

# 100 Years & Counting..



**Officers of the Jewish Representative Council**  
 (l-r) Jonny Wineberg, Michael Rubinstein, Clive Moss-Barclay, Jacky Buchsbaum (Chair), Sharon Bannister (President), Russell Conn, Susan Isaacs, Jay Charara & Jeremy Michelson

2019 is the Centenary Year of the Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester and Region. For the last 100 years the JRC has worked tirelessly representing, leading, defending and uniting the Manchester Jewish Community. As part of its celebrations a Centenary Dinner was held in March in the presence of Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis.

David Berkley QC chaired the Centenary Celebration Dinner at the Hilton Suite which marked a major milestone in the history of the JRC. Sharon Bannister BEM, JRC President, said "Our vision for this Dinner was not just to celebrate our last 100 years, but also to show why we are still relevant now and for the future."

The Dinner was attended by dignitaries from around the region including the High Sheriff of Manchester, Dr Robina Shah MBE, JP, DL, who together with the JRC President welcomed all the guests to this very lavish event. In addition to Mayors, Chairs of Organisations and Community Leaders, also present were representatives from other Representative Councils, the Board of Deputies and the Jewish Leadership Council.

During her welcoming address the President

launched the JRC's souvenir Centenary book entitled 'A 100 Years and Counting...' which celebrates the history of the JRC and its achievements over the past century. Included in the book is a history of Beaverbrooks which is also celebrating its Centenary this year. Sharon was able to congratulate Mark Adlestone OBE DL, Chair of Beaverbrooks, on his appointment by Her Majesty the Queen, as the next High Sheriff of Manchester.

The honoured guest speaker was Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis who praised the extraordinary work of the JRC over the past century and its unstinting commitment to the welfare of the Jewish Communities of Greater Manchester and Region. He was thanked for his kind words by past President, Frank Baigel.

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# Centenary Celebration Dinner



**Rabbi Fabian Sborovsky giving vote of thanks**

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Other speakers included past Chair, Jonny Wineberg, who gave a presentation about the extensive work of the JRC over its 100 year history. He was followed by the current Chair, Jacky Buchsbaum, who described the JRC's present role and invited guests to pledge their time (and money) to help with future projects. These include promoting community cohesion, providing a centralised voice for the Manchester Jewish Community and

coordinating and supporting our affiliates; roles which are as important today and for the future as they were 100 years ago.

A slide-show was screened during the Dinner which showcased all the great work of the JRC and its Affiliates.

Dr Shah gave the toast to the Queen and presented Sharon Bannister with 'The High Sheriff's Certificate of Commendation to the JRC'. This Award has been made in recognition and appreciation of the JRC's 100 years of distinguished service to promote, support and secure the welfare of the Jewish Community and work collaboratively



**Sharon Bannister, JRC President, receiving award from High Sheriff, Dr Robina Shah**



**Jacky Buchsbaum, JRC Chair, invites guests to pledge their time**

with other sectors. The Award also recognises the appreciation of the people of Greater Manchester for the JRC's dedication and commitment to enhancing the importance of community cohesion.

The toast to the President and the State of Israel was made by Karen Solomon of the ZCC and a vote of thanks for a most amazing evening was given by Rabbi Fabian Sborovsky.

## Chief Rabbi Thanks the JRC



**Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis**

**Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis was the honoured guest speaker at our Centenary Celebration Dinner in March. He thanked the extraordinary men and women who have led the Jewish Representative Council over the past 100 years and said what an honour and a pleasure it was to be part of the Celebrations.**

In his speech, Rabbi Mirvis compared the meaning of the two Hebrew words 'sasson' and 'simcha', both of which mean happiness. However, whilst 'sasson' refers to short lived elation, 'simcha' is used to express the happiness that comes from an inner sense of contentment and fulfilment from accomplishments achieved. This is the happiness felt here today as we look back at the JRCs wonderful achievements over the past 100 years of service to the Manchester Jewish community.

There is an expression in the Jewish religion "I give; therefore I am." Only those who gave a half shekel towards the running of the Jewish Temple were actually counted.

A person that gives of themselves makes their life worthy and enriches the environment around them. By encouraging others to volunteer their time and give of themselves, the JRC has enabled individuals and the Community to grow and develop.

In conclusion the Chief Rabbi expressed his wish that the JRC should go from strength to strength and should enjoy many more years of outstanding success. Organisations, he said, are unlike people and can go on for hundreds of years and so it should be for the Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester and Region.



# From the President's Desk

It is my lucky privilege, honour and delight to have been President of our wonderful Jewish Representative Council as we approached and achieved 100 years of existence. Lucky because it just happened to be me at this time, privileged because the position of President is unique, honoured to have been chosen by the leading figures of our community organisations and overwhelmingly delighted by the kindness, co-operation and support of so many people during my association with the JRC.

I am immensely grateful to our Community for giving me the opportunity to serve as President, an experience that has been exhilarating but often challenging, sometimes even daunting. I've come across inspiring people, shaken some impressive hands, enjoyed countless communal events, yet still feel humbled whenever I put on that Chain of Office and see the names of my illustrious predecessors. Whenever I am asked about the work of the Council, or even more bluntly "What do you do?", I answer "We do what we need to do to, when it is needed, to ensure our community's continuing wellbeing". The 100 years since our formation from three predecessor organisations have seen monumental changes in social, societal and individual norms and expectations, reflected I



**Sharon Bannister, JRC President**

believe, by the activities of the Council over the same period. The issues tackled have remained surprisingly consistent - education, defence, youth & community, finance and our relationship with the wider community, which are precisely the issues that our Working Groups are

addressing now. Some may say nothing changes but I prefer to say that we have continually changed to meet the evolving needs and expectations of our vibrant community.

From our beginnings in 1919, amid the aftermath of the war to end all wars, via the Depression era, the indescribable horrors of the Shoah, the rebirth of our Nation, the increasing availability of distractions, the technological revolution to the present day, the ribbon of connectivity that has bound our Jewish community remains very strong, regardless of allegiances to different traditions, differing levels of observance. I feel that the JRC has been an integral part of that journey.

But what of the future? Whilst I have no crystal ball and Britain's place in the world is currently being debated by politicians here, in Europe and beyond, I am confident that the JRC will flourish and continue to reflect the Jewish Community's wants, needs, hopes and aspirations and ensure that our voice is heard by those that count. May the next 100 years bring peace and joy to our entire Community.

**Sharon Bannister BEM**

## Jews, Muslims & Christians Eat Together

Members and friends of the Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester gathered at the Pagoda Chinese Restaurant's new location in Prestwich, to enjoy their annual kosher meal out together in January. Guest of honour was the Mayor of Bury, Cllr Jane Black, who is the 8th Jewish Mayor of Bury, together with her husband and official consort, Mark Sankey.

