



# RSY-Netzer Bring יני'י

RSY-Netzer Newsletter of Northern Community Youth Activities - Chanukah 2010



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## Introduction from the Board

We are very keen and supportive of youth engagement in the Northern communities and we have an excellent team in Ben Abram & Guy Copitch, led by Jon Littman. There are already several Youth leaders at work in individual communities such as Naomi Raanan and Hadas Morris and, through this team's hard work, a number of other synagogues in the North will soon benefit from active, keen and well-trained & experienced youth leaders in their communities. Chetzfoni, led by Caroline Kessler (from Southport), do a great job coordinating all this work in the North, including regional weekend events such as the recent Netzer Venture Shabbaton. And when our young shul members go to the Shemesh & Sheleg camps they develop life-long friendships which are often furthered on Israel Tour, Shnat and the leadership program Course Hadracha. So all our support in these activities is well-deserved and essential to the future of our communities.

**Dolf Mogendorff & Jonathan Lewis**  
Board members

for children from school years 3-7 to meet up and mix with other Jewish young people, make friends, be really loud, but most importantly loads of fun!

The new 10 week *hadracha* (leadership) course began in October, this went incredibly well and the feedback from the *madatzim* (trainee leaders) showed that Hadracha is a great way for them to enjoy being part of the youth programme at Sinai and could be carried forward to the next year and be successful keeping the post-B'nei Mitzvah children involved in synagogue activities.

## Sinai Synagogue (Leeds)

(with Naomi Raanan)

At Sinai in Leeds, we've had an absolutely amazing start to the year!

From the beginning of September we had the annual Herd



Farm weekend, where we did outdoor activities such as, the 'leap of faith', the 'giant swing', archery and more, and also *peulot* (activities) run by the *madrichim* (leaders) throughout the weekend.

We then had the Big Bagel Brunch, a very successful community event planned by our brilliant *madrichim* (leaders) raising a massive £600 for WJR.

EOSY (Every Other Sunday Youth) club kick started with a great turn out with kids from Leeds and Sheffield! This is a great way



## RSY- Netzer's Winter Camp

Sheleg is a 5 day residential and its friendly environment is the perfect place for you to meet young people from all over the country. For new participants, Sheleg is a great introduction to RSY-Netzer; for old-timers it is a wonderful reunion.

Our experienced, fully trained leaders and professional welfare framework help to create an ideal atmosphere for a safe and exciting winter camp.

For more information please contact Alyson Joseph on 020 8349 5666.



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Sheleg

## Menorah Synagogue

(With Hadas Morris)

This summer and start of the year has been a very busy for Menorah! Menorah *madrichim* (leaders) and *chanichim* (participants) took part in Shemesh, RSY-Netzer's summer camp. Goodbyes were then made to the few Menorah youth who went off on their travels on Shnat Netzer (RSY-Netzer's Israel year course) for 8 months, and those who went off to University. The High Holy Day youth services were well attended, entailing a mix of games, songs and debates! It combined a great effort of Menorah Volunteers, Menorah *madrichim* (leaders) and Student Rabbi Lea Muehlstein - special thanks go out to them all.

This term I began my job as the Youth Leader at Menorah after undertaking training on the Community Youth Leader Seminar run by RSY-Netzer. I could not have been more excited, the Menorah community have been amazingly welcoming, friendly and supportive and I could not thank them enough. I have attended weekly cheder lessons, and so have had the lucky fortune of being able to witness the interactive and inspiring ways in which the teachers are able to engage with and teach their classes. We are hosting the amazing Netzer Venture Shabbaton and some of the Menorah youth will be attending the Communities trip to Amsterdam.

## RSY-Netzer's Statement of Purpose

That young Reform Jews in Great Britain forge personal ties and critically engage with Judaism and Israel, leaving RSY-Netzer with the means and desire to continue developing those relationships. We aim to create socially conscious progressive Jews who strive to bring about social justice and present a holistic model of Jewish engagement that is vibrant, inclusive, intellectually honest and fun.

Through informed decision making, informal education, empowerment, creative Jewish practice and social activism, RSY-Netzer seeks to create a community of young Reform Jews in the UK and encourages our values to be applied to life in Israel.

## Leo Baeck College - UP COMING EVENT...

Leo Baeck College invite you to a **seminar 'Enriching Jewish Education through the Arts'** where RSY-Netzer *Mazkir* (Chair) will be running a fantastic session.

Sunday 9th January 2011 at Menorah Synagogue.

Suitable for *madrichim*, community workers, teachers and assistants as well as lay leaders. Dynamic sessions on improving your use of dance, drama, arts and crafts. For further details contact [ann.angel@lbc.ac.uk](mailto:ann.angel@lbc.ac.uk) or see [www.lbc.ac.uk](http://www.lbc.ac.uk)



# RSY-NETZER ISRAEL TOUR



**SCHOOL YEAR 11/S4**  
**19 JULY - 14 AUGUST 2011\***

\*These are provisional dates and likely to change.

**Price**  
**£2,550**  
**(Reform synagogue members)**  
**£2,650**  
**(Non Reform synagogue members)**

Includes: flights; accommodation; private transportation; tours; all meals; entrance fees; basic medical & baggage insurance security and orientation day

## Manchester Reform Synagogue

(Written by Peter Arkwright)

Manchester Reform Synagogue has an active Cheder which meets every Shabbat morning during term time from 9.30am. Over the last year we have seen regular participation by the Bar and Bat Mitzvah class in Shabbat services in order to build the children's confidence and skills in preparation for their big day. As in previous years, there was prominent participation of children during the Yom Kippur Mincha service this year, where the youth not only led the Torah service but also read the story of Jonah as a dialogue, bringing increasing vitality to the story.

Youth activities in 5771 commenced immediately after Simchat Torah with our eighth annual Hartington Hall family weekend where families gathered in the heart of the Peak district for fun and to build an even stronger community spirit.

At a community level, the focus for youth activities over the coming months is Mitzvah Day on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> November when children and adults from the synagogue will be joining together to help both our local Jewish and general charities through a number of planned activities.



## RSY-Netzer and your Community...

If you have community youth news please let us know!  
For more information about how RSY-Netzer can work with your Community please contact the RSY-Netzer Northern Project Workers:  
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