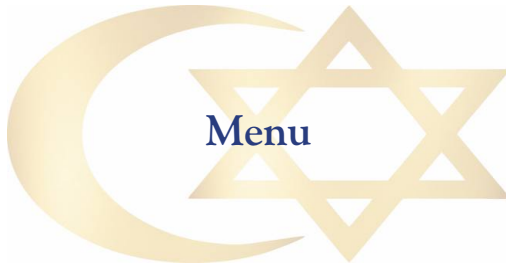


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15TH ANNIVERSARY AFTERNOON TEA
SUNDAY 3 OCT 2021
SWINTON MASONIC HALL



Menu

Starter

Mini quiches & fritata squares



Sandwiches

Egg & cress with mayonnaise
tuna & sweetcorn
cream cheese & smoked salmon



Desserts

Luscious lemon drizzle cake
white rocky roads with cranberries
millionaire shortbread triangles
fresh scone with cream & jam
grapes and a strawberry



Tea and coffee

*Alternatives to the above will be provided
to those who have requested them in advance.*



15TH ANNIVERSARY

3 OCTOBER 2021



Order of Proceedings

Welcome to the guests, Mohammed Amin MBE (Co Chair)

Master of Ceremonies, Cllr Heather Fletcher (Co Chair)

The Lord Mayor of Manchester, Cllr Tommy Judge

The Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester
and Chair of the Remembering Srebrenica
North West Regional Board, Elinor Chohan MBE DL

The Ceremonial Mayor of Salford, Cllr John Mullen

The High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, Diane Hawkins JP DL

The President of the Jewish Representative Council
of Greater Manchester & Region, Russell Conn

The Principal Rabbi of Manchester Reform Synagogue,
Rabbi Robyn Ashworth-Stein

The Member of Parliament for Manchester Gorton, Afzal Khan CBE

Afternoon tea served

Qaisra Shahraz MBE, Executive Committee member,
proposes the Loyal Toast

Jonny Wineberg, Former Co-Chair, proposes a toast to the Forum

Cutting of 15th Anniversary Cake



In August 2004, Cllr Afzal Khan, now CBE MP, then Deputy Lord Mayor of Manchester, and the late Henry Guterman MBE, former president of the Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester and Region invited a number of people to a public meeting at Manchester Town Hall. We heard two people from London, Rabbi Herschel Gluck and Ismail Amaan, tell us about their Muslim Jewish dialogue activities in North London. The well attended event received a memorable presentation from the speakers, with many questions and answers. In November 2004 Afzal and Henry invited a smaller number of people to Manchester Town Hall again. They asked if we should set up a Muslim Jewish group in Manchester, similar to the one in London. Their proposal received overwhelming support. A small number of people volunteered to serve on a steering group, many of whom are still involved 15 years later.



Two steering group members, barrister David Berkley QC and chartered accountant Mohammed Amin recommended that the proposed group be a company limited by guarantee. Accordingly, the two of them drafted the Memorandum and Articles of Association, with the subscribers to the Memorandum being Afzal Khan and Henry Guterman. The Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester was incorporated by Companies House on 14 June 2005, our official “Date of birth.” Our website has copies of our legal documents.

Our objectives reproduced below were carefully drafted to focus entirely on circumstances in Greater Manchester:

‘The objects for which the Forum is established are to develop the cultural and social ties between the Muslim and Jewish Communities of Greater Manchester; to educate members of the Muslim and Jewish Communities in relation to their shared values and common Abrahamic tradition, heritage, history and culture; and to promote better understanding within the wider community of the interests and values that are common to the Muslim and Jewish Communities.’

Very simply, our goal was to make it normal for Muslims and Jews to be friends and do things together. Today there are many friendships between Muslims and Jews which would not exist but for our work. Thanks to our press releases, our radio and

TV appearances, our use of social media, and our website which lists over 130 past events as well as articles and speeches, the Forum’s influence extends far beyond Greater Manchester, and is to some extent worldwide.





**Brotherhood at our
10th Anniversary Celebrations**
The keynote speakers,
Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis and
Shaykh Ibrahim Mogra, greeting each other
at the dinner at Manchester Town Hall.



**The Executive Committee
at 10th Anniversary Celebrations**
The fact that Manchester City Council
gave us the Town Hall to hold the event
shows the high regard in which
the Forum is held.



**Remember Srebrenica
Memorial Event 2016**
This event received the
“Best educational event” award for
the North West from the charity
Remembering Srebrenica.



