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## Mayor Embraces Devolution for Greater Manchester



Andy Burnham, Mayor of G. M. Combined Authorities

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester Combined Authorities, addressed an audience of more than 100 delegates and members of the public at a Sunday meeting of the Jewish Representative Council, reports Clive Moss-Barclay, Publicity Officer.

Mr Burnham said that he intends to be a Mayor for everyone, not just for the Labour voters. He wants to make Greater Manchester the best place for young people to grow up and where people can grow old with dignity. In his opinion, embracing devolution would seem to be the best answer to an over concentration of power in Westminster. Mr Burnham is

proud that Manchester has always been a centre for innovation and is famous for the start of many world changing initiatives. He feels that it is time to do it again through the devolution of power from central government.

According to Mr Burnham his new system will require the Private and Community Sectors to work in conjunction with funded Public Services. He has been inspired by the Jewish 'person centered' approach to social care and feels that The Fed is a role model for the rest of Greater Manchester and for the whole country. A concordat has recently been signed between GM and the Voluntary Sector to provide greater stability.

Mr Burnham wants to establish a Council of the North which will have a stronger lobby for greater devolution of funds. He feels that key areas for development in the North West include advanced manufacturing; digital and technological developments; low carbon and renewable energy; and assisted living.

There needs to be greater representation of minority groups in services such as the Police, Fire and the Health Services. Mr Burnham described how he has proposed for GM to break out of the NHS payment system in favour of a 'Year of Care' approach. This will consolidate medical and social care creating standardised rates and incentivising the NHS to work more closely with its partners. He described a new homeless project which he supports with 15% of his salary. This project has recently opened a fifteen bed unit in Cheetham Hill.

He finished by saying, "Devolution is about doing more for ourselves and increasing our capacity whilst building a stronger sense of community spirit."

## Exhibition to Combat Prejudice and Persecution

An Exhibition entitled the "Jewish Living Experience" was launched at the Manchester Cathedral by the JRC and the Board of Deputies of British Jews in partnership with the Cathedral, reports Jeremy Michelson, JRC's Vice-Chair (Education).

The Exhibition which ran for two weeks enabled hundreds of pupils from many schools in the region to learn about the Jewish way of life. The Jewish Living Exhibition, sponsored by Mark Adlestone, also enabled the many visitors and tourists who visit the Cathedral each day to gain an insight into Judaism as a living faith. The Exhibition made an important contribution to combating the ignorance about Jews and Judaism which can lead to prejudice, persecution and pogroms.

The Exhibition, which supports the teaching of Judaism in line with all agreed religious education and citizenship curriculums, consisted of tables laden with all the symbolism associated with the Jewish Sabbath, Festivals, Kosher food, etc. It was a very tactile experience for the children who were able to interact with the items and enjoy the experience to the full.

Board of Deputies Vice President, Sheila Gewolb, said: "I am delighted that the Jewish Living Experience exhibition is being held in Manchester Cathedral. Over the next two weeks hundreds of non-Jewish school children will have the opportunity to learn about our beliefs, culture and practices, which is fundamental in promoting understanding and respect for our community."



Jeremy Michelson talking to a group of non-Jewish school children

I would like to thank Dean Rogers and his staff and the Jewish Representative Council for their cooperation in organising the exhibition, also the team of Jewish volunteers for running the school sessions."

The event was attended by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Eddy Newman; the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Warren Smith; the Dean of Manchester Cathedral, and the Very Revd Rogers Govender.



Sara Perlmutter with Lord Mayor, Eddy Newman

# We See a Glimmer of Hope

An Israeli and a Palestinian, both bereaved, told a Manchester interfaith audience of their hopes for peace. Churches Together, partnered by St Gabriel's Church and the JRC, together with The Board of Deputies (BoD) organised this very special "Invest in Peace" joint event at the Stenecourt Synagogue in Salford, reports **Filis Rosenberg**, JRC Executive Member.

Israeli, Robi Damelin and Palestinian, Bassam Aramin, of the Parents Circle Family Forum, told of their loss of a child each in the conflict, and their hope that by working together, they can influence a better future for all children. Robi lost her son David, who was killed by a Palestinian sniper whilst he was doing his national service in the army. Robi told the audience at the synagogue: "It doesn't matter whether you're Israeli, Palestinian, black or white – a bereaved mother's tears are always the same."

Bassam's ten year old daughter was shot dead by an Israeli soldier. Bassam had spent years in an Israeli prison before embracing peace. He said "My 10 year old daughter was killed in this conflict – now I struggle for peace, so my other five children can have a better future."

They both work alongside 600 other

Palestinians and Israelis who have suffered bereavement to achieve peace and reconciliation. The interfaith audience of more than 130 people also heard from Rishi Shori, Bury Council Leader, Gillian Merron BOD Chief Executive and the Revd Peter Colwell Deputy General Secretary of Churches Together Britain and Ireland which invites Christians and Jews to support Israeli-Palestinian peace building.

Cllr Rishi Shori told the audience he was proud of Manchester's diverse faith communities for leading the way on peace building and cohesion with events such as this.

Michael Rubinstein, JRC Secretary, said: "The feeling in this room is that we have all had enough of violence and war, mindless hatred and fear. Tonight we have seen a glimmer of hope that another way is possible – talking and reconciliation rather than revenge."

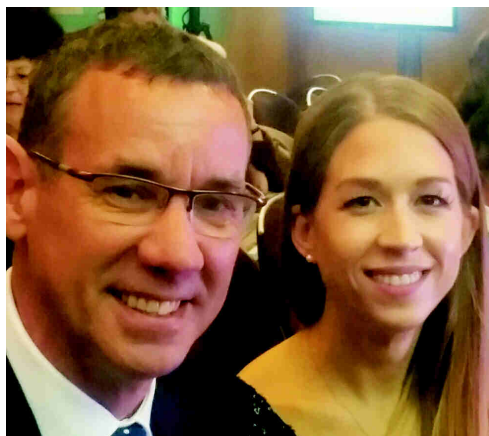


**Robi Damelin and Bassam Aramin**

## In Conversation with Ria Willocq at Balfour

**Filis Rosenberg**, JRC Executive Member, met **Ria Willocq**, Israel Information Centre's Executive Director, on the occasion of Manchester's Commemoration of the Balfour Declaration.

I attended a truly memorable evening with almost 500 people, both Jewish and non Jewish, at the Manchester Hilton Hotel. The event, organised and introduced by Joy Wolfe MBE and Karen Solomon, was in commemoration of the 1917 Balfour Declaration.



**Mark Regev and Ria Willocq**

The Ambassador of Israel, Mark Regev, said 'The Balfour Declaration didn't give us a right to a homeland. Israel was our natural right - Balfour recognised that right'. There were many other excellent speakers on the night including the Fifth Earl of Balfour who disclosed that his personal connection with Manchester was that he was conceived here!

In conversation with Ria Willocq, Executive Director of the Manchester Israel Information Centre, I learned that support for Israel has never been stronger, both within the Jewish and Christian communities.

**FR:** *How do you perceive Zionism in Manchester?*

**RW:** Manchester has a rich heritage of support for Israel and we must work together as traditional organizations, grassroots groups, and work with supporters from outside the Jewish community.

