

Sukkat Shalom

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Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community

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Events and Services

Date Friday 3 August 2012

Event Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Venue Marchmont St Giles, 1a Kilgraston Road
Time 6:15pm

Date Friday 10 August 2012

Event Erev Shabbat Service
Venue Columcille Centre, 2 Newbattle Terrace
Time 7pm

Date Friday 17 August 2012

Event Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Venue Marchmont St Giles, 1a Kilgraston Road
Time 6:15pm

Date Saturday 25 August 2012

Event Shabbat Morning Service
led by Rabbi Mark Solomon
**We will be joined by visitors from
Glasgow Reform Synagogue**
Venue Columcille Centre, 2 Newbattle Terrace
Time 11am, for details see p.2

Date Sunday 26 August 2012

Event Choosing Judaism
Venue Usual Location
Time 10:30am

Event Spinoza

Venue Columcille Centre, 2 Newbattle Terrace
Time 4pm

Date Friday 31 August

Event Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Venue Marchmont St Giles, 1a Kilgraston Road
Time 6:15pm

High Holydays

**Services for
Rosh Hashanah 5773
(Erev 16.9 and morning 1st day 17.9.2012)
Yom Kippur
(Kol Nidre 25.9 and All day 26.9.2012)**
led by Rabbi Mark Solomon
will take place in St Mark's Church,
Castle Terrace.

For details of these and services for Sukkot and
Simchat Torah please see p. 2

**Deadline for copy for
September 2012 newsletter:
Friday 24 August 2012**

ELJC support line

0131 208 1447



Use this number if you have an emergency and really need to speak to someone. It goes to one of our members. Otherwise please leave a message on the community phone and we will respond as soon as possible.

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Future Dates

Our regular schedule is as follows:

Our **Erev Shabbat service** will be on the **SECOND** Friday of each calendar month

and our **Shabbat morning service** on the Saturday after the **FOURTH** Friday.

These services take place in the **Columcille Centre, 2 Newbattle Terrace.**

Jewish Calendar

Festivals begin on the evening before the day listed.

Rosh Hashanah 5773	17.-18.9.2012
Yom Kippur	26.9.2012
Sukkot	1.-7.10.2012
Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah	8.10.2012
Chanukah	9.-16.12.2012
Tu B'Shevat	26.1.2013
Purim	24.2.2013
Pesach	26.3.-1.4.2013
Shavuot	16.5.2013
9 Av	16.7.2013



Yiddish Books Available



A Liberal Judaism member is selling their collection of antiquarian Yiddish books, and has offered to donate a percentage of all profits to Liberal Judaism.

Books include:

- Argentinian edition of Sholem Aleichem
- 1910 Yiddish-English dictionary (Harkavy)
- 1945 anthology of American Yiddish poetry

If you're interested, please email Alexandra@liberaljudaism.org for a full list.

Glasgow Reform Visit

On 25th August we are delighted to welcome friends from Glasgow Reform Synagogue who will be joining us for our Shabbat service, led by Rabbi Mark. After the service we will have an informal lunch, so please bring along a non-meat dish to share, and if you could bring a bit more than normal to share with our GRS guests, that would be great. After lunch, we intend to go along to one of the shows at the Fringe. In order to give ourselves enough time, going to a show starting between 3pm - 4pm seems like the best option. From a quick look at the programme, I've seen the following shows that I think might appeal:

- * Daniel Cainer - Jewbadour (Cabaret)
free show at 4.15pm
- * Vanessa Rosenthal: Karen's Way (Play)
A Kindertransport Life – 3pm
- * Africa Entsha (Music)
From Soweto - 4pm
- * Anda Union (Music)
From Mongolia - 3.30pm

Details of all are in the Fringe Programme and summaries of the first two are on page 6.

If you are interested in coming along, please let me know, and similarly if you have any preferences for any of the above, or indeed any other shows, also please let me know. I'm not quite sure how we'll make a decision as to what we end up going to see, but I'll certainly keep in touch with everyone who does express an interest in coming along!

