

North London Progressive Jewish Community Holds Quiz With a Difference

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Stoke Newington's fashionable Church Street was host to a quiz night with a difference on Sunday night.

Actor and comedian **Dave Schneider** (Alan Partridge Show, Saturday Night Armistice, Mission Impossible, Uncle Max) was the quiz master for a gala event that had everything from Irish Klezmer to stand-up comedy. Some 68 people attended the first fund raiser for the North London Progressive Jewish Community.

The evening kicked off in traditional pub quiz fashion with a picture round, but took a less conventional turn when stand-up comedian Penelope Solomon turned up in the character of an angry Jewish South African with a gherkin. The Solomon sisters then took to the stage with some Russian and Yiddish classics which got the audience clapping along.

Kevin and Joe, a duo playing guitar, pennywhistle and saxophone also got the audience tapping their feet to irish jigs and then played to the crowd with a Klezmer tune that the audience lapped up.

The quiz itself was a hotly contested affair with some real hard-ball questions that sorted the wheat from the chaff. Eventual winners were Ha Matzchikim who picked up an Elijah's cup trophy and some cava. A prize also went to the team with the worst answers, most of which are not fit to print. But everyone was a winner at the superb buffet, washed down with some very good wine.

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Liberal Judaism - one of the three major strands of Judaism in the UK with over 30 congregations and 10,000 members across the country - seeks to make Jewish life relevant to the modern world.

The main difference between Liberal Judaism and traditional (Orthodox) Judaism is in their respective attitudes to the bible. While preserving the core beliefs and practices that underpin the religion, Liberal Judaism believes that ancient laws must be interpreted to ensure that ethical values and practices take account of what we know and the world as it is today. Ethical behaviour and social action take priority over ritual.

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