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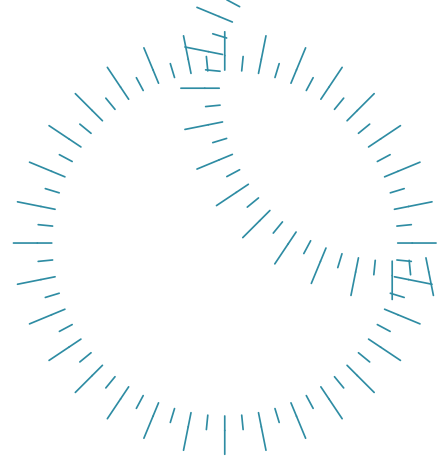
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Word From the Sofa

Maurice Naftalin

This month's "Word From The Sofa" is: Ouch!

Why? Well, the sofa isn't very comfortable just now. That might sound strange if you were at the AGM, where the chairs' report was enthusiastically accepted, with warm thanks offered for the work that the co-chairs put into keeping the community running smoothly. But on the following day, when I'm writing this, many of the anxious messages in my in-box are from my co-chairs, on the topic of solving what we see as severe problems of the arrangement.

This is the background: two years ago, our community couldn't find anyone to take on the office of chair; so much work and responsibility looked like too much for any single person. The solution we found was instead to share that work and responsibility among four people: a co-chairing arrangement: not just a chair, but a sofa. Our treasurer, who was also our membership secretary, agreed to keep these responsibilities, but inexplicably declined to take on still more as a fifth co-chair. With a lot of collective experience, and complementary skills and temperaments, we believed that we would have all the bases covered. And indeed, over the last two years, the community has mostly run quite smoothly, managing the various challenges posed by the pandemic and — surprisingly more difficult — our gradual emergence from it. So what's the problem?

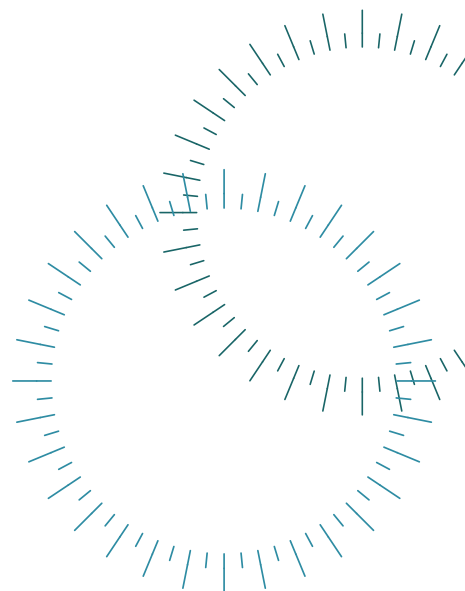
The problem is that the co-chairing arrangement has worked all too well in one very important respect. The co-chairs have worked together so

effectively that we've made ourselves indispensable and shut other people out. In effect, the sofa, together with our treasurer/membership secretary, has become an executive, centralising knowledge, influence — and workload! — to an unhealthy extent. We're still very conscious of our obligation to submit questions of policy to the council, but policy discussions on council are often narrowed by sofa conversations that have already taken place. It can't have been too bad, since every council member has stood for re-election this year, with the very welcome addition of two new members, but it's still very unsatisfactory.

Sukkat Shalom isn't unusual in having this problem. All the voluntary organisations I've belonged to have had the same tendency: work and responsibility gravitates to the centre, and a few key people find themselves complaining that they're doing all the work, while everyone else complains those people have become a clique who want to control everything. It's an

unhealthy situation that, at its worst, ends in burnout on one side and complete detachment on the other. And yet, a lot of people outside the council are in fact involved in working for the community: helping with services, running the cheder, helping with communications, managing the care group, participating in interfaith activity, involving us in ecological activism, and yet more that I've no doubt forgotten. The problem isn't that Sukkat Shalom members don't care about our community, or don't want to be involved. The problem is in the connection. Perhaps the clearest sign of that is that we almost never get observers to council, though any member is entitled to come to any meeting.

We don't know the solution to this problem, but we've started to take it seriously. None of the co-chairs is prepared or able to continue with this level of work indefinitely; we need a plan that will get us to a sustainable situation within one or at most two years. Part of the solution will certainly be continued and extended involvement of ordinary members in what the community does, but more is needed. This problem is the biggest one, in some ways the most urgent, that the new council will have to address.



Ukraine — Some Jewish Reflections

Rabbi Mark Solomon / Sue Bard



On Thursday 24th February, Russia — unbelievably and horrifically — launched a military invasion of Ukraine. The next day, Rabbi Mark sent us an email offering, as he said 'a few personal thoughts and some resources that might be helpful, individually or communally, over Shabbat.' Mark's evocative and interesting email prompted me to add some comments, which follow Mark's recollections of a visit to Ukraine in 2003:



In 2003 I went with a small delegation from the Liberal Jewish Synagogue (LJS), where I was rabbi at the time, to visit Vinnytsia, a major city in west-central Ukraine and the historic capital of Podolia, the region in which the Hasidic movement first arose. Then, it was ruled by Poland, as it had been for centuries, and was only annexed to Russia in the conquests of Catherine the Great in 1793. It's useful to remember this when we hear Putin claiming that Ukraine was "always" part of Russia.