Annual Picnic 2017
Our annual picnic is always well
attended and gives you the chance
to meet new people in a very
informal environment.



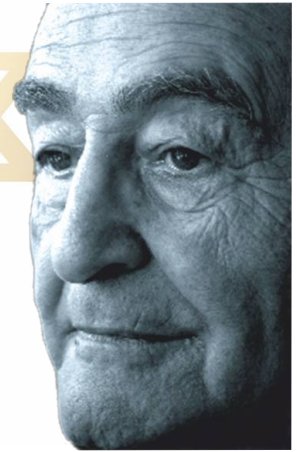
Annual
“Loose Lawyers” Panel Event
Our 2019 event was attended by the
Lord Mayor of Manchester and discussed
the revocation of British citizenship.



The Forum's Co-Founder

Henry Guterman MBE

The late Henry Guterman MBE was co-host (along with Afzal Khan CBE MEP, then Deputy Lord Mayor of Manchester) of the open meeting in Manchester Town Hall where Rabbi Herschel Gluck OBE and Ismail Amaan spoke about their Muslim Jewish dialogue in London. That meeting led to the setting up of the Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester, and Henry served as its Jewish Co-Chair until his death in May 2007.



Henry Guterman was born in 1926 in Germany. His father Berthold was a soap manufacturer in Berlin and a great admirer of Britain. After Kristallnacht in 1938 when Henry was 12, the Guterman family were able to emigrate from Germany to Manchester, thereby escaping the Holocaust.

Henry became a great servant of the Jewish community. He served as Manchester Jewish Representative Council President and for over 40 years was a member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Henry was also extremely active in many other Jewish organisations, some of which are listed at the bottom of the page.

Throughout his life Henry was at the helm of most of Manchester's interfaith groups, some of which are included in the list below. His funeral was attended by bishops side by side with Hindus and Muslims wearing yarmulkes.



A partial list of organisations:

Bury Inter-Faith, Collyhurst Police Community Action Group, Commonwealth Games Advisory Committee, Disabled Living, Greater Manchester Criminal Justice Board Diversity IAG, Heathlands, Indian Jewish Association, Manchester City Council Housing Committee Black and Ethnic Committee, Manchester Council for Community Relations, Manchester Council of Christians and Jews, Manchester Inter-Faith Forum, Morris Feinmann Homes, National League of Hospital Friends, North Manchester Crime Prevention Council, North Manchester Hospital Black & Ethnic Committee, North Manchester Jewish Youth Project, Outreach, South East Lancashire Housing Association, South Manchester Health Authority Fair Access Group, South Manchester Synagogue, Tameside Area Health Authority, The Black Jewish Forum, The Three Faiths Forum, Trafford Partnership Board Diverse Communities Forum, Trafford SACRE, Trafford Safer Partnership, Zionist Central Council.





Manchester Central Mosque
The Forum facilitated twinning between Manchester's main mosque in Victoria Park and Manchester Reform Synagogue on Jackson's Row.



Shalom Paix Salam! visit Manchester
The Forum hosted a visit by its Paris sister organisation, including a visit to the British Muslim Heritage Centre.



International Women's Day
Muslim and Jewish women show off their artwork created at this event which was funded by Manchester City Council.

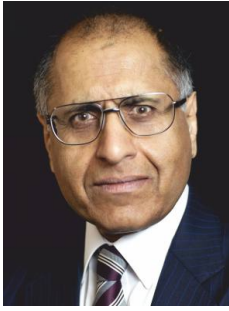


Business Networking Event
Muslims and Jews absorbed in conversation and food at an event for people to promote their businesses to each other.



Interfaith Iftar
Afzal Khan explaining to the diverse audience the Islamic rules about fasting during Ramadan. The Iftar is the meal at the end of the fast.





The Forum's Co-Chairs

Mohammed Amin
MBE FRSA MA FCA AMCT CTA (Fellow)

Cllr Heather D. Fletcher
LL.B (Hons)



Mohammed Amin has lived in Manchester since 1952. His parents were poor and illiterate but believed in education. Amin went on to graduate in mathematics from Clare College, Cambridge and obtain a Post Graduate Certificate in Education from Leeds University before becoming a chartered accountant, a chartered tax adviser and a qualified corporate treasurer.

In 1990 he became the first Muslim partner in Price Waterhouse (now PwC) in the UK. From 2003 until he retired at the end of 2009, Amin was an elected member of PwC's 15-person Supervisory Board.