Nick Silk (nick_silk@btinternet.com)

Volunteers needed

We will be organising a rota of people to greet members and visitors to the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Please contact Marjory Broadie (security@eljc.org), or leave a message on the community phone, if you can offer to join the rota and she will be in touch with more details.

Another time when we will need volunteers is in organising and setting out lunch after the Rosh Hashanah service at St Marks. If you could help with this either on the day before (Sunday 16/9 with transport to collect provisions) or before the service Monday 17/9 (to set out lunch), then please contact Gillian, chair@eljc.org or leave a message on the community phone.

Community Matters

High Holydays

Members of Sukkat Shalom and people attending the Choosing Judaism class will shortly be receiving full details of all our High Holyday services along with their tickets to attend the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. **All visitors, including friends and relatives, who wish to attend services are requested to apply for a ticket** by emailing info@eljc.org or by leaving a message on the Community phone. We do not make a formal charge for tickets, but suggest that those who are able to do so may wish to make a donation. We would suggest a donation of £25 for a ticket. All members will receive a 'mitzvah invitation'. If you do not receive one, or if you would like to discuss any aspects of the mitzvot, please email me or leave a message on the Community phone.

Briefly: Rosh Hashanah (16-17/9) and Yom Kippur Services (25-26/9) will be at St Mark's Unitarian Church. Our Sukkot service and Sukkah building will be on Shabbat Chol Ha-Mo'ed Sukkot (6/10) and our Simchat Torah service will be at Columcille on erev Simchat Torah Sunday 7/10, at the early time of 6.30pm to encourage children to come. Progressive congregations celebrate Simchat Torah a day earlier than Orthodox congregations.

Children: We do not plan to have a crèche during any of the services. However, there will be a room available at St Marks for those parents wishing to take their children out of the services, and some crayons and paper will also be in the room. No supervision will be provided and so parents who wish to take children out of the service will have to organise their own supervision, since children must be supervised at all times. Obviously children are welcome to attend any of the services, but we would ask that parents ensure that the dignity of the services is maintained. There is a service specifically for children at 4.30pm on Yom Kippur, to which children (and all adults) are invited.

Blowing the Shofar: It is now our tradition to invite anyone who wishes to blow the shofar during the Rosh Hashanah service to do so. So, if you would like to try, please volunteer!

Memorial service: If you have anyone whose name you would like to be remembered in the memorial service on Yom Kippur, please let Nick Silk have details (Hebrew name, English name and relationship; details provided in previous years are still on file). It would be helpful if these details were given prior to Yom Kippur. Please note that once the memorial service has started, access will be restricted to ensure that there is minimal disruption during the service.

Prayer Books: The Liberal Judaism prayer book 'Machzor Ruach Chadashah' will be used for all High Holyday services. Some of you will already have copies of the machzor. If you would like to purchase a copy before the High Holydays, please contact Nick. The cost of the books is £16.90. The Sukkot and Simchat Torah services will use the 'usual' Liberal Judaism prayer book 'Siddur Lev Chadash'.

Nick Silk (nick_silk@btinternet.com)

Chairman's Word: Kol Nidre Appeal

Nick's article about High Holyday arrangements reminds us that this time of year has come round again, more quickly than ever it seems to me, especially with the Holydays coming early this year. It is time for us to think about the charities we will support for the 5773 Kol Nidre appeal. We have only just sent off the cheques for last year and are receiving acknowledgements from the charities. In particular we had a very nice one from the Scottish Refugee Council who asked us to pass on their thanks to everyone who donated towards such a fantastic amount. They have allocated this collection to their Refugee Week Appeal. You can read about what this supports at:

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/what_you_can_do/refugee_week_fundraising_appeal.

Turning to this coming year, we generally support four charities, a local Jewish one, a local non-Jewish one, an Israeli one and one that supports an international project in the developing world. We have had a request via Liberal Judaism to consider the Israeli Israel Religious Action Centre (IRAC) and enclosing a letter from their director Anat Hoffman which I quote below.