**FR:** *Do you feel we are handling the anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism element effectively?*

**RW:** We mustn't become complacent. There is a battle for the truth and although there is incredible collaboration and work being done, there is always room for more.

**FR:** *Can anyone get involved?*

**RW:** Everyone in the community has a responsibility, a voice. The main problem Israel faces in this country is countering the stream of lies. It's vital that individuals speak out at work and at their place of study to tell their story about Israel. Many of us have been to Israel on holiday and we all have family and friends in Israel. We know what we've experienced is so far removed from the false depictions we see on our TV screens. It's up to each person to simply state what they know; we are all the faces of Israel. Our lives are enriched because of Israel – knowingly or unknowingly!

**FR:** *What does the office of the IIC offer?*

**RW:** The Israel Information Centre is here to provide the facts and up to date news. We also need to tell our own personal stories to show what the real Israel is really like. For more information, people can email me at: israelinformationcentre@mcr.org.uk.

**FR:** *Thank you Ria.*

## Just Half a Point Between Them!

JRCs Annual Community Quiz was a close-run fight won by Yeshurun Synagogue, reports **Susan Isaacs**, JRC Youth & Community Officer.

The Quiz was hosted this year in South Manchester by Bowdon Synagogue. Quizmasters were Malcolm Simon and Jonny Wineberg who challenged the skills and knowledge of the teams with questions on a wide range of challenging subjects.

Sixteen Teams took part, representing various organisations and Synagogues within our Community. It was a very close fought battle and the eventual winners, Yeshurun Synagogue, won by just half a point over Community Outreach who took the prize last year.

Every year, all the names of the participating teams are entered into a prize draw, which this year was won by The Jewish Genealogical Society who received a £100 voucher. First Prize winner of the raffle was Mavis Elton.



**Sharon Bannister**, JRC President, hands trophy to winning team from Yeshurun Synagogue (l-r) **Joel Sanderson**, **Terry Jacob**, **Clive Matthews**, **Jonathan Tuck**, **Johnny Hill**, **Warren Usden**, **Barbara Fraser**, **Stuart Ingleby**, **Andrew Jeffay** and **Carole Weinberg**



# Can we Speak about the Elephant in the Room?

'Solutions not Sides' brought Amal and Shaked to Jackson's Row Synagogue, in partnership with the Forum for Discussion of Israel and Palestine (FODIP), reports Filis Rosenberg, JRC Executive Member.

When can we speak about the so called 'elephant in the room'? When you have two eloquent speakers like Amal and Shaked, a Palestinian and an Israeli, who are able to express their perspectives on the Israeli-Palestine conflict in an intelligent manner. Neither hid the truth as they saw it, and both voiced their hope for a better future which they are striving to make happen.

Shaked Hassan, a 28 year old activist from Ranana and former advisor to the opposition whip MK Merav Michaeli (Labour Party), is currently Chair of Young Labour's Tel Aviv branch. She has studied Philosophy and International Relations at the Open University. Asked about how Israelis felt living surrounded by armed soldiers and police, Shaked said all Israelis were concerned, but also accepted that this is what is needed to keep them as safe as possible. She would welcome a future with less need of such high levels of security.

Shaked was asked how Israel reacts to non Jewish and international voices. She observed that all the criticism, which was usually inaccurate to some extent, gave Israel's politicians ammunition to back off from the two state solution. When asked for her perspective on President Trump's decision to move the



I-r: Amal Al-Khavat, Filis Rosenberg and Shaked Hassan

American Embassy to Jerusalem, Shaked replied that she felt it had aggravated an already sensitive situation.

Amal Al-Khavat a 29 year old Palestinian, originally from Silwan, East Jerusalem, grew up hardly seeing her political activist father who spent 16 years in prison because of his actions. In 2014 their home was confiscated. Despite her experiences and influences, she has held on to

the belief that Islam is a religion of peace and that violence is not the answer.

Amal is a recent graduate of the International Masters of Public Health Programme at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She voiced how amazing her experience was at the University where she was treated as an equal, and where all the students were able to learn so much from each other.

When asked about her view of the current situation, especially in relation to the shaky relationship Fatah has with Hamas, Amal replied that the lack of unity and clear leadership was a problem and that corruption, especially when voting, was rife. When asked by our reporter how she perceived the success or failure of the boycotts that Israel is made to suffer, she replied that she was generally against them and said they were wrong. Amal believes that if you see a problem, try to solve it by communication, not by actions that produce negativity. This will only increase the gap between the two sides.

For further information about 'Solutions not Sides', and how you can bring speakers into your group, school or college, please contact Assistant Director, Jess Brandler at team@solutionsnotsides.co.uk.

# The Risk of Fire in your Home

Guest speaker, Ben Levy, Borough Manager Salford and Trafford, Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service, addressed the February meeting of the Jewish Representative Council on the subject of fire risks in a typical Jewish home, reports Filis Rosenberg, JRC Executive Member.

Mr Ben Levy has worked in Fire Services across the country for 21 years. He is now responsible for all eight fire stations in Salford and Trafford and their 300 staff. This is the largest fire and rescue service outside of Manchester covering 500 square miles and 2.5



Ben Levy, Salford & Trafford Fire Manager

million people. The main hazards include major motorways and numerous public buildings. His ultimate challenge was the May 2017 bomb atrocity at the MEN Arena.

Mr Levy told the meeting that house fires are 30% more prevalent within the Jewish

community than in the wider one. 81 such incidents occurred over a three year period, half related to cooking, the remainder being mostly caused by Chanukah and Shabbos candles and hot plates. Mr Levy described two serious fires which occurred last Chanukah in homes in Prestwich and Salford, both caused by new easy-light olive oil containers. Incidents such as these are used by the Fire Service to heighten the community's awareness of the risks of fires in the home and how they can be prevented.

According to Mr Levy, fire risks change with the times. 30 years ago the risk was from electric blankets; now it is from hair straighteners being left on for too long by teenage girls! One thing that Mr Levy has noticed during his inspection of people's houses in the Jewish community is the chance of poisonous fumes in Succahs which have been built over kitchen extractor fan outlets. Carbon monoxide poisoning can also result from tin foil placed over blechs (metal hob coverings) inhibiting the flow of oxygen to gas rings. Such incidents can result in illness, fatalities and broken families, but sadly they are all absolutely preventable.

The Fire Service has recently teamed up with Hatzola to increase education within the Jewish community. They are also working with CST on the wider threats to the community, including acid attacks. Canisters of water are now being sited at communal premises to treat such attacks whilst waiting for the Fire Service.

Mr Levy described the "Safe and Well

Checks" which are provided free by the Fire Service. They include fitting smoke detectors, checking homes for fire risks and designing escape plans in the event of a fire. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of this service. Further information is available on the JRC Website at [www.jewishmanchester.org](http://www.jewishmanchester.org).

The Fire Service will be holding a Community Safety Day on 27th May 2018 at Broughton Community Fire Station in partnership with the JRC. This will be open to the public and will cover many aspects of safety in the home.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY



27th May 11am to 4pm.