Amin devotes his retirement to informal mentoring, to helping run many organisations listed on his website www.mohammedamain.com, and to writing, public speaking and appearing in the media.

For his public service Clare College chose him as its Alumnus of the Year 2014. In June 2016 his MBE citation read "Founder Member and Co-Chair, Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester. For services to Community Cohesion and Inter-faith Relations in Greater Manchester."

Heather was born in Salford to an Irish father and Mancunian mother. She obtained a Law degree from Birmingham University and then worked as a Family Law Solicitor. Subsequently, she went into another branch of the legal profession becoming a Law Costs Draftsman, preparing bills of costs for other solicitors for 20 years.

Heather changed career direction in 2016 when she went into local politics and was elected a Labour party Councillor representing Swinton Park. She was re-elected in May 2021.

Heather attended the first meeting of Muslim and Jewish people in August 2004 at Manchester Town Hall which led to the formation of the Forum. Heather initially served on the Executive committee as Company Secretary. For the past six years she has served as the Jewish Co-Chair. Heather has been instrumental in organising many of the 135 events which the Forum has held since formation. She believes the Forum has enriched her life and hopes that it has also enriched the lives of others who have attended these diverse events.

Heather's hobbies are sightseeing holidays, photography, watching dramatic plays, doing artwork and public speaking.





Chief Constable addresses the Forum
We had an evening with Mr Peter Fahy, now Sir Peter, at Manchester Town Hall, to cover his life, community cohesion and hate crime.



Literary evening at Manchester Jewish Museum
Authors Qaisra Shahraz, Sherry Ashworth and Zahid Hussain read illuminating extracts from their books and talked about the art of their profession.



5th Anniversary Celebrations
The Forum celebrating its 5th anniversary at the Nicky Alliance Day Centre.



Deliberations at Annual General Meeting
The Forum takes proper governance seriously, holding an Annual General Meeting to approve the accounts and elect a new Executive Committee.



The Forum visits Granada
Forum members visited a disused synagogue and the Mezquita in Cordoba, also visiting The Alhambra Palace, seen here in the background.





Forum members' thoughts

“It is only by meeting with Muslims, fellow Jews and those of other faiths and beliefs and sharing our experiences and views that we can build respect and understanding. That is what the Forum does and why people should get involved.”

Jonny Wineberg

“Forming amazing and lasting friendships by sitting together, eating, debating, and sharing our lives on our annual international trips. Once I went twice to Morocco in the same year, just to be with my Muslim and Jewish friends!”

Qaisra Shahrax MBE, FRSA

“Despite living in Manchester for over 50 years, before joining the Forum I had never set foot in a synagogue.”

Mohammed Amin

“Through holding 135 varied and enjoyable events, our Muslim Jewish Forum has brought together many Jewish people and Muslim people who would not otherwise have met. It is learning about each other's faiths and cultures and mixing together which makes for a more peaceful and cohesive society.”

Cllr Heather Fletcher

“Very enjoyable and diverse ways to learn about the two religions while making friends.”

Anne Isaac



Members of the Forum's Executive Committee



Mohammed Amin
(Co-Chair)



Cllr Heather Fletcher
(Co-Chair)



Tahara Amin
(Secretary)



David Lewis JP
(Treasurer)



Cllr Rabnawaz Akbar



David Berkley QC



Jackie Harrison



Séamus Martin



Cllr Naeem Ul-Hassan JP



June Rosen



Qaisra Shahraz MBE FRSA





Memories of the Forum



I went to a meeting at Manchester Town Hall in August 2004 -
The message of spreading peace and harmony was at the core.
It was the very first meeting of over a hundred Muslims and Jews -
Attending the gathering, I saw I had much to gain and nothing to lose.
The meeting was organised by Afzal Khan and the late Henry Guterman MBE -
Their positivity and good intent were clear for all to see.
A few months after this first meeting in the middle of June 2005 -
The Muslim Jewish Forum was founded by Henry and Afzal and has continued to thrive.
The Forum was created to promote stronger ties between our two communities
and a mutual respect -
As we learnt from each other, the similarities rather than differences were easier to detect.
Once every six weeks our Executive would come together and meet -
I became Company Secretary then Co Chair- I thought it was quite a feat!
Throughout these years our communities have done so many different things together -
Including sharing meals and holding picnics in both sunny and rainy Manchester weather!
We have also visited the National Holocaust Centre, Lincoln and Liverpool too -
And institutions like the Jewish Museum and British Muslim Heritage Centre
to name a few.
The Forum has become prominent and in the spotlight more -
And there have been many informative events discussing ethics and law.
The enthusiasm for the Forum has grown and there is certainly no sign of any wane -
Some members have visited countries together with Muslim and Jewish interest such as
Morocco and Spain.
I am so pleased that I engaged in Inter Faith work and that I have played a part -
In taking our Muslim Jewish Forum's objectives and activities closer to many a heart.

