

Inter-Faith ball hockey tournament



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Members of Shaarei-Beth El Synagogue and St. Simon's Anglican Church took to the synagogue's parking lot recently to compete for the inaugural ball hockey Inter-Faith Cup.

Spirited play, the odd elbow and some pretty passing on both sides led to an eventual victory by the synagogue. Rabbi Wise's 7-year-old son Jacob, who played goalie for home squad in the tournament, held up the trophy with a wide smile on his face.

Reverend Darcey Lazerte and Rabbi Stephen Wise, who play ice hockey together, were inspired to come up with a fun way to promote dialogue between the faiths and also work for a good cause. The entrance to the tournament was cans of food to be donated to the Kerr Street Ministries food bank.

After the game, Rabbi Wise was quoted as saying "it was a well-played game. When we won it felt like our hockey sticks were praying" though members of St. Simon's vowed revenge in the spring when they promise to bring their "A" game.

All in all it was a fun afternoon, as Reverend Lazerte said, "our faith communities came together for sports and for the price of a non-perishable food item, two places of worship were able to do a little bit to help their wider community."

Watch out for the re-match at St. Simon's next time around.