day, parents, grandparents or even older siblings, are all welcome to come along from 10.30 to 11.30am every Friday morning.

There is no charge, but donations of £1 per child cover the cost of the light refreshments and the play

equipment. Further details from Sarah at youth@menorah.org.uk



# Born at the Gates of a Concentration Camp

Gita Conn reports on the Jewish Book Week (Manchester) where Wendy Holden and Eva Clarke shared the platform at the opening event held at Menorah Synagogue.

A shocked silence, broken only by sharp intakes of breath, greeted Eva Clarke when she recounted the traumatic circumstances of her birth at the gates of Mauthausen concentration camp. Speaking to a rapt audience Eva told how her mother, weighing only five stone, was only saved because the camp had run out of gas for its murderous killing agenda.

Wendy Holden, who shared the platform with Eva, spoke of the excitement of discovering the three children, born in concentration camp conditions, who formed the unique subject of her book 'Born Survivors'. All three mothers, on first arriving at Auschwitz, survived the scrutiny – and potential horrors – of Mengele by denying that they were pregnant.

Wendy, a former journalist, has written more than thirty books, ranging from biographies of Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra's widow and the lead guitarist of The Eagles to a book on Mindfulness co-authored with Goldie Hawn. Despite her previous experience she said, her research for Born Survivors had been the most extensive and exhaustive of all. "I was warned before I started writing the book to beware of Holocaust deniers so therefore checked and double-checked every detail in



Eva Clarke (left) with Gita Conn during Jewish Book Week

the book."

Helped by ample refreshments, the audience of over a hundred had time to recover before the second session of the evening. Historian Saul David transfixed everyone with his behind-the-scenes account of the raid on Entebbe Airport. His book, *Operation Thunderbolt*, has been described as 'a major piece of historical detective work'. His insights into the entire operation – described by one audience member as "a miracle" – evoked many questions from those present, especially from the militarily-minded.

Jewish Book Week continued its Manchester run with Professor Dan Stone's

presentation of his book *The Liberation of the Camps* on the end of the Holocaust and its aftermath. Held at Yeshurun Synagogue, Professor Stone revealed the complex challenges liberated victims faced and the daunting tasks their liberators undertook to help them reclaim their shattered lives.

The final event of Manchester's Jewish Book Week took place at Bowdon Synagogue (in conjunction with Hale Synagogue). The double bill featured Professor Colin Shindler talking about his book *The Rise of the Israeli Right: From Odessa to Hebron* followed by Thomas Harding discussing his book *The House By The Lake*.

# Sherman Lecture to look at UK Muslim Jewish Relations

The 2016 Community Sherman Lecture will look at *Jewish-Muslim Relations in the UK: History, Experience, Context* and will be given by Dr Yulia Egorova.

Dr Egorova is Reader in Anthropology at Durham University. She received her PhD in 2003 from the School of Oriental and African Studies and has published widely on the topics of Jewish identity, diversity of Jewishness in Asia and Africa, and has recently initiated a project on Jewish-Muslim relations in the UK.

Her abstract for the lecture reads, "The relationship between the Jewish and the Muslim communities of Europe is often constructed by the mass media and the public discourse as polarized due to the conflict in the Middle East. However, it has been argued by historians and anthropologists that in discussing this relationship more attention should be paid to the majority's attitudes towards Jews and Muslims and to the rise of the extreme right in Europe."

"Building upon the case study of the UK, this presentation will explore how Jewish-Muslim relations both reflect and are shaped by their local political and social context, and how research into these relations can highlight the common challenges that the two communities have faced in Europe."

# Single Word of Hatred can Lead to Murder

Mr Jim Battle, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, addressed the February meeting of the Jewish Representative Council reports Clive Moss-Barclay.

Mr Battle described what impact hate crimes can have on different communities and individuals and how an incident starting with just a single word can lead to murder. Manchester Police have put in place a Hate Crime Policy and Procedure in which a crime or incident is classified as hate subject to how it is perceived by the victim.

He described how seriously hate related incidents are treated by the Police and how the Crown Prosecution Services are very sympathetic towards such reported incidents. It is important never to be complacent over these types of crimes and not fail to prosecute the perpetrators.

The Police are liaising closely with the Greater Manchester University to stop antiracial behaviour on campuses. When asked about the protests against Kedem he admitted that the Police had mishandled the situation initially but have learnt a lot and are now able to effectively control what is happening on the streets so that people can go about their business without interference.