The reason for the visit was to pursue a twinning arrangement between the LJS and the Jewish community of Vinnytsia, and it was wonderful to meet the community there and celebrate Shabbat with them. It was also sad, because much of the remaining Jewish community was elderly and very poor. We also welcomed visitors from Vinnytsia at the LJS, including teenagers who attended Liberal Judaism's Kadima summer camp (and we paid for their visit, of course — it was far beyond their own means). As well as Vinnytsia, we visited Kyiv, Berdichev and Bratslav. The latter is associated with the great Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav (or Breslov, 1772–1810). We were also taken to see killing fields where the Nazi Einsatzgruppen massacred the Jewish population and buried them in pits, and where memorials now stand.

Mark included Rebbe Nachman's 'Prayer for Peace' and Rabbi John Rayner's 'It is not enough to pray for peace' which you can read at bit.ly/prayers-for-peace.

On the eve of World War 11, over 1.5 million Jews were living in what is now Ukraine, mainly in the cities, where they formed almost a third of the urban population. Around 1 million Jews were killed in the Holocaust. In 1989 an estimated 500,000 Jews were living in Ukraine under Soviet rule, but large numbers of those left for Israel and other destinations after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, leaving a Jewish population that was predominantly old and poor, or disconnected from Judaism.

The size of the Jewish population in Ukraine today depends on how Jewish identity is defined; as well as a 'core' population of 43,000, around 200,000 Ukrainians are technically eligible for Israeli citizenship, meaning that they have identifiable Jewish ancestry. While most of Ukraine's Jews live in the country's largest cities, some, especially older people, live in smaller towns and scattered villages.

On Sunday 27 February, BBC Radio 4's weekly program, Sunday, was devoted to the faith response to the Ukraine,

which you can listen to at bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0014wy9. It was heart-rending to hear Paul Anticoni, Chief Executive of World Jewish Relief and Volodymyr Visofsky of the Jewish Ukrainian Social Initiative speak about working in war time conditions with people whose needs are already extreme – in peace time, let alone now. This is especially so for those living in difficult to reach places and those who are too fragile to move or be moved. Paul and Volodomyr described their reliance respectively on the partner organizations and local groups of volunteers that enable them to ensure that all individuals are accounted for.

However, they also both spoke of their optimism and hope for what they see as an increasingly vibrant Jewish population in Ukraine, and of the changes that have occurred in the 30 years since Ukraine's independence (especially since 2013/14). Volodymyr said: '...the community is now proud of its Ukrainian Jewish heritage...Jewish communities are developing, synagogues are being rebuilt; the

material heritage is being cherished and preserved and this is being done with (the support of) the Ukraine state.' He went on to describe Ukraine as a multi-ethnic society with many different religious communities, adding 'diversity is a strength for us — we can all make our input and bring something good to the table.'

While Putin has accused the Ukrainian government of being 'nazis' (a claim that's generally derided), the far right in Ukraine is less in evidence and less organised than in many European countries, having gained no parliamentary seats in the 2019 elections, and only 2% of the total vote.

Of course, one of Ukraine's Jews is President Volodymyr Zelensky, whose great-grandfather and three great-uncles were murdered in the Holocaust. This former comedian, actor and creator of a successful TV and film production company won a landslide victory in 2019, with his anti-establishment, anti-corruption campaign, conducted largely on social media. Brought up in a Russian-speaking region in southeastern Ukraine, he is a proponent of unity between the Ukrainian and Russian speaking populations of the country and was also explicitly committed to ending Ukraine's conflict with Russia. His qualities have come to the fore at the present moment, and his support from the people of Ukraine has soared. When the US pressed him with offers of evacuation for him and his family he (now famously) said:



The fight is here in Kyiv; I need ammunition, not a ride.

Please donate to the World Jewish Relief Appeal at
worldjewishrelief.org/ways-to-donate/donate-now

Meet Sukkat Shalom's Council

During the course of the last year, longstanding member Ricky Hogg resigned. We are grateful for all that he's contributed as a council member and continues to contribute as a community member — including organising our first in-person social since the pandemic. Ricky also continues to be our first point of contact regarding funeral arrangements.

At our AGM on Sunday, 20 February, we were delighted to welcome two new members, Rolando Hernandez Trapero and Rebecca Wober. The following existing members were proposed and seconded for another year: Sue Bard, Maurice Naftalin, Gillian Raab and Nick Silk as our four co-chairs, informally known as the 'sofa'; Stefano Giossi as our treasurer and membership secretary; Gillian Raab as secretary and Jonathan Broadie. Marjory Broadie, Helen Ford, Lorraine Hershon, Barrie Levine and Kyla Reid as members. Read about everyone below!

We welcome ideas, comments, questions and constructive criticism, so please feel free to get in touch through contact@eljc.org 0131 777 8024 and/or by using council members' individual ELJC email accounts.