"This year marks two historical occasions: your Queen's Diamond Jubilee and IRAC's Silver Jubilee. While we did not have a flotilla parade, we did have reason for joy. This year, on IRAC's 25 anniversary, the State of Israel finally declared it would support the activities of Liberal/Reform and Conservative rabbis in regional councils, while clearly acknowledging their role as rabbis. This achievement, which the lawyers at IRAC have unremittingly worked towards for the past seven years, is a monumental moment for the Liberal/Reform Movement, and our struggle to advance freedom of religion in Israel.

"But our struggle to be equally recognized is far from over. This achievement can only become a true turning point for the Liberal/Reform movement in Israel if we manage to replicate this success to the hundreds of Liberal rabbis in Israel who are not yet included in this agreement. We also still need to resolve critical issues such as state recognition for non-Orthodox weddings and conversions. We are launching the Gold Campaign (named after Miri Gold, the first Liberal rabbi to receive state recognition) to achieve these goals. We know it can be done and we know that we have the ability and the drive to reach the next milestone, but we cannot do it without you.

"It would mean so much to us if Liberal congregations in the UK would be able to raise £20,000 for IRAC's Gold Campaign in their upcoming High Holiday Appeal. We have reached a pivotal moment, where we have the chance to change the future of Liberal Judaism in Israel. We can seize this momentum, with your help and support."

Do you think we should support this cause from our Kol Nidre appeal? IRAC's mission is to advance religious freedom and pluralism, tolerance, social justice and civil liberties in Israel. They use litigation, legislation, public policy and advocacy to advance civic equality. To learn more about their campaigns visit their web site (www.irac.org). It does not have the same humanitarian mission as our usual causes – or maybe it does? Please let us know what you think and also please send us in suggestions, with contact details, for other charities we might support for one or more of the four the categories we mention above. Just email chair@eljc.org with your ideas and suggestions.

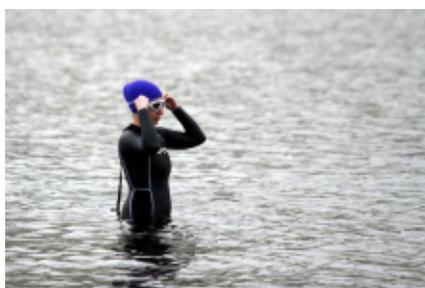
Gillian Raab

Members' news

A lucky escape: Catherine Lyons, Phil Wadler, Adam and Leora emerged miraculously unscathed from a serious accident when their car went out of control on the M74 after a tyre burst. Although other vehicles were involved, happily no one was seriously injured.

Refuah Shlema, a speedy recovery to Miriam Vickers who has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will have surgery this week, after which she will know what other treatments will follow. We hope this will be good news and she will be able to get back to normal soon.

The Choosing Judaism group met for a social lunch on Sunday 15th July in Edinburgh. Everyone had a great time and found it really useful to share experiences about studying, customs and traditions, attending services and the pathway to conversion. Many fed back that it is really beneficial for the group to be in touch between monthly classes, so a Facebook group has been set up. If you would like to join the group, you can do so here: www.facebook.com/groups/135346956604543

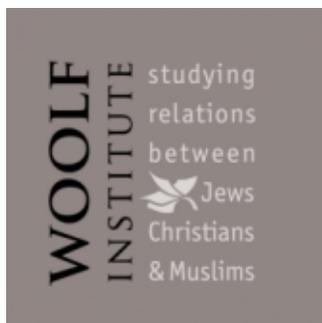


Charity Swim On 18th August, Helen Sherbourne will be taking part in a sponsored mile swim in Loch Ness. She is raising money for Scottish children's charity, CHILDREN 1ST (www.children1st.org.uk) which operates across Scotland to support and protect vulnerable children and young people. If you would like to follow her progress, here is her blog: <http://sinkorswim2012.wordpress.com>. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so here: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/HelenSherbourne>.