He discussed problems with the media and how fear and ignorance can result in blind prejudice. However, by engaging with communities and young people the Police are trying to prevent radical views leading to violence.

Mr Battle described how much Manchester has benefited over the years from being a multicultural society across the whole cultural spectrum including sports, music, industry and economics. People working in public services already receive training on how to deal with discrimination in the work place. Only by challenging hatred can we change people's behaviour and try to build a fairer and equal society. By working with pupils in schools the Police hope to eventually eradicate hate crime from the city.

Mr Battle welcomed the work of the Jewish Representative Council in its fight against racial hatred and encouraged people to make use of all available channels to report hatred wherever it occurs.



Mr Jim Battle, Sharon Bannister, Jonny Wineberg and Jacky Buchsbaum

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### Manchester Communal Events Diary

Do you know that our Office maintains a Communal Events Diary, which is emailed out to all Organisations and Congregations in the Community on a regular basis?

If you are organising an event of any kind please call us first to ensure that the date is free and is not likely to be the same date as another function of a similar nature.

This is to help maximise attendances at your functions.

Please contact us as soon as you are planning an event and check the date with us by phoning on 720 8721 or emailing us at [office@jewishmanchester.org](mailto:office@jewishmanchester.org).

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THE 2016 COMMUNITY SHERMAN LECTURE



Dr Yulia Egorova

Reader in Anthropology at Durham University

Jewish-Muslim Relations in the UK:  
History, Experience, Context

7.30pm for 8.00pm start - Sunday, 8th May 2016

at



# This Seder Night Please Thank Your CST Volunteers

The **Community Security Trust (CST)** is here to help ensure that Jews throughout the UK are protected and reassured. We are a registered charity that wants every member of our community to be able to lead the Jewish lives of their choice.

Sadly, we live in a world where there are problems with both anti-Semitism and terrorism. This is why CST exists, but our goal is to encourage Jewish life; not for people to be scared by the presence of security measures and CST volunteers. We want to take action against the problems and we want to empower everybody to play their part in that.

Our work relies upon our local CST volunteers who give their time to stand guard

outside your synagogue either during services or at special events. Indeed, you yourself may be one of those CST volunteers, or they could be your husband, wife, son, daughter, friend or neighbour.



Alternatively, you may well be one of the many people who help to assist in our work by joining security rotas at schools and shuls.

The fact is that CST draws all our strength from all of our communities. We see no distinction between us and the community that we serve.

So, this Seder night as we gather together with family and friends, bear in mind what Pesach tells us about where we once were as a people, where we are now and all the good things we have in our Jewish lives. Be grateful for that, and if you are one of the many people hosting someone at your Seder night who helps CST throughout the year, then please make a point of thanking them for what they do on behalf of us all.

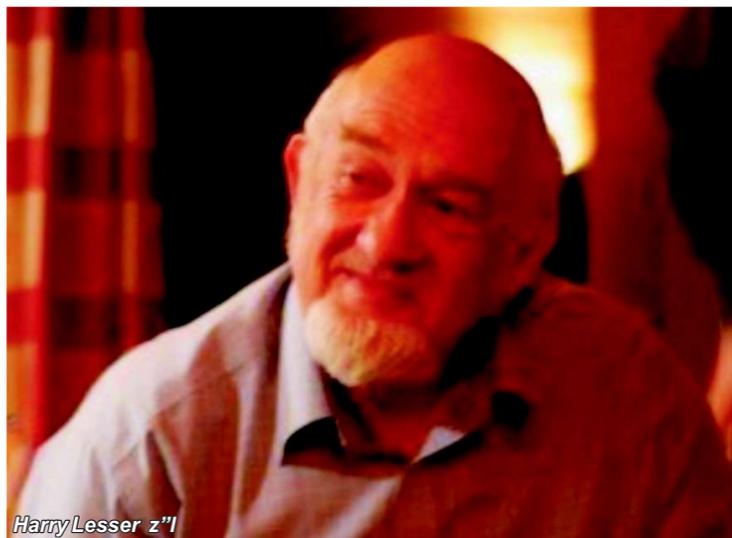
# Harry Lesser – Obituary

**Lucille Cohen and Frank Baigel, two past Presidents of the Jewish Representative Council, remember the late Harry Lesser who passed away last May.**

Harry Lesser was a much loved and highly respected member of the Jewish Representative Council for many years. He acted as delegate for the University of Manchester's Centre for Jewish Studies where he was an Honorary Research Fellow following his many years as a Philosophy Lecturer at the University.