This was also a "Twinning Event" to mark the annual Global Season of Twinning between Muslims and Jews, which is an initiative of the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding in New York.

Muslims, Jews and Christians from around Greater Manchester, including Cheadle and Swinton, enjoyed a delicious and plentiful Chinese buffet provided by restaurant owner, Daniel Clayhills, in a warm, friendly and family atmosphere where people got to know each other.

Forum Executive member David



**Bury Mayor Cllr Jane Black and husband Mark Sankey with David Lewis, JRC Executive Member and Forum Treasurer (front left) and other members of the MJF.**

Berkley QC stated "It was good during these fractious times to see communities coming together to share fine food and convivial conversation."

Susan Mottram, who is a practising

Christian from Swinton, stated "It was a super evening. The food was excellent, and the conversations were most interesting. I felt really uplifted for having attended."



# Board of Deputies spends Weekend in Manchester

Every year the Board of Deputies of British Jews (BoD) holds a Board Meeting outside London and this March they were hosted by the Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester and Region as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary. The weekend was arranged to coincide with the JRC's Centenary Dinner which was attended by BoD Delegates from across the country.



**BoD Delegates & JRC hosts enjoy a relaxing Saturday evening at Stenecourt Synagogue**

On Friday evening Delegates were hosted at the Prestwich Hebrew Congregation (Shrubberies) where they enjoyed a beautiful Friday evening dinner and were addressed by the Mayor of Bury, Cllr Jane Black.

Shabbat morning was at Stenecourt Synagogue with kiddush and lunch provided after the service. BoD President, Marie van der Zyl, spoke to the congregation after the Kiddush and answered questions from members. Also on Shabbat morning, Vice President Edwin Shuker spoke at Share Hayim Sephardi Congregation, Chief Executive Gillian Merron spoke at Sh'arei Shalom Synagogue and Treasurer Stuart MacDonald spoke at Manchester Reform



**JRC & BoD Officers**

Congregation, Jackson's Row.

On the Saturday evening, delegates were hosted by the JRC at Stenecourt Shule where they enjoyed a relaxing supper with entertainment provided by comedienne Marilyn Berg.

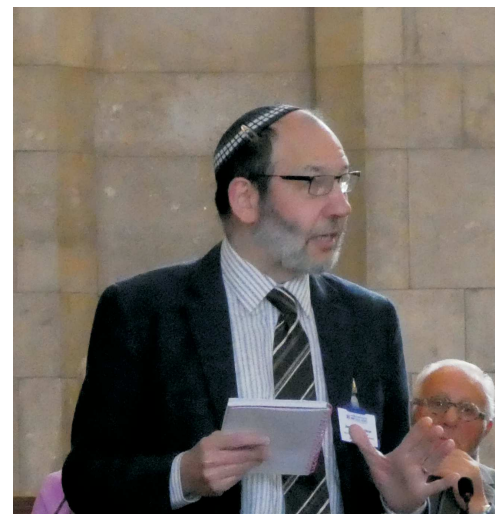
The Board Meeting was held on the Sunday in the Council Chamber of Manchester Town Hall. BoD Officers, Delegates and guests were welcomed by Jeremy Michelson, JRC Vice-Chair (Education). They discussed the issues affecting the Jewish Community and received reports from the BoD's President and Vice-Presidents.

The meeting was addressed by Greater

Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham, who was presented with a Centenary commemorative book by JRC President, Sharon Bannister, to thank him for his work for the community. Mr Burnham's speech is reported on page. 11.

Delegates were hosted by Jackson's Row Synagogue for lunch with CST providing escorts between the Town Hall and Jackson's Row to ensure their safety.

The Board Meeting finished early enough allowing people plenty of time to



**Jeremy Michelson, JRC Vice-Chair (Education)**



**BoD Meeting in the Manchester Town Hall Council Chamber**

catch their trains home. Around 80 Deputies had attended the weekend's events and all agreed that it had been a very interesting and enjoyable weekend despite the heavy rain; but as one delegate was heard to say "It wouldn't feel like Manchester if it hadn't rained!"

Marie van der Zyl said: "It is very special to be in Manchester on this Centenary weekend, which was the first place I visited immediately after I was elected President. The vibrant Jewish community of Manchester is hugely respected throughout the city and the strength of its institutions is a matter of great pride."



**David Davis, JRC Exec Member**

## New Jewish Public Governor

JRC Executive Member, David Davis, has been invited to become Public Governor for five NHS hospitals in North Manchester including Salford Royal, North Manchester General, Royal Oldham, Bury Fairfield and Rochdale Infirmary.

Mr Davis will have specific responsibilities initially for Bury Fairfield and Royal Oldham Hospitals. This will include the provision and equipping of Sabbath rooms, helping families

and staff to deal with end of life situations in a way that conforms with Halachah (Jewish laws and customs), and instructing the staff generally in what is appropriate for Jewish patients.

David said "I am extremely excited with the scope and challenge of this honorary appointment, in particular with responsibilities to assist the Manchester Jewish Community." We wish David every success in his new role on behalf of the Manchester Jewish Community.



# Does Manchester Still Need a Rep Council?

This question was recently posed by a columnist of a local newspaper. Clive Moss-Barclay, JRC Publicity Officer, invites you to read the following and make your own decision:

In February 1919, the Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester and Region (formerly the Council of Manchester and Salford Jews) held its inaugural meeting. Over the past century the JRC has promoted community cohesion, providing a centralised voice for the Manchester Jewish Community and coordinating and supporting the work of our affiliates, roles that are as important today as they were 100 years ago when the JRC was formed.

The work of the JRC covers a wide breadth including education, health, young people, the elderly, antisemitism, interfaith relations, community safety, policing, shechitah and a myriad of other issues. The JRC is ready to respond on behalf of our community to whatever may arise. We are forward planning as we become the more proactive organisation that is needed to lead our community.

We carry out our work wholly with volunteers, with some administrative and finance support. Over 50 individuals give of their time to help us represent the Manchester Jewish community on Local Authorities and NHS Trusts, Police bodies and Standing Advisory Councils on Education; on the Board of Deputies (BoD) and partner organisations and at various civic occasions.

These volunteers also help to run events such as the Jewish Care Forum, Yom HaShoah, Jewish Arts Festival,



Councillors' Seminars, Annual Community Challenge Quiz, the Cheetham Hill Big Neighbourhood Bash, Collabor8, Community Lectures, the Jewish Living Experience at Manchester Cathedral and other similar events.