Events and Announcements

The following events have been notified to ELJC for members and friends who may wish to attend them

e-learning course:



Bridging the Great Divide: the Jewish-Muslim Encounter

This 15 week e-learning course is taught by the Woolf Institute and the School of International Service at the American University in Washington. Applications are now being accepted for the course starting w/c 27 August 2012. **Application deadline is 6 August 2012.**

Click [liberaljudaism.us4.list-](http://liberaljudaism.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8997ce9fee901471473e7ac05&id=db2c2d39ca&e=363051ea5b)

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Click <http://www.woolf.cam.ac.uk/> to read more about the Institute.

BBC Radio 4: 'My Heart is in the East', 5 & 11 August 2012

Medieval historian Miri Rubin explores the rich history of the most famous of Hebrew poems and the extraordinary journey made by the poet Yehuda Halevi from Spain to the city he yearned for: Jerusalem.

Contributors: Professor Nicholas de Lange, Dr Ben Outhwaite, and Dr Tamar Drukker.

Sunday 5 August, 4:30pm, Saturday 11 August, 11:30pm,

and on BBC iPlayer for 7 days after each broadcast.

Dundee Klezmer Ceilidh, with Kasha-Malasha,

Sunday 28th August



Join Dundee's vibrant Jewish community at their purpose-built synagogue in St Mary's Place for a celebration of Klezmer music and dance on Sunday, 28th August, at 3 p.m. All are welcome, you don't have to be Jewish, you don't have to know what you're doing, you don't have to have a partner, and you can have as many left feet as you like!

Kasha-Malasha is Glasgow's newest Klezmer band. Bob Leiser keeps the rhythm on double bass, and Mirek Pukacz plays the tunes and harmonies on fiddle. Andrew Gardiner from Edinburgh band 'Beyond the Pale' will be joining the band on clarinet for the

afternoon, replacing their regular clarinet player Richard Norris. And Fiona Frank plays backing chords on concertina and melodeon, and will also lead the dancing.

Kasha-Malasha – Klezmer Dance Refreshments All welcome. Tickets on the door.

Edinburgh Jewish Community Centre Coffee Morning

Sunday 9 September 2012, 10:30am, Synagogue, Salisbury Road ONLY £5

Bid for home baking, browse the book stall, buy some plants, chat to friends, relax and support us to raise much needed funds for our Centre.

HOME BAKED GOODS REQUIRED FOR AUCTION. - BRING ALONG ANY ITEMS WRAPPED. - PLANTS AND BOOKS ALSO VERY WELCOME.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT Joyce Sperber on 666 1425 or j.sperber@yahoo.com.

If you or anyone you know needs a lift contact Steven Hyams on 445 3740 to arrange.

Same sex marriage to be legalised

The Scottish Government has announced that it will be bringing forward legislation to permit this. You can read the details at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/07/same-sex25072012>. This decision followed a consultation to which many Sukkat Shalom members responded. You can read the analysis of the responses at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00397030.pdf>

Rabbi Mark Solomon has commented publicly: :

“This is a day of pride and joy for Scotland and all her LGBT citizens. It is a major step towards a fully equal and just society where the commitment of all loving couples is honoured. At a Jewish wedding we shout Mazal-tov (congratulations and good luck) when the bridegroom breaks the glass to end the ceremony. A huge Mazal-tov to the Scottish government and us all!”.

Perhaps Sukkat Shalom will host the first same-sex Jewish wedding in the UK?

Fringe performances with Jewish Connections

Page references refer to fringe brochure.

Comedy and cabaret

The Jewbadour Daniel Cainer Page 14

From creator of Fringe favourite Jewish Chronicles. Musical theatre, Storytelling Mood Nightclub 1 Greenside Place, EH1 3rd to 25th August 16.15 **free**

Highly recommended from his performance at the LJ Biennial.

Reshape While Damp, Naomi Paul Page 147

Surreal, truthful and topical. Comedy to make you laugh, smile and think. With original songs. Jewish stories. And a lemon. ‘Comic timing here is sublime’ (FringeReview.co.uk, 2011).