Harry's incisive mind, coupled with his unfailingly gentle and avuncular manner endeared him to all. Indeed, so effective was this combination that he fulfilled the role of a perfectly natural diplomat for the community in many spheres and always in an unfailingly unassuming manner. These spheres included dealings with interfaith matters and with the local universities; in particular relating to imbalance in Israel related university programmes.

Harry's gallant defence of the Community found a fitting vehicle through his assisting the Council's past president and Media Monitor Frank Baigel in Media response, especially relating to the "Church" papers. Harry continually provided elegantly constructed and



Harry Lesser z"l

scholarly letters to the Catholic weekly, 'The Tablet', effectively countering any misinformation on Judaism, the Jewish community or Israel. They were invariably published.

Harry also helped sustain the funds for the Jewish Representative Council by assisting the late Dr Sydney Baigel's production of the annual Year Book by providing a reminder service for advertisers' donations. So pleased to hear his pleasant voice were the recipients of his reminder calls that advertisers

would beg forgiveness and direct their donations forthwith!

Harry and Margaret were also invariably present each year as "markers" at our Annual Community Challenge Quiz - no task was too big or small for such a modest man.

Harry's valuable contribution to the Community was unfailing and he is sorely missed by all who knew and worked with him. The Council extends its condolences to his wife Margaret and all his family and wishes them arichat yamim.

# RE Curriculum Poses Challenges & Opportunities for Jewry

**When you have been in education for as long as I have, few things surprise you reports Jeremy Michelson, Chair of the Jewish Representative Council's Education Working Group.**

However, even I was astonished when the Government decided that from 2016 all those sitting for Religious Education GCSE would have to study two religions. The study of the second faith will provide 25% of the total marks that a candidate at GCSE can gain in the examinations. The reason for the Government's decision is to try and break down barriers of knowledge between those of

different faiths and with those without faith. This is a part of the social cohesion agenda that has been a feature of Government policy, certainly since 9/11.

The need to study two religions at GCSE poses a challenge to Jewish schools. Which is the other religion to be studied? Some have solved this problem by dropping RE at GCSE, which I feel is a shame. King David High school has

taken up the challenge and the students will study Islam as their second faith.

The opportunity that opened up for the community occurred when the Catholic Bishops informed their schools that the second faith to be studied was Judaism. The reasoning seems to be obvious. Ever since Vatican 2 in 1965 the Catholic Church has made great efforts to reverse the historical antipathy with

# Antisemitism is not Illegal!

**Raymond Solomon, Zionist Central Council (ZCC) President, reports on the two lectures in a series entitled *Antisemitism, Anti-Zionism and the Law* organised by the ZCC in conjunction with the Jewish Representative Council.**

The first lecture was given by David Collier, a Social Media Blogger, who spoke about his infiltration of BDS and PSC meetings and about anti-Israel NGO's. He described how the foundation of BDS is attributable to anti-Israel Jews. He informed the audience that the anti-Israel NGO's are funded by European Governments.

He also discussed the hostile environment created by anti-Israel supporters masquerading as pro-Palestinian supporters on University Campuses.

The second lecture was given by Dr. Ronnie Fraser, Director of Academic Friends for Israel. He spoke about freedom of speech and the need for a definition of anti-Semitism.

He informed the audience of his attempt to sue the University and College Union at an

employment tribunal. He had based his action on the fact that that the Union was institutionally antisemitic and that it had harassed him due to his protected characteristics of race, religion and belief. He lost his case despite the Union having referred to him as a 'Zionist thug'.

Dr Fraser also spoke about existing limitations on freedom of speech. He questioned how it is not anti-Semitic to talk about blood libel or that Israelis harvest Palestinians organs. He also challenged how, whilst antisemitism is considered a hate crime, it is not against the law to be antisemitic!

Both lectures were well attended by a very receptive audience. The ZCC and Jewish Representative Council are very grateful to both Dr. Ronnie Fraser and David Collier for taking the time to address us in Manchester.