A Fun Informative day for all.  
In Partnership with the Fire Service and  
the Jewish Representative Council

@ Broughton Community Fire Station  
For more information or to register your interest  
contact Karl Gibbons on 0161 609 0502  
email [gibbonsk@manchestrefire.gov.uk](mailto:gibbonsk@manchestrefire.gov.uk)

# Board of Deputies of British Jews Defined

**Johnathan Arkush, President of The Board of Deputies of British Jews (BoD), describes some of the essential work that his organisation undertook in 2017 on behalf of the Jewish Community.**

The BOD strives to be the democratic and representative body for the UK Jewish Community that is the first port of call for Government, the media and others seeking to understand our collective interests and concerns.

2017 was General Election Year, and the BOD published its own Jewish Manifesto, which was distributed to all prospective Parliamentary Candidates. It called on policymakers to honour 10 commitments on matters of great concern.

We were heavily involved in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. The centerpiece was a Parliamentary Reception at which Foreign Secretary, Boris Johnson, spoke about “the magic, the genius and miracle of Israel”.

Our Jewish Living Experience Exhibition has given schoolchildren across the country a flavour of what it is like to live as a Jew (see article on front page)

We succeeded in persuading public bodies and political parties to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of Antisemitism. We also launched our Invest in



**Board of Deputies Chief Executive, Gillian Merron, and Foreign Secretary, Boris Johnson, with a facsimile of the Balfour Declaration.**

Peace programme, an initiative which invites communities to support Israeli-Palestinian Peacebuilding through a series of events in London, Leeds, Manchester and Glasgow.

In the Autumn, the BOD launched an

updated booklet entitled 'Family Life and Customs: A Practical Guide' aimed at lawyers and judges who are working with Jewish clients and who need a trusted resource that provides baseline understanding of Jewish practices.

The BOD also brought together diplomats from 30 countries at a Diplomatic Forum in London.

Following terrorist attacks in Manchester and London and a surge in anti-Muslim and anti-Jewish racism during 2017, we sought to bridge the divide that exists between Muslims and Jews by undertaking a programme of engagements between the two

Faiths. As part of this initiative, our Vice President, Marie van der Zyl, and I, together with Imam Irfan Chishti MBE, met children from a Church of England Primary School during a visit to Manchester Central Mosque.

## Faiths show how well they can work together

The Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester was delighted to have as special guest at their AGM the current Lord Mayor of Manchester, Cllr Eddy Newman, who is Jewish himself and one of their founder members.



**I-r: Cllr Naeem Ul Hassan, Frank Adam, Dr Jackie Lewis, Jackie Harrison, Seamus Martin, Guy Otten, Qaisra Shahraz, Lord Mayor Cllr Eddy Newman, Tahara Amin, Mohammed Amin, David Lewis, Cllr Heather Fletcher, Jonny Wineberg & Cllr Rabnawaz Akbar**

Cllr Newman told the Forum that he believed he was the seventh Jewish Lord Mayor of Manchester and the first for over 30 years. He said that, although he represented all the people of Manchester, he hoped that the Jewish community took some pride in the fact that Manchester has a Jewish Lord Mayor.

He went on to describe how he had thoroughly enjoyed attending many diverse community events in his first six months. He noted the Muslim community had been

especially welcoming to him.

Cllr Newman praised the Forum and said they had helped community resilience and cohesion in the City and that the two communities had so many similarities in culture, immigration, history and aspirations for their future generations. With a tinge of sadness, he commented on the Arena terrorist attack and the large community vigil, which he gave a speech to open, and how it had defined his mayoralty.

## Opening of the Salford University Faith Centre

The University of Salford and Multi-Faith Chaplaincy Team, in partnership with Salford Interfaith Network, celebrated the opening of the new Salford University Faith Centre, reports Jonny Wineberg, JRC Chair of Executive.

The event was attended by a large number of guests from different faiths from across the community. The Centre now has a Kosher Kitchen, prayer facilities for all faiths, and areas for meeting and contemplation. Not only does it hope to cater for students but it is hoped that the local faith communities can take advantage of the opportunity the refurbished building presents.

Guests were given a tour of the new facilities, followed by a short ceremony to celebrate the Centre opening. They also had the opportunity to meet the Chaplaincy team, including Rabbi Ephraim Guttentag.



**I-r: Jonny Wineberg, Sharon Bannister, Rev Daniel Burton, Rabbi Ephraim Guttentag, Sister Teresa Wild, Reverend Dr Kim Wasey, Imam Rashid Musa, Cllr Heather Fletcher, Bishop of Middleton Mark Davies and Mohammed Ullah.**



# From the President's Desk

**Sharon Bannister describes a typical day in the life of the President of the Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester and Region.**

As I sit on the train travelling to London I start to reflect on my time as President. I am often asked if I am enjoying my term as President. This is a difficult question to answer, as the role is time consuming with some very difficult days, but at the same time it can be very rewarding. The short answer is that I suppose that I must do, otherwise I wouldn't do it.

Each day when I get up I have no idea what the day will bring, I just know that it will be different to yesterday. This is just one day in my life as President - the day I write this piece - and, whilst not typical, no day can be truly described as 'typical'. This morning I got up, grabbed a coffee and looked at the emails that had come in overnight. I try to respond to those first. I read the news, whilst watching breakfast television and catch up on any items that could have implications for or impinge on our community.

Today I am travelling to London, after scrounging a lift to the station from my husband. Not wanting to waste the time on the train, I started to write an article for the Jewish Leadership Council (JLC) regarding Women's Week, as well as this article, although a couple of phone calls do interrupt my concentration somewhat. On arrival in London I travelled to CST headquarters where I was to meet with senior personnel in a



**Sharon Bannister with the Lord Lieutenant of Manchester, Warren Smith, after receiving her British Empire Medal**

meeting hastily arranged just yesterday. I was introduced to many of the staff and was fortunate to be shown the control room. This is truly an amazing space. I left feeling very reassured that so many of our communal organisations are well protected. I often meet with Manchester CST, but this was my first visit to the London centre.

I then moved to the main reason for me travelling to London which was the regular JLC

meeting. As President of the Jewish Representative Council I am a member of the JLC as well as the Board of Deputies. Jonathan Goldstein, JLC Chair will hopefully be the guest speaker at our AGM in Manchester on 13th May. He stressed the importance of having a full and open investigation into the circumstances of events in 2013 when the then CEO stepped down. An independent team will be formed to carry out that investigation and they will report back as soon as possible. Simon Johnson, the current CEO then gave a review of JLC achievements for 2017.

It can be difficult attending these meetings as virtually all those present live and work in London, see each other regularly and possibly socialise together. However, I am always made to feel very welcome and never left out; but it does highlight the London-centric nature of our UK Jewish community. Most of the people in the room will have arrived home before I even leave Euston, especially as my 8pm return train has been delayed.

On the train, after responding to a couple of voice messages I take advantage of Virgin Trains' WIFI and attempt to catch up on the many emails that have arrived during the day and manage to finish this short piece for the *RepPresents*. I have no idea what tomorrow will bring, but that is what is so interesting about the President's job.