The JRC has run hustings in conjunction with the Jewish Leadership Council (JLC) and BoD, published the Jewish Community Manifesto for Greater Manchester with the JLC and engaged in a wide range of interfaith work. This includes being key contributors to Salford Interfaith Network, Faith Network 4 Manchester, The Muslim Jewish Forum, Hindu Jewish Association and the wider Greater Manchester Interfaith Network.

We have worked with the BoD and Churches Together on Invest in Peace, and encouraged the community to advocate against antisemitism, racism and human rights abuses. At Remembrance Sunday events we create a higher profile for the Jewish Community with a Jewish Magen David Poppy appeal in conjunction with AJEX, encouraging members of the community to place these at various Cenotaphs across the Community.

Yet more of our volunteers help to keep our website, communal diary, twitter and face book pages up to date, produce a twice yearly magazine 'RepPresents', collate an annual Year Book, provide transport for isolated, disabled and elderly people during the festive season, help Local Authorities to organise their Holocaust Memorial Day events and so much more.

We are extremely grateful to all who help and support the JRC and we invite more members of the wider Jewish Community to get involved in our work, attend our events and support our continued developments. Throughout 2019 we will be organising a range of events to celebrate 100 years of serving the Manchester Jewish Community and we invite you to join with us in celebrating '100 Years and Counting'. You can find more information in this edition of RepPresents and on our website [Jewishmanchester.org](http://Jewishmanchester.org) or on our face book page #jewishmanchester

## RepPresents

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## Andrea Leadsom Pays a Visit to the Manchester Jewish Museum

Ms Andrea Leadsom, leader of the House of Commons and a former candidate for the leadership of the Conservative Party, visited the Manchester Jewish Museum in January to talk with members of the Jewish Community. Her visit was timed to coincide with Holocaust Memorial commemorations.

Ms Leadsom was shown around the Museum by longstanding Museum volunteer Merton Paul and CEO Max Dunbar. She then spoke to members of the community including Jacky Buchsbaum, JRC chair, and Jeremy Michelson, JRC Vice-Chair (Education). She also spoke with Mrs Bornstein, a Holocaust survivor.



**Andrea Leadsom with Jacky Buchsbaum, JRC Chair, and Jeremy Michelson (right)**



# Did Any of Your Family Play a Part in the First World War?



Jacky Buchsbaum, JRC Chair of Executive was one of the speakers at the Manchester launch, last November, of a new and unique cross-community project, led by JLGB in partnership with AJEX, entitled 'We Were There Too'. This project has been established to create a permanent digital archive and interactive website ([www.jewsfww.uk](http://www.jewsfww.uk)) to record the experiences and contribution of the North West Jewish community during the First World War.

The Manchester launch ceremony took place at King David High School and was attended by many civic, military and religious leaders as well as members of the local community. A series of emotive readings by young people and members of the community included poems by Jewish

war poets Isaac Rosenberg and Siegfried Sassoon, and was followed by a moving act of remembrance led by reserve Army Chaplain, Rabbi Ariel Abel. The citation relating to the VC awarded to Private Jack White, one of five won by Jewish officers and soldiers during the Great War, was read by his grandson, Dr Robert Eden.

The WWTT project organisers are asking RepPresents readers to get in touch if they have a story to tell about past generations of their families contributing to the war effort during the 1914-18 conflict. Said Rodney Ross, Project Manager, from his base at Whitefield Synagogue, "A century on, first-hand knowledge of the Great War has disappeared and family stories are at risk of being lost forever. I'm appealing to RepPresents readers to log on to our website which will help them create Personal Records that preserve stories of



**Paula Kitching and Rodney Ross with JRC President, Sharon Bannister (right)**

individual members of their families at this time. There's also the facility to include scans of photographs, letters and even 3D artefacts. 'Louise's Story' (see sidebar panel) is a prime example of the fascinating histories that can be found on the website."

As part of a programme of meetings and roadshows, the 'We Were There Too' team were present at the February Council meeting of the JRC. Historian and author, Paula Kitching, described how their project is supported by a wide range of religious and secular Jewish organisations and provides an insight into Jewish life in Britain in the early part of the 20th century. Visitors to their website have an easy access to a number of diverse research sources, brought together for the first time, for personal exploration. As the site develops, more collections of rare material will be added, further enriching the opportunity to explore the period.

For more information, call 0161 767 8890 or email [contactus@jewsfww.uk](mailto:contactus@jewsfww.uk)

## Louise's Story

Louise Aronovich came to Manchester with her parents from Romania in 1886. She trained to be a nurse at Withington Hospital, qualifying just before the outbreak of the Great War.

As part of the Territorial Force Nursing Service (TFNS), she was mobilised to the 2nd Western General Hospital on Whitworth Street, Manchester where she had charge of German prisoners of war. She also served in Mesopotamia and India whilst with the TFNS.

Louise's story is now permanently documented on the 'We Were There Too' website in the form of a Personal Record so that her war service will never be forgotten.

## Host's Team Stenecourt Synagogue Wins Quiz

The JRC's Annual Community Challenge Quiz was won by the host's team, Stenecourt Synagogue, last November. The Quiz, which is organised each year by the Jewish Representative Council, attracted 15 teams who competed for a first prize of £650. Teams from Shaare Rachamim and Yeshurun were joint-second and received £125 each.

Quizmasters Adam and Malcolm Simon, ably assisted by Malcolm's wife Elaine, challenged the skills and knowledge of over 150 people in the hall with questions on a wide and varied range of subjects.

Audio visual support was provided by past JRC chair, Jonny Wineberg, who also drew the raffle at the end of the Quiz.

Jacky Buchsbaum, JRC Chair, said "One of the roles of the Jewish Representative Council is to 'unify' and it was a pleasure to see participants from a broad spectrum within our community socialising together."

The Quiz brought together representatives from a wide range of Synagogues and organisations from across Greater Manchester and was enjoyed



**Gareth Kreike receives the winner's cup on behalf of Stenecourt Synagogue's Team from Jacky Buchsbaum**

by all in an atmosphere of friendly competition with refreshments provided by the JRC.



# 'Marking' the JRC's Centenary

A special meeting of the Jewish Representative Council was held at Heathlands Village in February to mark 100 years since its inaugural event in February 1919, reports Clive Moss-Barclay, JRC Publicity Officer.

A large audience heard guest speaker, Mark Adlestone OBE DL, talk about his role as CEO of Beaverbrooks which is celebrating its Centenary this year. The meeting also heard from author, Hilary Thomas, who has written a history of the JRC and its contribution to Manchester Jewry entitled '100 Years and Counting' (See below)

Mr Adlestone, whose grandfather founded Beaverbrooks, described how he had introduced a set of values into the company designed to enrich the lives of its staff, customers and suppliers. Beaverbrooks encourages staff to contribute part of their salaries to charity by match funding as well as giving time



**JRC President, Sharon Bannister, with Mark Adlestone and Hilary Thomas (right)**

off to those wishing to undertake charitable work. He is keen to help people improve and develop to become the best they can be and to build great teams around him with the ability to drive forward change.