*l-r: Past President Frank Baigel, Lola Fraser, Ronnie Fraser, Karen Solomon, Raymond Solomon, Sharon Bannister*

## REP PRESENTS

The next edition of RepPresents will be published for Rosh HaShana 2016, and you can place advertisements or contribute articles by emailing us at [office@jewishmanchester.org](mailto:office@jewishmanchester.org) by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Judaism and Jews and the present Pope has continued this process. Therefore the adoption of Judaism as their second religion of study for GCSE seems to be a logical outcome. So there is certain to be a request from Catholic schools for some Jewish input to help them deliver the Jewish content of the GCSE syllabus.

It is important that those who answer the call have a great opportunity to teach the authentic message of Judaism and eliminate the stereotypical views of Jews and Judaism. At the same time it is important that

we present Judaism objectively. Our own views must be kept out of it. At GCSE level the students need to be aware of different streams within Judaism and Jewish speakers must treat them objectively, regardless of their own personal views. First and foremost, teachers and students want to find out how being Jewish affects the lives of practising Jews. They find such a presentation exciting and fascinating. There is a great opportunity to make a difference in the way that Judaism is perceived by non - Jews let us seize it with both hands!

# Living With Difference: Community, diversity and the common good

The Commission on Religion and Belief in British Public Life, under the leadership of Baroness Butler-Sloss, has published its report on the place and role of religion and belief in contemporary Britain. In their report the Commission has set out their main conclusions and recommendations.

The Commission observes that over the past half century, Britain's landscape in terms of religion and belief has been transformed beyond recognition. Almost half of the population today describes itself as non-religious, as compared with an eighth in England in 2001. Thirty years ago, two-thirds of the population would have identified as Christians. Today, that figure is four in ten. Fifty years ago

Judaism — at one in 150 — was the largest non-Christian tradition in the UK. Now it is the fourth largest behind Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism. Although still comprising less than one in ten of the population, faith traditions other than Christian have younger age profiles and are therefore growing faster. Furthermore, intra- and inter-faith disputes are inextricably linked to today's geopolitical crises across

the Middle East, and in many parts of Africa and Asia. Many of these disputes are reflected back into UK society, creating or exacerbating tensions between different communities.

Learning to understand and live with differences is the recurring theme throughout the report. It argues that religion and belief are a combination both of conscious choice and of the circumstances of birth, community and public perception. Whether or not we might want to, we cannot ignore or escape the differences that religious traditions make to our sense of personal identity, narrative, relationships and isolation. Religious and belief identities, the report points out,

can serve as forces both for good and for ill. And so the challenge for policy-makers is to create an environment in which differences enrich society rather than cause anxiety, and in which they contribute to its common good.

The commission's vision is of a society at ease with itself in which all individuals, groups and communities feel at home, and in whose flourishing all wish to take part. In such a society all people will feel a positive part of an ongoing national story; free to express and practise their beliefs, religious or otherwise; are confident in helping to shape public policy; and feel challenged to respond to the many manifest ills in wider society. The implications of such a vision for public policy are manifold, and are highlighted throughout this report. The report makes a range of recommendations the key ones of which are described below.

The report recommends that a national conversation should be launched across the UK by leaders of faith communities and ethical traditions to create a shared understanding of the fundamental values underlying public life. Much greater religion and belief literacy is needed in every section of society, and at all levels. The pluralist character of modern society should be reflected in national and civic events so that they are more reflective of the UK's increasing diversity.

All pupils in state-funded schools should have a statutory entitlement to a curriculum about religion, philosophy and ethics that is relevant to today's society. The legal requirement for schools to hold acts of collective worship should be repealed, and replaced by a requirement to hold inclusive times for reflection. Bodies

responsible for admissions and employment policies in schools with a religious character ('faith schools') should take measures to reduce selection of pupils and staff on grounds of religion. The BBC Charter renewal should mandate the Corporation to reflect the range of religion and belief of modern society. A panel of experts on religion and belief should be established to advise the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO) when there are complaints about the media coverage in this field. Relevant public bodies and voluntary organisations should promote opportunities for interreligious and inter-worldview encounter and dialogue. Where a religious organisation is best placed to deliver a social good, it should not be disadvantaged when applying for funding to do so, so long as its services are not aimed at seeking converts. The Ministry of Justice should issue guidance on compliance with UK standards of gender equality and judicial independence by religious and cultural tribunals such as ecclesiastical courts, Beit Din and Shari'a councils. The Ministry of Justice should instruct the Law Commission to review the anomalies in how the legal definitions of race, ethnicity and religion interact in practice and make recommendations to ensure all religious traditions are treated equally. In framing counter-terrorism legislation, the Government should seek to promote, not limit, freedom of enquiry, speech and expression. Twenty-first century ethno-religious issues and identities here in the UK and globally are reshaping society in ways inconceivable just a few decades ago, and how we respond to such changes will have a profound impact on public life.