## The René Cassin Fellowship

**Congratulations to Emma Pearlman, JRC Executive Member, who has been accepted onto the René Cassin Fellowship Programme. Here Emma talks about the programme.**

René Cassin was a Jewish French Judge and Professor who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1968 for his involvement in drafting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The organisation 'René Cassin' works to promote human rights and bring a Jewish voice to the human rights dialogue.

The Fellowship Programme brings together young Jewish professionals to learn about and

understand human rights and look into Jewish ideas around social justice. It provides the skills and contacts needed to enhance our activism in social justice and international human rights.

I applied for the programme because I thought it would be a great opportunity to learn more about issues that affect us all. It was time to stop hearing about things on the news and learn how to do something about it, as well as time to meet some like minded people and learn from them. The programme meets once a month, and includes a study trip to Budapest.

I have attended one meeting so far which gave me a chance to meet the rest of the cohort and to understand the history of human rights. I learnt what human rights should mean to us all and the impact they have on our daily rights and freedoms. It was an insightful event that provoked a thoughtful discussion, especially as a 2012 YouGov survey showed most people to be ambivalent or neutral about human rights. Human rights covers areas like the ability to vote; the right to life; to a fair trial if charged with a crime; the right to marry the person you love and so on - all things that we all take for granted.

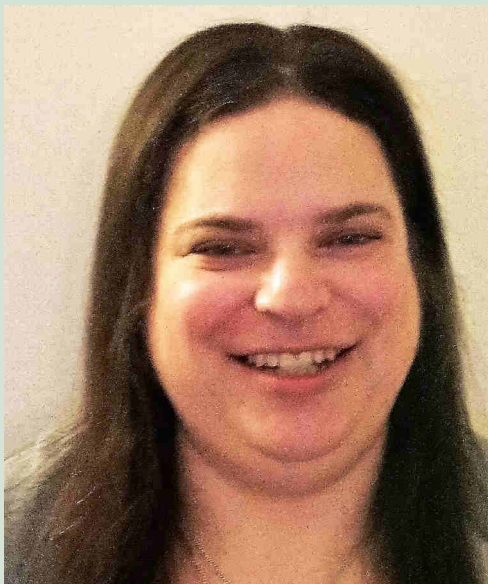
Next, the programme will be looking into issues affecting modern society such as modern slavery, and later looking at discrimination, particularly as experienced by the Roma community.

## Councillor Sheila Newman Remembered



The Jewish Representative Council was greatly saddened to hear that Councillor Sheila Newman, wife of the Lord Mayor, Councillor Eddy Newman, passed away recently during her year as Lady Mayoress. Sheila had visited many Jewish organisations and events since taking on her new role in November.

Her insight and commitment will be very much missed and our thoughts are with her husband Eddy, their daughters and family.



**Emma Pearlman**

# Holocaust Victims and Rescuers Remembered by the Community

RepPresents reports on a week during which the many faiths that comprise the population of Greater Manchester came together to commemorate the Holocaust and other world genocides. These events were attended by JRC members representing the Jewish community.

Holocaust Memorial Day is held on 27th January except when it falls on a Saturday as it did this year. This was the day in 1945 when Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Nazi's largest concentration camp, was liberated by the Allies. Citizens of our Region from all religions and backgrounds were unified in remembering and mourning the six million Jews who were slaughtered by the Nazis, as well as all the victims of all the genocides that unfortunately have continued and are continuing to take place in the world.

## Bolton Remembers

At Bolton Town Hall, a 230-strong congregation comprising Council Members and pupils from 16 schools in the area paid tribute to the victims of the Holocaust and of



**I-r: Hilary Lewis, Caroline Slifkin, Sharon Bannister, Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Roger Hayes, Mayoress Jaleh Hayes and Jonny Wineberg.**

the genocides which have devastated the lives of millions of people.

Chan Parmar, strategic officer at Bolton Interfaith Council (BIC), said "Our local service was jointly organised by BIC and Bolton Council and was led by the Mayor of

Bolton, the acting leader and newly appointed Chief Executive of Bolton Council and Rabbi Lever, excellently supported by many schools, elected members, faith and community groups, the Jewish Representative Council, Bolton Music Service and Bolton School Girls' Music.

The Service was hosted by Dave Bagley from Urban Outreach. We were also fortunate to welcome two ladies from Australia, from the International Holocaust Alliance, who were visiting Manchester."

## Manchester Remembers

An event held at the 'HOME Arts Centre' formed part of Manchester City Council's HMD programme. Rachel Burns from the UK Film Council welcomed the audience, which consisted of schoolchildren, teachers and representatives of all faiths and communities.

She introduced the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Eddy Newman, who spoke about the 'The Power of Words' which was the theme of this year's commemoration. He reminded those present that we had this opportunity to pause and think about those whose lives were changed beyond recognition, including that of his own Great Aunt who was murdered by the Nazis.

This was followed by the screening of a film called 'The Rescuers' which traced the journey of Stephanie Nyombayire, a young Rwandan anti-genocide activist who teamed up with the late Sir Martin Gilbert, the renowned Holocaust historian, to travel across 15 countries and 3 continents. They interviewed survivors and descendants of the diplomats who rescued tens of thousands of Jews from the horrors of the Nazi death camps.



**I-r: Rabbi Arnie Saunders, Heather Fletcher, Alex Klein, Magda Sachs, Rev Daniel Burton at the Salford Holocaust Memorial Day**

The film was followed by an interview with Dr Peter Kurer in conversation with Mike Levy. Dr Kurer told of his being brought up by Quakers when he arrived in Britain as a child of the Kindertransport. Schoolchildren and other members of the audience were then given the opportunity to ask questions.

Six statements are read out each year at the close of these events. Sharon Bannister, JRC President, and Filis Rosenberg, JRC Executive Member, who was representing the Challenging Hate Forum, were invited to read two of these statements. These were followed by the recital of the Memorial Prayer by Rabbi Guttentag.

## Others Remember

Commemoration events were also held by Bury Council at the Longfield Suite, Prestwich; Salford City Council at the Broughton Hub; and Oldham Council at The Academy, Royton. The 'Manchester Unites Against Fascism' organisation remembered the Genocide at St Peter's House Chaplaincy, as did Lytham St Annes at the St Annes Synagogue.

# Yom Hashoah 2018 - Where will YOU be?

The community is invited to the Yom Hashoah Commemoration that will be held on Thursday, 12 April 2018 at 8pm at the Audacious Conference Centre, Trinity Way, Manchester M3 7BD, reports Jacky Buchsbaum, JRC Treasurer.

Yom Hashoah is the Holocaust and Ghetto Revolt Heroism Remembrance Day observed annually in Israel and by Jewish communities throughout the world. It is a day of commemoration for six million Jews, including one million children and countless others who perished in the Holocaust as a result of the actions carried out by Nazi Germany and its accomplices.

The date (27 Nissan in the Hebrew Calendar) was chosen as it is the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, which occurred on 19 April 1943. On this

day, tribute is also paid to the martyrs, to the Jewish resistance and to the heroism shown in the years between 1933 and 1945.

'Law & Disorder' is the theme for this year's event. The main speaker is Martin Davidson, author of 'The Perfect Nazi'. He will join three local survivors who will tell their personal stories about how they survived the Holocaust.