Mr Adlestone talked about how he had worked as their CEO for the past 10

years to develop the FED and Heathlands Village into the successful organisations that they are today. He is also a Trustee of the Jewish Leadership Council and works closely with its CEO, Jonathan Goldstone. He is also a governor of Withington High Girls School. A number of new Jewish organisations are starting to benefit from Mr Adlestone's support, including the Friendship Circle, Migdal Emuna and Nachamu.

Mr Adlestone said "People who work for charity organisations need to lose their 'ego'. We are merely custodians of the organisations for which we work and should not allow them to become part of our identity. We need to collaborate, communicate and work together more in order to achieve better results".

Mr Adlestone was thanked for his speech and all the work he does for our community by his close friend and colleague Russell Conn, JRC Treasurer.

## '100 Years and Counting' by Hilary Thomas

**Author, Hilary Thomas, was the second speaker at the Special Council Meeting held at Heathlands Village in February to mark the JRC's Centenary.**

Ms Thomas described the extensive research that she had carried out in order to write a comprehensive history of the JRC and its service to the Manchester Jewish community. Originally known as the Council of Manchester and Salford Jews, the JRC was the result of three rival Jewish organisations merging in 1919.

Ms Thomas talked about the JRC's long and distinguished record of service, working to secure the welfare of the Jewish community and its future development. Her book entitled '100 Years and Counting' covers the events and achievements of the JRC during the tenures of each of its 30 Presidents.

The first president was Edward Henry Langdon, whose granddaughter was a guest at the JRC Centenary Dinner in March. Past Presidents include such famous people as Nathan Laski, Abraham Moss, Leslie Lever, Sidney Hamburger, Michael Fidler, and Leslie Donn. Six of the presidents have been women starting with Hilda Cohen in 1980 and leading up to the current President, Sharon Bannister BEM.

The book, which also includes a history of Beaverbrooks, was launched at the JRC Centenary Dinner with complimentary copies available for guests.

**Copies can be purchased from the JRC Office at the Jewish Cultural Centre, Bury Old Road, Manchester.**

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# The JRC Dinner

## 1919 - 2019

# Who came to the



**Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis**



**David Berkley**



**Jonny Wineberg**



**Rabbi Mirvis & Frank Baigel**



**Jackie Field & Amanda Bomsztyk**



**Karen Solomon & Angela Seittler**



JRC President, Sharon Bannister, and Chairman, Jacky Buchsbaum, thanked everyone who attended the JRC's Centenary Dinner on 14th March 2019, helping to make it an enjoyable and wonderful evening of celebration.



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# Centenary Dinner



**Sharon Bannister, Robina Shah & David Berkley**



**Mark Adlestone & Esti Bruck**



**Melissa Chapman & Russell Conn**



**Michael Rubinstein & Susan Isaacs**



**Evy Yedd and Sharon Bannister**

Sharon and Jacky thanked everyone in the Community, including all the Volunteers, for supporting the important work that the JRC does leading, representing, supporting, defending, uniting and promoting community cohesion.

## What is the JRC?

The Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester & Region (formerly the Council of Manchester and Salford Jews) was established in 1919 and has a long and distinguished record of service, working to secure the welfare of the Jewish community and its future development.

The Council is a lay body which represents, defends, protects and promotes the best interests of the Jewish Community. It promotes harmonious relations with all sectors and communities in Greater Manchester and Region, as well as promoting Jewish Education, Heritage and Culture, and working for the benefit of society in general.

Successive Presidents, supported by their Honorary Officers, have been increasingly active, working both with Mayors, other civic leaders, MPs, authorities and organisations in the wider community to develop contacts and to strengthen goodwill and understanding.

At national level, the Council has a well-established and close working relationship with the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Jewish Representative Councils Northern Forum and the Jewish Leadership Council.

The Council is constantly alert to the challenge of anti-Semitism and racism and endeavours to present a fair and informed picture of local Jewry to the wider community of which we are part; and deals with day-to-day community concerns as they arise.

To celebrate its centenary year the JRC is holding centenary events throughout 2019 and has published an historical souvenir book about the Council and its contribution to Manchester Jewry, entitled '100 Years and Counting'.

For more information about the Jewish Representative Council visit its website at [www.jewishmanchester.org](http://www.jewishmanchester.org) or facebook page Jewishmanchester.



# Why Manchester Needs a Housing Help Line

The need for a 'Housing Helpline' in Manchester for the wider Jewish community was one of the points raised by Mr David Mintz, Chair of the Manchester Jewish Housing Association, when he addressed the JRC Council Meeting in December 2018, reports Filis Rosenberg, JRC Executive Member.



David Mintz at December's Council Meeting

Mr Mintz also referred to the lack of cohesion in the Jewish community in order to achieve a sensible housing plan for the long term.

Mr Mintz, after five years on the Association's board, has become one of its youngest chairmen at the age of thirty eight. He referred to the future as needing younger involvement, essential to future continuity and to safeguarding the community in the long term. This would always be difficult to achieve but every effort must be made by those in positions of responsibility now, to ensure the future

of our ever growing community. The Housing Association's newest acquisition is Copeland Court. It is situated on the site of the former Mamlock House and facilitates fifteen families. Sheltered accommodation was originally requested but Manchester Council preferred and insisted upon shared ownership. This arrangement has been proven to benefit those who can't buy their own property and has had a positive response, especially from the charedi community.

The Housing Association works closely with the Agudah. The Crumpsall area is looked upon favourably and generally there is no resistance to purchasing properties which are not adjacent to a current community hub. Agudah has proven to be a willing helpful partner in any work that the Housing Association is involved in. They are also an invaluable support to the charedi community.

Mr Mintz went on to say that since 2008, processing a mortgage had become more difficult, especially for the Ultra Orthodox where parents are often involved in studies or teaching. Another aspect is that people are living longer and they prefer to live at home in their 80s and 90s where physical needs are not naturally appropriate for them.

The next Census will be in 2020-2021 and the current picture demonstrates a continual growth in the orthodox Jewish community. The Manchester community is attracting new members from various locations such as Gateshead and also London, partly because it is a sensible move economically. It is also easier for children to be admitted to a Jewish school in Manchester compared to London, where the queues for registration are much longer and not always successful.

## Shechitah Awareness

Shechitah UK, in partnership with the JRC, Machzikei Hadass and the Prestwich Hebrew Congregation, organised a Shechitah Awareness event in February at the Hilton Suite attended by a large audience from across the Manchester Jewish community, reports JRC Chair, Jacky Buchsbaum.

