

NRS Adult Education programme – January-March 2012

REFORM, REFORMED, OR REFORMING: REFORM IN JUDAISM

So which is it? A one-off set of changes to 'traditional' Judaism? Or do you believe that 'Reform is a verb', as Leonard Fein contended? What do you know about the history and objectives of the world to which NRS and the Movement for Reform Judaism (MRJ) belong?

This mini-course will introduce you to interesting facts such as 'Orthodoxy' is a result of 'Reform'; allow you to sample the 'treifa' banquet; and ask what are Reform views on topics of your choice. Below is the tentative syllabus:

All sessions are held at NRS on Tuesday evenings at 19:30.

January

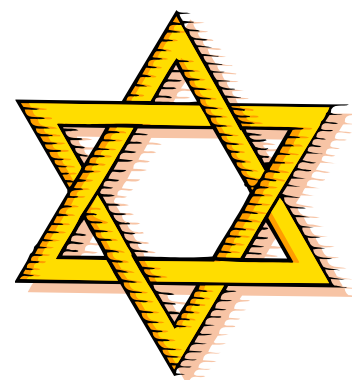
- 17 A little bit of history – Mendelssohn and beginnings
- 24 A little more history – Germany, the USA and the UK
- 31 Reform and the liturgy

February

- 21 What do Reform Jews believe about: a selection of topics, yours and mine
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March

- 13 Israeli Progressives (all in HEBREW??), Liberals, Reconstructionists, USA Reform – huh??!
- 20 The Future of Reform in Judaism



Forthcoming events in Darlington

There are two events of importance and interest to all Focus readers coming up at the **Arts Centre in Darlington** in the New Year.

Thursday, 26 January, 13:00

Holocaust Memorial Day

This is always a supremely well-organised, well-attended, thought provoking and moving occasion.

Thursday 23 Feb & Friday 24 February, 20:00

Showing of the film, *Souvenir d'Anne Frank*

More information and ticket bookings can be found at: www.darlington.gov.uk. Enter 'Holocaust Memorial Day' in the search box. For the film, go to www.darlington.gov.uk, then click on the links for 'culture'. then 'what's on'. then follow the



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Kita Gimmel

and Cheder Yachad

Kita Gimmel

7 January, 09:45

Cheder

20 January at 10:30

4 February at 09:45

19 February at 10:30



Events and Announcements

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The Council of Christians and Jews North East invite you to see the Academy Award Winning Film,

Strangers No More

introduced by Lord Beecham of Benwell

It tells the story of students at a Tel Aviv school with 832 pupils from 48 countries including Muslims, Christians, and Jews. 70% of students are immigrants, many from the world's most dangerous countries.

Thursday 5 January 2012, 19:00

City Learning Centre

(formerly Westgate Community College)

West Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 9LU

All welcome – Refreshments - Suggested donation to cover expenses - £3.00 would be welcome

Free parking in the grounds of the building

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Games and Tapestry Night.



Do you play chess, dominoes or Minecraft?
Do you make exquisite tapestry or knit socks?

Or have you ever wanted to learn these or other games?
Would you like to learn to knit or sew?



Come to play or learn to play, to create or learn to create.



There will be chess, backgammon, bridge and other traditional games. For the more modern we will have War-hammer, or if your thing is Minecraft please bring your laptop or tablet.

Hear about plans to make new tapestries for the *shul*.

All Welcome. No age limit.



Need a lift? No problem – just let us know.
It's free and refreshments will be provided.



Come along to the first session at the shul

Wednesday 11 January 2012, 19:30 – 21:30

I'M JEWISH, MY PARTNER ISN'T

A seminar for mixed-faith couples, led by Dr Jonathan Romain and members of Community Outreach

Sunday 15th January 2012 – 14:30-17:45

Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Road, Finchley,
London N3 2SY. Entry £5 per person

Please book a place



Newcastle Jewish Book Group

Our next meeting will be on
Monday, 27 February at 19:30 at NRS
We will be discussing

Homesick by Eshkol Nevo

Please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Gabrielle



Jewish Music Fair

Sunday 12 February, 10:00 – 18:00

North Western Reform Synagogue, Alyth Gardens,
London NW11 7EN

Perform, participate, listen, learn, socialise, network!
Sessions include *klezmer*, vocal masterclasses, *leyning*,
conducting, *seder* melodies, Yiddish choir, *Sephardi*
music, drumming, *a capella* and children's activities.

Details and booking at:

<http://www.jewishmusicfair.co.uk/>

Jewish Book Week



18 - 26 February 2012 at King's Place, London NW1

Full details and booking at the JBW website:

<http://www.jewishbookweek.com/>

Programme includes Aharon Apelfeld, Ron Arad, Shalom Auslander, Zygmunt Bauman, Jeremy Ben Ami, Alain de Botton, Umberto Eco, Jonathan Safran Foer, Linda Grant, Claude Lanzmann, Deborah Lipstadt, Simon Schama, David Schneider and many more...

King's Place is just a few minutes' walk from King's Cross Station

The Representative Council of North East Jewry

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting
and afterwards to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Representative Council of North East Jewry

14:00 and afterwards at 15:30 on Sunday 22 January 2012

Marion Abrahams Hall, The Synagogue, Graham Park Rd, Gosforth, Newcastle

RSVP by 31 December 2011 to the Hon Secretary