The event will be attended by Council Leaders, Lord Mayors, local Members of Parliament and other Civic Dignitaries.

**YOM HASHOAH 2018**

**LAW & DISORDER**  
THURSDAY 12TH APRIL 2018

DOORS OPEN 7.15PM  
SEATED BY 7.45PM - 8.00PM START  
AT AUDACIOUS CONFENCING,  
TRINITY WAY, SALFORD, MANCHESTER M3 7BB  
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YOM HASHOAH 2018



# A Healthier Pesach and Beyond

**Dr Jackie Lewis is a Whitefield-based GP (locum) with a special interest in nutritional research and healthy eating. She is currently co-writing a book with her cousin, Judi Rose (food writer and daughter of the legendary Evelyn Rose), on healthy Jewish cookery, to be called, 'Lokshen Horror' Here, Jackie provides some sound advice on healthy eating over the eight days of Passover.**

Whenever they joined us for the Seder, my brother-in-law's parents would bring an enormous fruit hamper, brimming with crisp and juicy Pink Lady apples, succulent pears and apricots, and invariably topped with a perfectly ripe mango. It was the best possible present for Pesach, an antidote to all the unhealthy eating, and a way of filling up all week, without recourse to the blocks of Pesadich chocolate, piled up in the cupboard.

The truth is that Pesach eating can be healthy, or at least healthier. And the single biggest difference you can make is to cut down on sugar. Why? I'm a long-term follower of Professor John Yudkin, and more recently, Professor Robert Lustig. They have demonstrated that sugar (and alcohol, which is fermented sugar,) is a risk for raised cholesterol, raised blood pressure, diabetes, liver disease, cancer and dementia. No small incentive for cutting it down, then!

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The Seder is not the best of starts from a health-conscious view. On the TV comedy show, 'Frasier', they once made a mock-up of Kiddush wine by adding spoons of sugar to regular wine. This isn't far from the truth, as our wine is extraordinarily sweet. A low sugar grape juice is a better option, or a dry wine, such as Kedem Light, especially if you have diabetes. In this case, the quantities may be minimised to 1.5fl oz (43ml) plus a drop more. (If your sugar control is poor, or you are



Chopped and BAKED Fish Balls

concerned, discuss with your Rabbi the option of omitting wine altogether.)

And what about Pesach baking?

Fortunately, it is possible to buy xylitol (a natural sugar substitute) which is Kosher Shel Pesach. Another simple option is to bake less (my preferred choice) and to cut the sugar in your recipes by about a third, also omitting those that call for jam, honey or icing. On the same note, eingemachtes and blackcurrant jam are not essential elements of Pesach and I doubt that our ancestors had time to stew jams when they were fleeing for their lives.

What can you offer guests when they descend on you at short notice? I would return to the fruit bowl and make up a beautiful fruit platter, or offer olives, nuts, dried fruit or matzo crackers with savoury toppings. How about the dried fruits, again a brilliant Pesach gift? Some people worry about the sugar content, but it is greatly offset by the fibre, as is the case with fresh fruit.

Dates, for example, contain a fibre called beta-glucan, which has cholesterol lowering properties and they contain potassium, which drops blood sugar. Try pulsing in a blender, with some ground almonds and a little cocoa to make a healthy take on chocolate truffles. My stepdaughter, Amelia, makes a great version of these. However, you would not want to have large quantities of dried fruits at any one time (e.g. just a small handful of raisins,) otherwise they might cause a blood sugar peak.

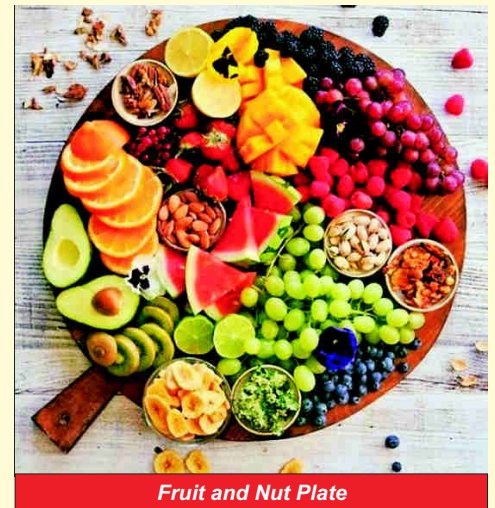
### What about fats and frying?

My father used to make terrific chremslach, sometimes with sugar and cinnamon on top. (I am getting palpitations at the thought!) My mother used to cover her three-layered metal kitchen trolley with paper towels and make a large batch of chopped-fried fish. I now much prefer olive oil to sunflower oil, because of the heart healthy monounsaturated fat in the former, and because, when frying at high temperatures with sunflower oil, there can be by-products called aldehydes, which are decidedly unhealthy.

Fried food is also very high in calories and pro-inflammatory. When you deep fry fish, you lose much of its nutritional benefit, reducing its heart and brain-healthy Omega 3 and Vitamin D. It is possible to oven bake your gefilte fish, rolling them in a little olive oil or rapeseed oil but, being pragmatic, this is one week of the year, so if chopped fried fish help you to survive it, so be it. However, you do not need to put sugar into the mix.

### What about all those eggs?

Last year, my husband stunned me, by suggesting 4 dozen for the week and we still had to go out and buy more. Fortunately, they have recently redeemed themselves in the eyes of nutrition experts. The cholesterol in yolks is not usually translated into raised cholesterol in



Fruit and Nut Plate

your blood stream. Meantime, they are packed with high quality protein, choline and B vitamins, which can help to prevent dementia and vitamin D and selenium, which both reduce the risk of cancer. They are my favourite fast food and although I would not usually go above two in a day, just for one week, during Pesach, this is OK for most people.

'Nosh' is definitely off my shopping list, especially this week, when a major French study on 105,000 adults over 16 years, has shown that highly processed foods increase your cancer risk by about 12%. This also applies to processed meat, such as savaloyes and salami. Fresh meat is always preferable and I prefer fish and chicken to red meat.

You might otherwise try following the example of Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg. He keeps the cost of Pesach down through a simple vegetarian diet, without the need to fully replace all the contents of his larder, for one week only.

*Hopefully, some of these healthy eating tips can be carried on after Pesach.*

I still find Pesach more of a strain than I should. I suggest planning well ahead, getting your food delivered to the house if you can, and cutting down on the number of pots and pans that you use. This will help avoid the days leading up to Pesach being akin to moving home. Also it's good to take some time out to relax and enjoy the company of your relatives. My favourite Pesach memory is of Mum and Dad singing 'Chad Gadya' as a duet, each year, completely out of tune.

**You can follow Jackie and Judi on Instagram @lokshenhorror and at [healthyjewishcookery.wordpress.com](http://healthyjewishcookery.wordpress.com).**



# MJM Nears its £5m Target

The Manchester Jewish Museum has been awarded a £2.9 million National Lottery grant, writes **Filis Rosenberg**, the Museum's delegate to the JRC. This means they have now raised in total £4.4 million for their ambitious £5 million development project that could see the museum double in size.