Former JRC Chair, Jonny Wineberg, chaired the event, which was honoured to receive an opening address from Dayan Berger. The main speaker was Shechita UK Campaign Director, Shimon Cohen who

discussed the legal position regarding Shechitah and the threats. The event closed with thanks from Rev Berl Sandler.



(L-r) Rev Berl Sandler, Dayan Berger & Mr Shimon Cohen, Shechitah UK Director.

## Addressing Mental Health Problems



More than four hundred people, from across the Manchester Jewish Community, attended a successful Action for Mental Health event in February at the Hilton Suite, reports Jonny Wineberg, Ex-Officio Member of The Jewish Representative Council which helped co-ordinate and promote the event.

Its aim was to increase awareness of mental illness in the Jewish community and offer practical guidance in identifying signs and symptoms of acute psychological distress, what to do about it and how to cope with the aftermath of a traumatic event.

The audience, which included parents, professionals and others eager to understand more about young people's mental health, heard from a range of experts including Michelle Ciffer, Manager of the Hershel Weiss Children and Family Centre, Dr Paul Abeles, Consultant Psychologist, Dr Sandi Mann, Academic Psychologist, Debra Frazer of Six Degrees, Daniel Nissen of Neshomo and psychiatrist Dr James Glass.

Rabbi Dov Benyaacov Kurtzman of Heads Up ran an interactive workshop on coping after a traumatic event which was followed by Rabbi Daniel Walker who spoke of the communal and individual responsibility of all present. He stressed the importance of encouraging children to be kind and accepting of everyone. The final speaker was Ivan Lewis MP who reminded organisations and donors to resist the temptation to carry out their own isolated initiatives and, instead, combine efforts and resources in order to benefit the whole community.

The speakers were joined by The Fed's Bernie Garner and consultant Paediatrician Dr Robert Block, to answer questions that had been submitted throughout the evening by audience members and covered a wide range of topics. Dr Sandi Mann announced that a strategy group will be taking this initiative forward and further events are planned.



# Andy Burnham Addresses the BOD Meeting



Andy Burnham at BoD Meeting in Manchester

**Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, addressed a Board of Deputies meeting in Manchester in March at the Manchester Town Hall.**

He commented on how proud he was of the Manchester Muslim Jewish Forum, founded by the late Henry Guterman, and how important it was to encourage people of different faiths to work together for the good of the community and to counter all forms of extremism. He promised to continue to be a strong friend of the Jewish Community as he has always been.

He described how he had felt after the Manchester Arena bombing and how the vigil straight after the atrocity had given people the opportunity to stand up for love and against hate. Belief in diversity and equality is one of Manchester's great strengths. Even as far back as the

American Civil War, the decision of the working men and women of Manchester to refuse to handle cotton produced by slaves proved decisive to the outcome of that war.

Mr Burnham expressed his concerns about how social media is encouraging polarisation, hatred and division. He felt that there is a need for strong regulation and legislation to control this and wants a zero tolerance approach to all forms of racism and hatred within the City of Manchester. His Manchester colleagues are all of the same opinion and agree that hatred, discrimination and racism need to be dealt with firmly, decisively and unequivocally. There should be no ambiguity about how to respond to this form of evil.

Regarding the Labour Party, he felt that it is inconceivable that a Party which has prided itself on its record on racism could have become embroiled in an antisemitism crisis. The two main political parties need to be definite in their response against antisemitism and islamophobia. In answer to a question, Mr Burnham said that he does not believe that Labour Leader, Jeremy Corbyn, is antisemitic or a racist. He does still have his support but that support is not unconditional or unchallenged.

Mr Burnham proposed a bottom up response to the demise of national political structures. Devolution in Manchester is proving to be a unifying force wherein people can believe in a place and its people irrespective of politics and religion. There needs to be a commitment to diversity and equality, and a focus on

what unites us, rather than what divides us.

When asked about the problem of homelessness, Mr Burnham replied that it reflects the rising inequality within society which needs to be faced head on. In Manchester he has established a Homeless Network which provides beds for 300 people every night. Sharon Bannister, President of the Jewish Representative Council, gave the vote of thanks. She thanked Mr Burnham for being a real friend of the Jewish Community and presented him with a Centenary commemorative book on the history of the JRC.



Sharon Bannister presents Andy Burnham with a copy of the JRC's Centenary Book

## Hindu-Jewish Association Annual Seminar



Professor Nawal Prinja presenting certificates to Edwin Shuker & Ravji Patel

The Hindu-Jewish Association Annual Seminar was hosted last October jointly by the Manchester Reform Synagogue, the JRC, and the Board of Deputies (BoD).

Edwin Shuker, Vice President of the BoD, and Ravji Patel JP gave emotional accounts of their journeys to Britain. They told the audience what their lives were

## Meet RepPresents' Editorial Team



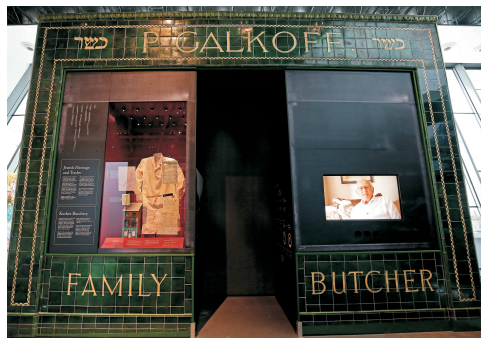
(L-r) Clive Moss-Barclay, Filis Rosenberg & Roy Bass

like for them in their respective countries of birth, their exodus, and memories of their journeys to Britain. Joint chairs were Sharon Bannister and Dr Girdari Bhan.



# Museum Spotlights Liverpool's Jewish History

The facade of an iconic Liverpool Kosher butcher's shop has been restored to its former glory as part of a conservation project for the Pembroke Place area of the city.



Thanks to the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund, *Galkoff's and the Secret Life of Pembroke Place* is a new addition to the Liverpool museum's roster of impressive displays. It is also the culmination of research, archaeological digs, a

painstaking conservation project and the assistance of more than 70 volunteers.

At the heart of the display is the reconstruction of Liverpool landmark, Galkoff's Jewish butcher's shop frontage. The result of careful conservation is an impressive life-size reconstruction of the 1930s iconic façade with the original gold Art Deco embellishments and Hebrew signage. Accompanied by detailed research into the Galkoff family, which led curators as far as Poland and New York, and featuring photographs, objects and personal memories, the display highlights the story of Liverpool's Jewish community, as well as its long history of migration.

