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**SHOFAR SO GOOD**

**Young shofar blower shows talent at Watford’s children’s services**

Thirteen-year old Harry Burke put his trumpet playing skills to good use by ably blowing the shofar for Watford shul’s children’s services over Rosh Hashanah.

Harry received the Yeminite shofar as an unusual barmitzvah present from a friend of the family who suspected that as a proficient trumpet player, Harry could prove to be a talented shofar blower. Her hunch was correct as Harry says, “I was able to make a sound quite easily, getting several loud notes on it. I didn’t have lessons as such but I did some practice beforehand and had some advice on getting the note lengths right.”

He reveals, “My main worry was getting sore lips or running out of breath and I was a little bit nervous.” Harry’s fears turned out to be unfounded as, he reports, “it went very well and, in fact, I have been booked for next year! I would love to play the shofar in the main service too if I get the chance.”

Proud mum Ruth Burke remarks, “He did well and received a lot of compliments from the adults attending as well as the children. We were able to hear him from the main service on the second day. He certainly blows a mean shofar!”

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