Planning permission for the development scheme has been formally approved by Manchester City Council and although the museum still needs to raise a further £350,000 to meet its final target, the extension plans will now go ahead.



Manchester Jewish Museum, a Grade II\* listed building, is an extraordinary piece of 19th century architecture as well as the city's oldest synagogue. The Synagogue will be repaired and restored to its original architectural splendour, while new interactive displays, soundscapes and live performances will bring it to life for visitors. This is one of Manchester's most important historic buildings and the development is set to bring it back to life for a new generation.

The Museum also cares for over 30,000 objects, from personal letters and photographs to Torah scrolls hidden from the Nazis during WWII. These objects help tell

the story of Jewish Manchester, as well as broader stories of migration, identity and the Holocaust. Last year the Museum was listed as one of the UK's top 10 small museums by The Times.

The Museum will re-locate to Manchester Central Library in the autumn when it will close to carry out the development work. It plans to re-open in 2020 with, for the first time, a cafe, which will be located next to its shop at the new entrance. There will be a new gallery about the history of Jewish Manchester and a Learning and Community Studio.

The everyday commitments of the museum will continue and if you are interested to support this valuable work please call the Museum on 01618349879 or email: [learning@manchesterjewishmuseum.com](mailto:learning@manchesterjewishmuseum.com).



# The Crown Prosecution Service



**Congratulations to Filis Rosenberg who has been invited by the Crown Prosecution Service to join their North West Racist and Religious Local Scrutiny Involvement Panel. Filis is an Executive member of the Jewish Representative Council and Secretary of the Publicity Working Group. She also is a member of the RepPresents Editorial Team and writes many of its articles.**

# New Genetic Screening Service

**Jnetics, the only UK Charity dedicated to improving the prevention and management of Jewish genetic disorders, raises awareness and provides carrier screening for 9 severe, recessive Jewish genetic disorders, reports Aviva Lewis, Jnetics Programme Development Officer.**

Working in partnership with the NHS, Jnetics has run 16 screening events in London.

1 in 5 of the 1000 people of Ashkenazi origin tested was found to be a healthy carrier of at least one of the 9 conditions covered.

These disorders that disproportionately affect our community are all utterly devastating – and yet all entirely preventable. Jnetics has so far identified three carrier couples who, via screening, now have the information and support to manage their risk and have healthy children.

In November 2017, Jnetics opened their first Northern office, based at The Fed in Prestwich. They aim to offer genetic carrier screening and community education to Manchester and Jewish communities beyond.

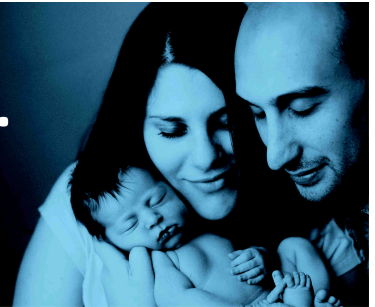
In January, Jnetics also launched a new screening service designed specifically for the smaller Jewish

communities in the form of a 'Virtual Screening Clinic'. Registration is online and participants are offered a telephone interview with a genetic counsellor. Anything they need for their appointment, including a saliva collection kit, is sent by post. A report informs participants of their carrier status and offers a contact number for further information and support if required.






Katrina Sarig, Jnetics' Executive Director, commented: 'We are ecstatic about the opening of our Manchester office and launch of the Virtual Clinic. Addressing Jewish genetic disorders has always been a need on a national level and we are hugely excited to work with the Manchester community to finally offer our services here – along with the other Jewish communities across the UK'. Further information is available at [www.jnetics.org](http://www.jnetics.org) or follow Jnetics on social media @jneticsUK or [facebook.com/JneticsUK](https://www.facebook.com/JneticsUK).

## Know your risk.

New carrier screening service for Jewish genetic disorders with the Jnetics virtual clinic.



### Jnetics virtual clinic: how it works

- 1  Book your appointment online.
- 2  A screening pack is posted to you.
- 3  A genetic counsellor calls you at your chosen time.
- 4  Return your completed screening pack to us.
- 5  Your results are returned 8–10 weeks later.





# Jewish Support over Festive Season

An initiative of the JRC saw members of the Jewish community help transport vulnerable and isolated people to parties across the region during the festive season, reports David Lewis, JRC Executive Member, who led the effort.



**I-r: Shabnam Hussain (Project Manager), Suzi Hoffman, Jonny Wineberg, Yasmeen Bostan and Sabz Khan at the Rainbow Surprise Party at Crumpsall Methodist Church**

This was the fourth year of the project, which is getting bigger every year and shows the best of our community and interfaith cooperation. This year, we organised transport for St John's & St Mark's Church in Bury and St Joseph's Church in Ramsbottom.

Transport for Xmas Day parties run by Manchester South Central Foodbank in Moss Side and Rainbow Surprise at Crumpsall Methodist Church was organised by Jonny Wineberg, JRC Chair of Executive, who said, "To see the joyful look on people's faces at these parties shows what very practical social action can achieve. We widened the offer to other Churches this year and were even able to take a young Syrian refugee to Clitheroe on Xmas Eve to spend the holidays with a family there."

The 20 Jewish drivers were also joined by Mohammed and Tahara Amin, Chair and Secretary of the Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester.

The 250 people transported to the parties were a diverse group including Christian asylum seekers from Syria and other countries that had fled from religious persecution; isolated disabled and elderly people who would otherwise have spent the day on their own; and young people with mental health problems.

Whilst still a year away, the Jewish Representative Council would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved so that support can be offered to yet more Churches. Please contact the JRC Office (Tel: 0161 720 8721 or Email: office@jewishmanchester.org)

# New Charity 'We Stand Together'

A campaign group, set up to celebrate diversity and to fight hatred and intolerance, has established itself as a new National Charity,

The 'We Stand Together' campaign was launched in 2015 by former Greater Manchester Chief Constable, Sir Peter Fahy, who used it to bring Jewish and Muslim groups together after the 'Charlie Hebdo' and Kosher Supermarket attacks in Paris.

Community and faith representatives from across Greater Manchester have now come together to establish the 'We Stand Together' campaign as a registered Charity and to pledge their support for its ideals. The Charity will be based in Greater Manchester but is a national initiative.

The hashtag #WeStandTogether was prominent after the 2017 Manchester Arena attack. #WeStandTogether was also adopted as the slogan for the 'Manchester Evening News' peace campaign that launched last September. I have the honour of Co-Chairing the charity's Steering Group which is where the work of #WeStandTogether will be

fomented and which will include the initiative #YouthStandTogether.

We have had many successful events already and we have many amazing people coming forward to continue the positive work that is so needed across Britain.

Sir Peter Fahy will Chair the Trustee Board, which includes Manchester Reform Synagogue Rabbi, Robyn

Ashworth-Steen. Sir Peter said, "After the Paris attack, Muslim and Jewish communities in Manchester felt very vulnerable and asked me for more armed protection. I felt it would be better if they came together with other communities to say extremists will not have



their way."

The 'We Stand Together' Charity will carry on promoting the main aims of the original campaign which are to celebrate our differences; fight hatred and intolerance; and build a safer and stronger country.