Said Janet Dugdale, Director of the Museum of Liverpool, "Galkoff's and the Secret Life of Pembroke Place" has been a hugely rewarding project to work on with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, who own the building. The stunning tiled façade of Galkoff's butcher's shop is a

## Percy Galkoff

Born in 1877, Polish-Jewish immigrant Percy (Perec) Galkoff (Gelkopf) came to England in 1905 after being discharged from the Russian Imperial Army. Arriving at an East Coast port, Percy headed to Birmingham before settling in the Brownlow Hill area of Liverpool. Research has traced the Galkoff family back to a village in Poland called Warta in 1813, with both Percy's father and grandfather having worked as Kosher butchers. The Galkoff family, Percy's descendants, have been involved in the restoration project.

significant addition to the Museum's collection. The careful research into the Galkoff family and the Liverpool Jewish community enriches the display and forms a powerful legacy." For more information visit the website at: [Www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/galkoff](http://Www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/galkoff)

# Holocaust Memorial Day 2019

This January, JRC Officers and Executive Members represented the Jewish Community at HMD events across Greater Manchester. Here Filis Rosenberg, Executive Member, reports on the two events that she attended.



Cllr June Hitchen, Lord Mayor of Manchester

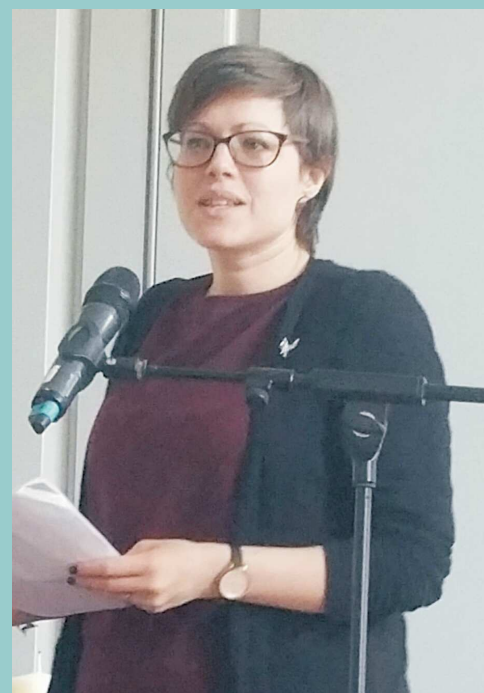
**UK Jewish Film:** 'Torn from Home' was the theme of the events this year honouring the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust. UK Jewish Film had as their guest speaker Danny Herman at the HOME. Pupils from several secondary schools attended, taking part in the 'Question and Answer' session which followed the showing of the films.

The Lord Mayor appealed directly to the youth present to take heed and to be the representatives for a better future.

Danny Herman gave an enthralling account of how, as a very small child, he was one of the last Jews to escape Nazi Germany before the war. His remarkable story told of how he and his Mother came to Britain to join his father who had found shelter in a special transit camp called 'The Kitchener Camp'. His was an inspiring example of how important it was that Britain welcomed refugees, and how they in turn created new futures from such distressing beginnings.

**Manchester:** On 27th January, the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor June Hitchen, hosted a reception in recognition of UK Holocaust Memorial Day. Danny Herman spoke again on this occasion and The Diversity Champions read the Statement of Commitment. Rabbi Robyn Ashworth-Steen lit a candle and read the Memorial Prayer followed by the launch of a fascinating film entitled 'Who will write Our History?' This film told the story of how thousands of documents were preserved for future generations by a small number of brave inhabitants of the Warsaw Ghetto. The Oyneg Shabas Archive, also known as the Ringelblum Archive, survived the war and has become a key part of our understanding of life in Warsaw for Jews living under Nazi occupation. Lord Mayor

of Manchester, Councillor June Hitchen, said: "The atrocities committed during the Holocaust, and subsequent genocides can never, and should never, be forgotten. We are duty bound to remember the millions of people who were killed to ensure that the darkest periods in human history will never be repeated. The events of the Holocaust will soon slip from living memory, but through events such as this, we can ensure generations to come will learn, contemplate, and never forget such a terrible atrocity."



Rabbi Robyn Ashworth-Steen



# Project Launched to Sustain Synagogue Buildings

JRC chair, Jacky Buchsbaum, represented the Council at the launch of the Taylor Review Pilot Project by Government Minister, Michael Ellis MP, former Deputy Leader of the House of Commons, and now Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Arts, Heritage and Tourism.

This is a project funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and run by Historic England. The aim of the Pilot, which is running from September 2018 to March 2020 in Greater Manchester and Suffolk, is to test some of the recommendations of 'The 2017 Taylor Review: Sustainability of English Churches and Cathedrals' and to provide free support and advice for listed places of worship of all faiths and denominations.

The Taylor Review panel, chaired by Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Arts, recognised the vital role that religious buildings play in communal life and that in times of difficulty, these buildings are usually the first point of refuge. Unfortunately, in



Michael Ellis MP

some communities, the use of these facilities has diminished and those responsible for them cannot afford to maintain them. The aim of the project is to protect these listed buildings from neglect through lack of use and upkeep. It

seeks to achieve this by offering two forms of support:

1) Providing a human resource to help communities to devise plans to reinvigorate these buildings and if necessary assist in facilitating a change of use e.g. from a Church to a community centre.

2) Providing grants of up to £10,000 for emergency minor repairs.

In conversation with the Minister, Mr Buchsbaum explained that whilst not many Synagogues in Manchester are listed buildings, some are suffering from shrinking membership whilst at the same time there is a need for additional synagogues in the more orthodox community. The Minister confirmed that the Government would consider applications for help in appropriate circumstances.

Any synagogues that are interested in the project can find out more by visiting the website <https://historicengland.org.uk> or by contacting the Community Development Adviser (Rachel.lake@HistoricEngland.org.uk).

## NW Councillors Learn About Jewish Community



(L-r) Mark Levy (JLC), Sheila Gewolb (BoD), Phil Rosenberg (BoD), Jay Charara (JRC) & Ed Horwich (JSCM)

More than 40 councillors from across the North West of England learned about the Jewish community at a Councillor Seminar on a Sunday afternoon in March reports Jay Charara, JRC Vice-Chair (Public Relations).

Organised jointly by the JRC, Board of Deputies (BoD) and Jewish Leadership Council (JLC), the Seminar attracted a significant number of Council Leaders and Cabinet Members, including the Executive Mayor of Salford, Paul Dennett and Jane Black, Mayor of Bury. Many of the Councillors were keen to learn more about the Jewish community, especially in light of tensions between the Labour Party and British Jews. The Seminar covered a

expertise.

Among the speakers were Michelle Wiseman, Chief Executive of the Nicky Alliance Day Centre, Rabbi Yehuda Perlman, Principal of Broughton Jewish Primary School, Luke Akehurst, Director of We Believe in Israel, and Bernie Garner, Director of Community Services at The Fed.