Laughing Horse @ Captain Taylor’s Coffee House • 18 South Bridge, EH1 1LL

Laughing Horse @ The Free Sisters • 139 Cowgate, EH1 1JS 20.00hr 2-12 17-26 **free**

Frenemies Page 80

Daphna Baram and Peyvand Khorsandi

Israeli Daphna (MissD) Baram and Iran-born Peyvand Khorsandi in a quest to make sense of their ever so slightly bonkers homelands, and of the nuclear conflict looming over them, and over all of us.

Laughing Horse @ Jekyll & Hyde • 112 Hanover Street, EH2 1DR 2-11 August **free**

Music

Emily Rose page 244

My place everyday between the 16th and 25th August at 5.30pm-6.30 **free**

Moods Nightclub, • 1 Greenside Place, EH1 Cabaret Room.

David Vernon and Dick Lee Page 209

This brilliant accordion and clarinet duo perform an eclectic mix of music with infectious enjoyment – French, jazz, Jewish, traditional, Balkan, Tango etc. ‘They combine wonderfully superb musicianship –

Valvona & Crolla • 19 Elm Row, EH7 4AA various dates

Theatre

Karen's Way: A Kindertransport Life Vanessa Rosenthal Page 290

A dramatic reenactment with live music of the life of Karen Gershon, celebrated Kindertransport poet and survivor. Telling her story from Germany to Essex, Edinburgh, Leeds and beyond in her escape from the Holocaust. Live piano and violin bring Smetana, Berg, Dvorak, Britten and others to the show.

theSpace @ Venue45 • 63 Jeffrey Street, EH1 1DH 15.05 Aug 13-18,20-25:

Hitler's Li'l Abomination Annette Roman [Page 284](#)

Her father is a Jewish Holocaust survivor. Her mother was in the Hitler Youth. What the devil is she...? An irreverent true story of one legacy of war. You are cordially invited to tea and swastikas...
theSpace @ Jury's Inn • 43 Jeffrey Street, EH1 1DH 19.05 on 3-4 13-18 6-11 20-25 August

Outward Bound About Turn Theatre Company [Page 307](#)

Critically acclaimed play returns to the Fringe. What makes a gay man and Jewish woman spend the night together? Vagina Monologues meets Brokeback Mountain, exploring growing up, coming out and moving on. 'theSpace @ Surgeons Hall • Nicolson Street, EH8 9DW Aug 3-4,6-11: 15:20

Ghetto The Theatre School [Page 281](#)

Set in the Jewish ghetto of Vilna, Lithuania, 1942, and based on diaries from the darkest days of the Holocaust. Ghetto tells of the unlikely flourishing of a theatre as the Nazis began their policy of mass extermination. Greenside • 1b Royal Terrace, EH7 5AB Aug 20-25: 19:30

The Elephant and the Mouse (Israel) [Page 313](#)

Young timid playwright meets with neurotic, Hamlet-obsessed national theatre manager to discuss production of his breakthrough play. A quick-paced new comedy with a brilliant, unexpected plot twist. Edinburgh College of Art, EH3 9DF Aug 1-18: 18:15

The Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation

Jewish Edinburgh Group Festival Open Day,

Sunday 21st August 2011, 12-3:30pm

Join us at the synagogue at 4 Salisbury Road for bagels, coffee, cake and a taste of Jewish cultural events and shows at the Edinburgh Festivals!

See our exhibition - the history of the Edinburgh Jewish Community.

Tour the Synagogue - a rare modernist 1930s building (Grade B listed) by leading Glasgow architect James Miller. Enjoy Festival participants performing extracts and talking about their shows.

Suggested donation £5.00 Senior citizens, students & children £3.00

Children under five free

Entrance includes refreshments & bagel lunch!

Email secretary@ehcong.com for further details.

Festival of Spirituality and Peace

Over 400 events including films, music, theatre, conversations and exhibitions. Most take place around St John's Church at the West End, or in the Persian Tent in Princes Street Gardens.

For details of all performances and opportunities to volunteer for the festival see <http://www.festivalofspirituality.org.uk>



An interfaith limerick by Charles Raab

Said a man from the Straits of Hormuz,
Upon finding some bottles of booze,
'Although I can't guzzle 'em,
Because I'm a Muslim,
I can certainly sell them to Jews!'