Heather D. Fletcher © 2021





Social Action at Tesco Cheetham Hill
 The Forum has organised several supermarket collections for food banks.



Interfaith Football Tournament
 60 boys played in mixed teams at the Henry Guterman Sports Centre in Heald Green, named after our co-founder.



Annual 'Loose Lawyers' panel event
 Always very well attended, this panel included the Chief Crown Prosecutor for the North West, Nazir Afzal OBE.



The Forum visits Princes Road Synagogue in Liverpool
 This splendid synagogue is a testament to the wealth of the 19th century Liverpool Jewish community.



Evening News journalists address Business Networking event
 The News's business editor Kevin Feddy and his colleague Shelina Begum spoke at this event hosted by Greater Manchester Fire Service.



Some Inspiring Words

*“Peace in every home, every street, every village, every country-
this is my dream. Education for every boy and every girl in the world.
To sit down on a chair and read my books with all my friends at my school
is my right. To see each and every human being with a
smile of happiness is my wish.”*

Malala Yousafzai

“Peace cannot be kept by force it can only be achieved by understanding.”

Albert Einstein

*“When all your desires are distilled, you will cast just two votes.
To Love more and to be Happy.”*

Rumi

*“God did not create woman from man’s head that he should command her,
Nor from his feet that she should be his slave,
But rather from his side, that she should be near his heart.”*

The Talmud

“We must live together as brothers or perish as fools.”

Martin Luther King

*“I can do things you cannot, you can do things that I cannot.
Together we can do great things.”*

Mother Theresa

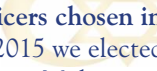
“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

Mahatma Gandhi


*“The purpose of all the major religious traditions is not to construct big temples
on the outside but to create temples of goodness and compassion
inside our hearts.” - Dalai Lama*







Officers chosen in 2015
 To start 2015 we elected as officers,
 Co-Chairs, Mohammed Amin &
 Heather Fletcher, Secretary Tahara Amin
 and Treasurer David Lewis JP





Forum Picnic in Platt Fields Park
 The annual picnic where people bring
 their own food and share is often
 blessed with good weather!




Lord Mayor's Special Commendation
 Then Lord Mayor of Manchester,
 Cllr Naeem Ul Hassan JP gave the
 Forum his Certificate of Special
 Commendation for Services
 to the Community.




Paris Jewish Museum
 Members of the Forum and our
 sister organisation Shalom Paix Salam!
 spending the weekend together and
 visiting this inspiring museum.




Spirit of Britain Award 2014
 Afzal Khan CBE and Heather Fletcher
 at the British Muslim Awards accepting
 this national award on behalf
 of the Forum.



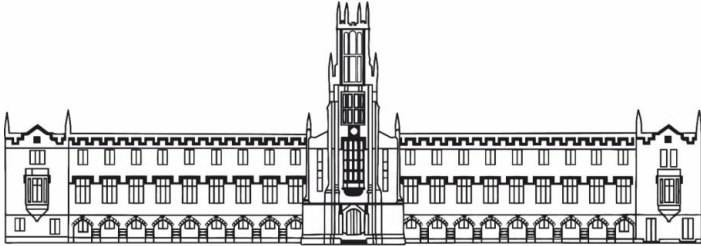
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Congratulations to the Muslim Jewish Forum
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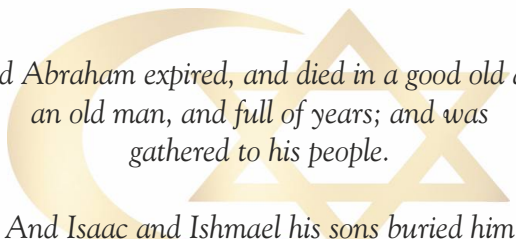
Best Wishes from
Nasar Mahmood OBE (Chairman)

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*And Abraham expired, and died in a good old age,
an old man, and full of years; and was
gathered to his people.*

*And Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him
in the cave of Machpelah...*

Genesis 25:8-9

Wishing the Forum every success
in celebrating such a wonderful
and auspicious occasion.

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