BoD Senior Vice President, Dr Sheila Gewolb, said "I urge Manchester councillors to sign up to the 10 Local Commitments of our Jewish Manifesto for Local Government and support their Jewish constituents." Marc Levy, North West External Affairs Manager, JLC, stressed the importance of the Jewish community engaging with Councils.

wide range of issues including the Jewish social care sector, Israel, Education and the Strictly Orthodox Jewish community with sector leaders from different parts of the Jewish community talking about their areas of

## Pittsburgh Remembered



JRC President, Sharon Bannister, speaking to more than 300 people at Candlelight Vigil.

JRC President, Sharon Bannister, joined Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham, and other Community and Religious leaders who spoke at the candlelight vigil that took place in November at the Shaare Sedek Synagogue in Hale in memory of the 11 worshippers massacred in a Pittsburgh Synagogue.



# The RepPresents Interview

Roy Bass interviews Jay Charara, Vice-Chair (Public Relations), about the work of the JRC's Public Relations Working Group promoting the Council's Image.



**Jay Charara, Vice-Chair (Public Relations)**

**RB:** How do you define the term 'Public Relations' (PR), particularly with reference to the work of the JRC?

**JC:** In its wider sense, PR is by definition, engaging in good relations with the public at large, on behalf of the JRC and, more importantly, it is about making people aware of all the important work that the Council undertakes day in, day out. Our aim is to demonstrate how the JRC is a caring, dedicated and efficient organisation whose work benefits both the community and the individual.

**RB:** Do you target specific PR campaigns towards different sectors of the community?

**JC:** Yes. At a strategic level, we are mainly concerned to focus our time on the main areas, or circles, that we wish to consolidate in the long term. Our first and innermost circle is community cohesion and the inclusion of all sectors of our community in a coordinated manner going forward.

Our second objective, or circle, is to establish bridges with other neighbouring communities building on common concerns and 'shared values' through communication, awareness campaigns and engagement. A lack of cohesion and differing world views can fuel dark distortions and misconceptions and adversely affect community relations, so our aim is to counter these problems and promote the JRC as the voice of the community in this respect. We do this by finding common ground, by promoting good relations, and by stimulating joint initiatives and dialogue between communities. For our third and outermost circle, we engage with the wider public by reaching out to

stakeholders and decision makers, in a consistent manner, to ensure that our voice is heard in an assertive, methodical and systematic way to further the best interests of our Community.

**RB:** Can you give me some examples of how the strategy you have outlined is being put into practice?

**JC:** Yes, we have a full programme in progress for the JRC Centenary Year. For example, the JRC arranged a four-hour seminar for Local Councillors this March at King David School in partnership with the Board of Deputies, the Jewish Leadership Council and the School itself. The afternoon consisted of keynote speeches by prominent people including local MPs. We had five panels covering topics that are vital to the Jewish community including Antisemitism; Social Care; Israel; Education and Charedim. More than 70 Councillors attended and all agreed that the seminar represented a great PR opportunity and platform to address our concerns around IHRA and promote the work of the Council. Our thanks go to Raymond Solomon and Daniel Elton for their tremendous contribution in helping to organise this event.

**RB:** In what ways does the JRC provide defence for our Community?

**JC:** Ever since the Manchester Arena bomb atrocity, we have spent considerable time in our working group reviewing ways to strengthen security on the Metrolink, especially on the line between Victoria and Bury. We are aware of the extra security in place, including in-house trained Met security staff working alongside British Transport Police. However, in light of the attack in January 2019 at Victoria Station, we continue to lobby for extra security measures and more CCTV and security at Met stations, especially at night.

We are working closely with Authorities, Councils, Greater Manchester Police, the Communities Service Trust and the Criminal Prosecution Service to ensure that our interests are heard and we will continue reaching out to other communities, thanks to all the members of the Working Group involved in these initiatives.

**RB:** Is the PR Working Group open to new volunteers?

**JC:** Most definitely. It's extremely rewarding work and many times that reward comes in the form of appreciation. I invite any volunteers to get in touch with me at Jay@jewishmanchester.org

**RB:** Thank you Jay for speaking to the readers of 'RepPresents'.

## Lest We Forget



**Jeremy Michelson at the Prestwich Cenotaph**

Each year Officers and Executive Members of the Jewish Representative Council join with representatives of other faiths and communities at many locations across Greater Manchester to remember and pay tribute to the fallen on Remembrance Sunday, reports Clive Moss-Barclay, JRC Publicity Officer.

This year was no exception, with wreaths laid at many Cenotaphs on the behalf of the Jewish Community. JRC President, Sharon Bannister, laid a wreath at the Manchester Cenotaph whilst her husband, David, laid a wreath at the Bury Cenotaph. Jeremy Michelson, JRC Vice Chair (Education) and Jay Charara, Vice Chair (PR) laid wreaths at the Prestwich and the Unsworth Cenotaphs. JRC Treasurer, Russell Conn, was at the Whitefield Cenotaph and Rabbi Arnold Saunders was at the Salford Cenotaph where he laid a wreath on behalf of the Jewish Community.

Said JRC Chair, Jacky Buchsbaum "I am extremely proud of the Officers and Executive of the JRC who give of their time to show their support on occasions like this and demonstrate to the wider community how much we Jews appreciate the enormous sacrifices made by all members of the Armed Forces."



**Sharon Bannister at the Manchester Cenotaph**



# The Youth & Community Update

**Susan Isaacs, JRC Youth and Community Officer, brings RepPresents readers up to date with the varied and interesting projects on her Working Group's agenda for 2019.**

Our Working Group was tasked with engaging with delegates to get their feedback on the work of the Council and its meetings. In order to achieve this, we created Project INvolve which is an initiative designed to include and involve the views of Delegates and Affiliates in the future plans of the Council.

We held our first break out session at the Council Meeting last October where we asked those attending to discuss the following three questions:

- What do you feel are the priorities of the Jewish communities now and how do you feel that the Council can address or support these?
- As a delegate for your organisation, what do you feel that role involves?
- How do you feel the Council can reach out to yours and other organisations?

The results of this discussion session proved extremely informative and we are planning our next break out session at the



**Susan Isaacs**

April Council Meeting. In the meantime our Working Group has developed a questionnaire which is distributed to attendees at every Council meeting. We are particularly interested to hear delegates' views on the format of meetings, whether they meet their expectations and if they wish to be more involved in the running of the meetings. A

copy of the questionnaire can be found on the JRC website at [www.jewishmanchester.org](http://www.jewishmanchester.org). Org and I would encourage anyone who is interested in the work of the Council to download a copy and email their views to [office@jewishmanchester.org](mailto:office@jewishmanchester.org).