# Community Sherman Lecture 2018

You are invited to the Sherman Lecture which will be given by Dr Asaf Siniver on 26th April.



Dr. Asaf Siniver is Associate Professor in International Security in the Department of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Birmingham. He works on conflict resolution and third-party mediation, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the international relations of the Middle East, contemporary US foreign policy, foreign policy analysis and international security.

Dr Siniver has published books, journal articles, reports and policy briefs on these issues, and has advised governmental and non-governmental actors working in these areas. He is also a Fellow at the Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Security (ICCS) and Co-Executive Editor of the journal Civil Wars. Between 2011-13 he was a Leverhulme Trust Research Fellow, working on the project Evaluating

the Effectiveness of Third Party Interventions in the Arab-Israeli Conflict.

In recent years Dr Siniver collaborated with the Moroccan security services on counter-terrorism, the Directorate General of the EU and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace on the Arab Spring, and EU ambassadors on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He also wrote policy reports for the Academic Peace Orchestra Middle East on Mediating the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process: Current Prospects and Alternative Frameworks, and briefed officers from the UK Ministry of Defense on International Security and Iran's nuclear programme. He is a regular commentator on these issues in various media outlets, and teaches academic courses on a range of subjects.



# Tributes to the Fallen

Members of the Jewish Community joined with other faiths and communities, at many locations across Greater Manchester to remember and pay tribute to the fallen on Remembrance Sunday, reports Roy Bass, JRC Publicity Team Member.

Manchester's Remembrance Day Parade and Service was attended by civic dignitaries, servicemen and women, service and ex-service organisations, faith leaders, uniformed organisations and JRC Members.



David Bannister lays a wreath at the Bury Cenotaph

The Civic Parade, which marched from Peter Street to St Peter's Square, included representatives from many communities, along with clergy from the Free Church, Church of England and Catholic Church, as well as elected members, consuls and magistrates. A wreath was laid by Manchester AJEX Chairman, Joe Flacks.

After the service, a March Past of Service Organisations took place outside Central Library in St Peter's Square which was observed by the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Mayor, senior representatives from the Army, Reserve Forces, Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and 207 Field Hospital.

Councillor Eddy Newman, Lord Mayor of Manchester, said, "I am extremely proud to be leading the commemoration for Remembrance Sunday. It's important that people come out and show their support on occasions like this, which gives us time to reflect on past and present conflicts and show our appreciation for the enormous sacrifices made by all members of the Armed Forces while performing their duty."

JRC Members represented the Jewish Community at other ceremonies across Greater Manchester. In Salford, a wreath was laid by Jonny Wineberg, JRC



Chair of Executive, while Jeremy Michelson, JRC Vice Chair (Education), laid a wreath in Prestwich and Jay Charara, JRC Vice Chair (PR) laid a wreath in Unsworth. The ceremony in Bury was attended by David Bannister, husband of JRC President Sharon Bannister. Rabbi Arnold Saunders said a prayer as other members of the Jewish community laid wreaths and wooden Magen David poppies.



Jonny Wineberg lays a wreath at the Salford Cenotaph

# Communities are More Creative Together

The Challenging Hate Forum's event 'Communities are Creative Together' was held in February at the Manchester Cathedral as part of 'Hate Crime Awareness Week'. This was supported by Manchester City Council, reports Filis Rosenberg, JRC Executive Member.

An audience of over 150 people was welcomed by Rogers Govender, Dean of Manchester. There was a packed programme which included an emotive speech from the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Warren Smith. A 'We Stand Together' update was delivered by Sir Peter Fahy and we all

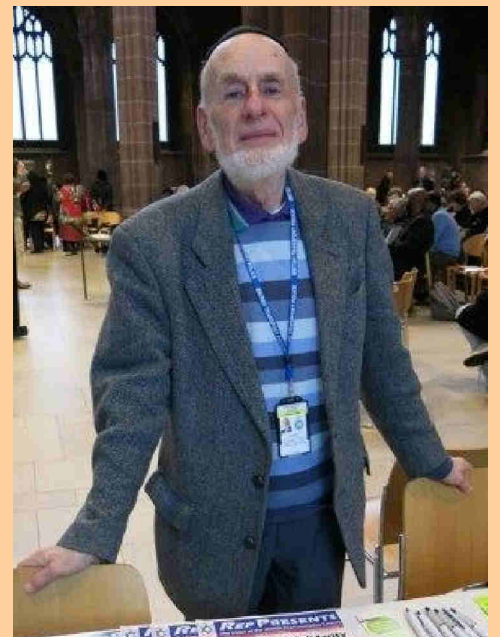
enjoyed the wonderful sounds of 'Together in Song' Gospel Choir. Cathedral Artist in Residence, Stephen Raw displayed his work in progress 'Ibrahim, Abraham, Avraham' and we were able to admire, and encouraged to touch, this wonderful example of his talent.

After a delicious afternoon tea, we heard from Councillor Nigel Murphy, Manchester City Council, and then received the latest Hate Crime Statistics from Chief Inspector Umer Khan (GMP). The Gospel Choir sang again for our enjoyment and were followed by a poetry workshop led by poet Sam Illingworth.

Various organisations, including the Jewish Representative Council, showcased their work at the event which was brought to a close by the Dean.



Dean Rogers Govender and Cathedral Artist in Residence, Stephen Raw, with his work in progress 'Ibrahim, Abraham, Avraham'.



David Davis staffing the Jewish Representative Council's stand at the Manchester Cathedral



# The RepPresents Interview

Deborah Britstone recently joined the JRC as Youth Secretary on the Youth and Community Working Group after completing the Leadership Course run by UJIA. Here she talks about her voluntary work to Susan Isaacs, JRC Youth & Community Officer.

**SI: How did you start Youth and Community Work?**

**DB:** I started working at Whitefield Jewish Youth Centre (WJYC) over 20 years ago and have been involved in youth and community work ever since. At WJYC I was involved in various activities from running events and regular weekly meetings to managing WJYC. This involved me dealing with all manner of day to day issues from writing policies to making sure we had the right flavour sweets! I thoroughly enjoyed my time at WJYC and having finished my law degree, I decided to take some time out and return as the Youth Centre Manager, running and training a team of youth leaders and organising a three week summer scheme.

**SI: What about your professional career?**

**DB:** Having decided that I wanted to pursue my legal career, I remained involved with WJYC in a voluntary capacity, running their leadership course with the help of my Dad, Rodney Ross. We have run a number of courses and I am very proud of those leaders that manage in Years, 10, 11, 12 and 13 to find time to run activities for our younger children on a weekly basis and assist Whitefield Shul with their events for the Festivals. I have now handed this leadership training role over to the very capable Mychiel Balshine and recently attended this year's graduation of another ten leaders.

**SI: Tell me about your work for the UJIA.**

**DB:** I joined the UJIA Ladies Division in Manchester. We recently held our inaugural event and over 90 ladies gathered in support of other women who are less privileged than ourselves. We strongly believe that by focusing on women, who have such a key role in raising the next generation, we are making an impact on Israel's long-term and sustainable future. The event raised over £30,000 to support the women of Al-Sanabel, a social catering enterprise in the North of the country. I am extremely proud to be involved in such a fantastic initiative.