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Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 Reception 7.15pm Debate 7.45pm  
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## COMMUNITY EVENTS DIARY FOR MAY - JULY 2016

**MAY:** YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION: Wednesday 4 May @ 7:45 pm. A J Bell Stadium

- JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AGM: Sunday May 8 @ 10:15 am - 12:30 pm. Nicky Alliance Centre.
- Manchester Maccabi Trials: Sunday May 8 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Contact 020 8457 2333
- ZCC/Campaign4Truth Lecture: Sunday May 8 @ 3:00 pm. Contact [Emailzcc.man@zen.co.uk](mailto:Emailzcc.man@zen.co.uk) or 0161 740 8835
- The Fed Tea Tasting: Tuesday May 10 @ 7:30 pm. Contact Zoe on 0161 772 4967
- Yom Hazikaron Community Commemoration: Tuesday May 10 @ 7:30 pm. Hilton Suite, PHC. Contact Sally Halon 740 1825 ext 3 or [sally.halon@ujia.org](mailto:sally.halon@ujia.org)
- Gerald Verber Duplicate Bridge Tournament: Wednesday May 11 @ 7:00 pm. Whitefield Golf Club. Contact Tracey Capal on 07956 982 998.
- Yom Ha'atzmaut Business Breakfast: Thursday May 12 @ 8:00 am. Contact Eldan Kaye on 0161 740 1825 x 1 or [Eldan.kaye@ujia.org](mailto:Eldan.kaye@ujia.org)
- Yom Ha'atzmaut at Manchester Maccabi: Thursday May 12 @ 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm. Contact Eitan Sadeh on 0161 795 7800
- Manchester JGSGB Conference 2016: Sunday May 15 @ 2:00 pm. GMP Training College, Sedgley Park, Contact [manchester.genealogy@gmail.com](mailto:manchester.genealogy@gmail.com)
- Brexit Debate: Wednesday May 18 @ 7:30 pm. South Manchester Synagogue. Contact [mikes@greatoakcapital.co.uk](mailto:mikes@greatoakcapital.co.uk)
- Habonim Dror Supper Quiz: Sunday May 22 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Contact [gary@hduk.org](mailto:gary@hduk.org) or 0208 209 2111

**JUNE:** Volunteers Afternoon Tea: Sunday June 5 @ 3:00 pm. Nicky Alliance Centre. Contact 0161 740 0111

- EU DEBATE: Sunday June 5 @ 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm. Hilton Suite, Prestwich Hebrew Congregation. Contact 0161 720 8721
- Itai Reuveni of NGO Monitor Talk: Tuesday June 7 @ 7:30 pm. Contact [zcc.man@zen.co.uk](mailto:zcc.man@zen.co.uk) or 0161 740-8835
- Broughton Jewish Primary School Garden Party: Sunday June 26 @ 2:00 pm. Contact Jackie Field 0161 921 2509
- ZCC/Jewish Representative Council Lecture by Lesley Klaff: Sunday June 26 @ 7:30 pm. Contact 0161 740 8835/720 8721
- Jewish Theatre Company Production "Quartet": Monday June 27 @ 7:30 pm - Jun 29 @ 7:30 pm. Contact Sue Joseph 07446 677725
- Chai Cancer Care Annual Dinner: Tuesday June 28 @ 7:00 pm. Contact Lisa Binder 07930 420 796 or Clare Spieler 07976 389 098

**JULY:** Nicky Alliance Annual Telethon: Sunday July 3. Contact [shelley@mjcc.org.uk](mailto:shelley@mjcc.org.uk) or 0161 740 0111

- The FED Fundraising Football: Sunday July 3 @ 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Contact Zoe on 0161 772 4967 or [zoe.s@thefed.org.uk](mailto:zoe.s@thefed.org.uk)
- Nicky Alliance Centre AGM: Wednesday July 6 @ 7:30 pm. Contact 0161 740 0111
- Israel Opera Studio at Hale Synagogue: Thursday July 7 @ 7:00 pm. Contact Sara Crammer on 0161 904 0010

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