The Youth and Community Group is also working with representatives of the Youth Services of Local Authorities to encourage our Jewish youth to participate in their Youth Forums.

The Council have been approached by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) Inclusion and Community Engagement Manager to develop a project called 'Community Conversations'. This is a unique opportunity for members of our community to share their experiences and perceptions with the CPS North West and thereby influence future policy and practise. This project is planned to commence in May and we will give feedback on its progress in the next edition of RepPresents.

The Working Group not only supports community events and initiatives, but is also constantly looking at other ways to reach out, not only to our community, but to the wider community as well.

## Jewish Life in Non-Jewish Schools



**Quincy Barrett**

**The first Jewish student to attend Manchester Grammar School (MGS) was in 1808, over 80 years before Manchester High School for Girls, Withington Girls' School and Altrincham Grammar School were founded, reports Quincy Barrett, Member of the JRC Publicity Working Group.**

In the early 1990s the percentage of Jewish boys in MGS was at an all-time high at 15% (Jews have never represented

more than 2% of the Manchester population). There have also been many Jewish teachers in the private schools in Manchester, possibly the most memorable being Sol Clynes at MGS. Even in 1965 there is video evidence of Jewish prayers taking place in Manchester Grammar. MGS has also produced many Rabbis.

In recent times, the rise of King David School as an impressive exemplar of Jewish schools has arguably reduced the allure of the public schools to the Jewish community of Manchester. However, even if not numerically large, there is still a strong Jewish presence in the Manchester public schools.

Every year in MGS there is a separate Jewish Founders Day service at Wilbraham Road Synagogue, in which the history of the Jews in the school is celebrated. Currently JSoc is one of the biggest societies in MGS, which is run by UJIA. UJIA also run JSocs in 7 public schools across Manchester, including Cheadle Hulme and Withington. In MGS, no pupils attend school on Yom Kippur, and in both MGS and Withington, students are accommodated when leaving early for Shabbat. Depending on which exam board is studied, the students may

learn Judaism as their chosen religion in religious studies.

Since starting at MGS, I have found that my Judaism has been accentuated, and my Jewish identity is revitalised every time I am asked a question about my faith. After having spoken to fellow Jewish students, I feel there is an encompassing sense of responsibility to express our Judaism and educate others about our religion. Life in a non-Jewish school, to me, is complimentary to my Judaism. Being in MGS enables my Jewish identity to express itself, meaning I feel unequivocally Jewish, not just a part of the Jewish community.

The future of Jews in private schools, I believe, will prove to be an intriguing one. Currently Jews going on school trips, camps and competitions are able to keep strictly Kosher, yet there are no Jews in Year 8 at Withington. It's no surprise that with the rise in anti-Semitism, it is more attractive to stay within the Jewish bubble and send students to the Jewish schools in Manchester. However, the private schools in Manchester are still proving to be a safe haven for Jewish students. Jewish students continue to thrive academically in the region's public schools, as they have over many generations.



# Jewish Education Reaches Out

One of the main aims of the Education Working Group is to extend the reach of Jewish education in its broader aspects and to the widest possible audience, reports Jeremy Michelson, JRC Education Officer. Over the next few months we will be doing just that in the following three ways.

## 1. Sherman Lecture on 4th June 2019 at 7.30pm, Venue TBC

For many years the JRC, partnered by the Centre for Jewish Studies at Manchester University and the ZCC, has presented the annual Sherman Lecture. This year the lecture will be given by Professor Judith Olszowy – Schlanger, Professor of Hebrew and Jewish Studies and President of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, University of Oxford, and Professor of Hebrew Manuscript Studies at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, PSL, Paris.

Professor Olszowy – Schlanger's main areas of research include medieval Hebrew palaeography (the study of old handwriting) and codicology (the study of codices or manuscript books written on parchment), Jewish legal documents and Cairo Genizah Studies.

Jews have been called "The people of the book". It is our determination not to lose sight of our heritage that has enabled us to survive 2,000 years of dispersion and exile. Medieval Jewish culture was a literate and a bookish one. Books were necessary for liturgy, professional life and leisure, and were produced in large amounts. Only a fraction of the Jewish



Jeremy Michelson

books copied in the Middle Ages have survived. These fragile cultural objects were victims of the passage of time, accidents, lack of care and on occasion violent destruction. Fortunately, a chance preservation of manuscripts, often in a very fragmentary state, for example in the Genizah of Cairo or in the bindings of other books sheds light on the way the books were created, read and preserved. This lecture examines this chance preservation of Hebrew manuscripts and their contribution to the study of Jewish intellectual history.

## 2. Judaism in the General School System

Every Local Authority has its own Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE). We are looking for

people who will represent our community on each of these Councils that oversee the implementation of locally agreed Religious Education syllabi. There is a legal requirement in this country for children to study Religious Education including a number of different religions. Judaism is one of the main religions studied in schools and Jewish representatives on SACREs help to ensure that the Jewish content is accurate and is taught properly. Jewish representatives need to have a good Jewish knowledge and be able to judge whether our faith is covered appropriately in the syllabus and is taught accurately in class rooms. Our representatives meet many interesting people and are great ambassadors for Judaism and Jews. Being a Jewish SACRE representative is exciting, interesting and challenging.

## 3. Teaching Judaism in non-Jewish schools

With Judaism now being taught at primary and secondary level, many schools are crying out for knowledgeable Jewish people to visit them and explain to the children all aspects of Jewish life. Volunteers need to be knowledgeable about Judaism and able to present it in an understandable way to children of all ages. The JRC Education Working Group is establishing a pool of volunteers to go into primary schools. All volunteers undertake training by experienced professionals who have been carrying out this work for quite some time.

**For information please contact me at [jeremy@jewishmanchester.org](mailto:jeremy@jewishmanchester.org).**

## Community Events Diary

- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Annual Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration; 8.00pm**
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May: UJIA Yom Hazikaron Event; 6.00pm**
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Community Yom Ha'atzmut Celebrations; All Day**
- **UJIA Yom Ha'atzmut Business Breakfast; 7.00am - 10.00am**
- **Yom Ha'atzmut Flag Raising Ceremony; 9.45am - 11.45am**
- **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May: JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AGM; 10.15am - ALL WELCOME**
- **Northern Jewish Genealogy Conference; All Day**
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May: MDA Dinner; 7.00pm**
- **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING; 10.30am - ALL WELCOME**
- **The FED Dog Show; All Day**
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Chai Cancer Care Golf Day; All Day**
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June: UJIA Northern Sports Dinner; 7.00pm - 10.00pm**
- **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: The FED Sky Dive; All Day**

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