Deborah Britstone, JRC Youth Secretary

**SI: How did you get involved with the Jewish Community Awards?**

**DB:** I joined the committee which organised last year's Manchester Jewish Community Awards as a consequence of my involvement in the UJIA Leadership course. Apart from my much improved skills in PowerPoint and musical timing, it proved to be an incredibly awe inspiring project to be involved in. We should be so very proud of the many dedicated and committed volunteers in our community and beyond.

**SI: What made you want to get involved with the JRC?**

**DB:** It was through helping to organise the awards and my experiences on the UJIA leadership course that I decided to consider other opportunities outside of Whitefield and within my own local community where I might be able to offer my time. I decided to join the JRC because I wanted to join an organisation that had the whole community in mind and where I might be able to make a difference. I feel that the JRC is an organisation that will enable me to offer what I can to provide for my children and the future Jewish community of Manchester and the regions.

**SI: Thanks Deborah – you are certainly a very busy person and committed to the community.**

# Kids Zone



Welcome to the new Kids Zone which will appear in all future RepPresents.

## THE PASSOVER QUIZ

Here are ten questions about Passover. How many can you answer?

1. Who saved Moses from the River Nile?
2. What were the names of Moses' sister and brother?
3. What were the 4th and 9th plagues?
4. How did the Jews cross the Red Sea?
5. Why do we eat Matzo on Passover?
6. What is "Maror" and when do we eat it?
7. How many cups of wine do we drink at the Seder?
8. How many questions does the youngest child ask at the Seder?
9. How many days do we keep Passover? (There are 2 answers to this question)
10. Where does "Passover" get its name from?

## PAINT A PICTURE

Are you a budding artist? We would like some nice pictures to go in to our next edition of RepPresents which will be published just before Rosh Hashanah.

Send us a drawing or painting about Rosh Hashanah or Succoth before 1st July 2018. We will choose the best in each of the following age categories: under 6; 7 - 11; and 12 -16 to include in the next edition of RepPresents.

Print your name, age and contact details on the back of your picture and post, or drop in, to Jewish Representative Council, Jewish Community Centre, Jubilee House, Bury Old Road, Manchester M7 4QY.

# Grants for Education and Youth

The Nathan Laski Memorial Trust welcomes applications from Registered Charities which advance Jewish education or support Jewish youth activities in the wider Jewish community in Greater Manchester, reports Jonny Wineberg, JRC Chair of Executive.

Organisations wishing to apply for a grant, should write to the Trust outlining in no more than 1,000 words the need they are meeting; the outcomes they hope to achieve; and how they intend to meet the need and achieve the outcomes. Grants would normally be for

between £250 and £2,500 and may be for small capital items or project costs.

Organisations should include a budget with their application, but no further documentation is required. They should also ensure that they indicate their Registered

Charity number with their application.

Applications should be posted to arrive by 30th April or 30th October for consideration by trustees to: Nathan Laski Memorial Charitable Trust, C/o Hill Dickinson LLP, 50 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AS.

# 'Jewish Hour' Seeks May Day for Community Safety New Volunteers

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Broughton Fire Station

In the last edition of *RepPresents*, we highlighted the achievements of Jewish Hour and how it was seeking more volunteers. Basil Herwald has approached us for help in recruiting new people to ensure the programme's continuity.

The Jewish Hour was initiated by the Jewish Representative Council many years ago and is invaluable, mainly as an educational and awareness raising tool for non-Jewish listeners as much as for the Jewish community.

Jewish Hour is a dedicated radio show broadcast 7 – 8pm every Monday evening from the studio of Salford City Radio on 94.10 FM, DAB. The programme follows a well tested magazine format, of interest to Jew and non-Jew alike with a mix of interviews; music; local, national and international news; and views.

You can also listen to The Jewish Hour live via the Salford City Radio website; on your mobile phone or tablet; or on Northern Air radio every Wednesday at 7pm, with a repeat on Sunday afternoon at 2pm. Alternatively you can listen to the show for a week following its broadcast by going to the Jewish Hour page on the Salford City Radio website and clicking on "Listen Again". It is also available for 3 weeks from Jewish Hours own website.

Jewish Hour has been on air for more than 25 years, and is urgently seeking new talent to take them towards their Jubilee! They need both techies and potential journalists and presenters, preferably with experience and/or willing to be trained. Volunteers need to be committed to our community and seeking a rewarding voluntary career in broadcasting.

If you are interested or want to learn more about Jewish Hour please email [thejewishhour@gmail.com](mailto:thejewishhour@gmail.com) or via the JRC (Tel: 0161 720 8721).

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**"A chip pan, kitchen appliance, Shabbat or a Chanukah candle all can and have been the cause of fires in the past," according to Mr Karl Gibbons, Watch Manager at Whitefield Fire Station.**

This was actually the case last December when the Greater Manchester Fire Service was called out twice to fires in Prestwich and Salford, caused by Chanukah candles. Consequently, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service said it will be visiting homes in both areas to remind people about safety.

Mr Ben Levy, group manager for Salford and Trafford Fire Service, who was guest speaker at a recent Jewish Representative Council meeting, said "The visits will ensure we don't see any further incidents like this and we will also be linking in with partner agencies and with the local Jewish community".

As part of the drive to raise awareness in the Jewish Community of the serious risks of fire in the home, a Community Safety Open Day will take place at Broughton Fire Station on Sunday 27 May from 11 am to 4 pm. The event is being organised in partnership with the Jewish Representative Council's Public Relations Working Group.

As part of the event a car will be cut up to simulate an RTC ( Road Traffic Collision) and the Fire Crew will be carrying out an onsite demonstration of the rescue work that takes place at the scene of an emergency incident. They will also be stressing the dangers of the use of mobile phones whilst driving.

This will be a day for the whole family to enjoy. There will be stalls and fun activities for all who attend as well as an opportunity to find out, at first hand, about the work of first responders to an incident; to see demonstrations of first aid and CPR being administered; and most importantly to learn how to avoid fires in the home.

# Community Events Diary

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March: **Eshel UK Friends of Colel Chabad. Guest Speaker: Haras Rafiq; 4.00pm**
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: **Manchester Jewish Soccer League 70th Anniversary Dinner; 6.45pm**
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April: **Yom Hashoah Commemoration - JRC & Second Generation; 7.00pm**
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: **UJIA Commemorates Yom Hazikaron; 7.00pm**
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April: **Four Shuls One Big Party – 70 Years of Independence; 6.45pm**
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April: **UJIA/JLC Communal Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebrations; All Day**
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April: **Community Sherman Lecture; 7.30pm**
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April: **Magen David Adom Dinner; 7.00pm**
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May: **The Fed - Tour de Manchester; All Day**
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May: **MJCC Duplicate Bridge Supper in Aid of The Nicky; 7.00pm**
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May: **The Fed - Gin Tasting Evening; 7.00pm**
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May: **Second Generation Annual Shabbat Kiddush for Survivors; 12.00pm**
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May: **JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AGM; 10.15am - 12.00pm**
- **The Friendship Circle Football Tournament; All Day**
- **JGSGB Annual Conference**

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