Sue Bard: suebard@eljc.org

I've been a member of Sukkat Shalom for 7 years, grew up in London, have spent most of my adult life in Scotland and have an enduring love affair with Edinburgh that has been enhanced by the discovery (better late than never) of its Liberal Jewish community. I have four children and four grandchildren and enjoy living by the sea.

Jonathan Broadie: jonathanbroadie@eljc.org

I was born in Oxford but, just 6 weeks later, found myself on the platform at Waverley Station to begin life in what was to become my hometown. In Edinburgh, I was raised, educated, attended the Orthodox Shul and cheder, trained as a Chartered Accountant and as an economist, joined Glasgow Reform Synagogue, and met Marjory! I've been a Sukkat Shalom council member since the start, serving as Treasurer for



7 years. I'm a parent and a grandparent, and love spending time with family. I enjoy voluntary work, travelling, hill-walking and reading, and I'm still a fully paid-up member of cafe society!



Marjory Broadie: marjorybroadie@eljc.org

I'm a founder member of Sukkat Shalom, and a Council member since the start. Before then I was a member of Glasgow New Synagogue. And long, long before that I was born in Malawi and raised there, and in Tanzania. It was growing up in Africa that my love for travel was fostered, especially to remote and far-flung destinations. By profession I'm a schoolteacher — retired now for ten years but still doing supply teaching. Happily married to

Jonathan, I'm a very proud wife, mum, mum-in-law and granny. I thoroughly enjoy spending time with our family and our friends. My pleasurable pastimes include cooking, reading and the theatre, but my passionate pursuit is travelling.



Helen Ford: helenford@eljc.org

I am Helen, I am human to two furbabies, anxious, hyperactive Miniature Poodle Frodo (5), and gentle giant Teddy (an 18 month old Standard Poodle), who will be an Owner Trained autism assistance dog (still in training). We live just outside Edinburgh. My hobbies include many crafts, reading, doing things with the dogs including a variety of training in different dog

activities and I groom them myself, travel , going to the zoo, the football or the cinema. Along with Rebekah Gronowski, I look after Sukkat Shalom's facebook page.

Stefano Giossi: stefano@eljc.org

My name is Stefano. I've been a member of Sukkat Shalom for about five years and joined the council back in 2018. I am currently the treasurer and membership secretary.

Lorraine Hershon: lorrainehershon@eljc.org

Lorraine lives in Northumberland with her husband, Dan, four sons and four dogs. She taught in Cheder for three years and has been a member of ELJC for a lot longer. She likes cars, travel and playing Call of Duty with her sons. In her spare time, she works in the field of family DNA and is also a director of a charity in Hexham.



Barrie Levine: barrielevine@eljc.org

Based in Glasgow, I'm one of the further flung members of the community and also reasonably new, having joined a couple of years back. With a background in social work and higher education, I'm keen to contribute what I can to the community and perhaps reflect the interests of our more distant members.



Maurice Naftalin: mauricenaftalin@eljc.org

I used to be the self-appointed arm-twister-in-chief for "persuading" people to take office in the community. Two years ago, though, I paid for my failure to twist anyone's arm into being the chair by myself becoming one-quarter of the joint co-chairs. Otherwise, I manage the community's IT, I'm the religious affairs convener, and I sometimes help lead services.

Gillian Raab: gillianraab@eljc.org

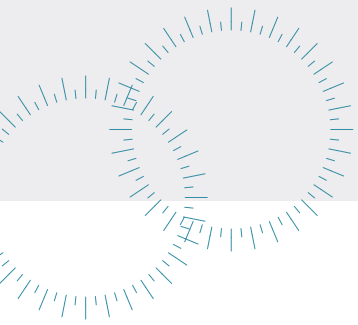
Gillian is a semi-retired academic, working nominally part time and living with husband Charlie in a house conveniently close to St. Mark's Unitarian Church where our services were/are usually held. We have two children and three grandchildren. In what little spare time I have from work and helping out at the shul, I enjoy going on geological walks, working in the garden and visiting North-West Sutherland.





Kyla Reid: kylareid@eljc.org

I joined Sukkat Shalom during the pandemic, after several years of attending High Holyday services. I work in International Development and am originally from Oregon, USA, and my husband is a teacher from East Lothian. We lived in China and London for several years before moving to Edinburgh in 2015. We now live in Trinity and recently welcomed our first child, Tova!



Nick Silk: nicksilk@eljc.org

Hi, I'm Nick, I'm married to Kate and we have two boys, Andrew and David. I've been a member and actively involved with Sukkat Shalom from the start and prior to that I was a member at Glasgow Reform Synagogue. Aside from attending services, my other weekend activity is watching Livingston football club.



Rolando Hernandez Trapero

I'm Rolando, one of the new council members. I'm from Mexico, grew up in Texas, studied in Utah, and now live in Edinburgh, where I work in biology. I've been a part of Reform and Conservative communities in the US and hope to contribute to Sukkat Shalom in any way I can! My hobbies include cooking/baking, learning about languages and wine, appreciating the beautiful city through walks, and sometimes enjoying music at Usher Hall and the Jazz Bar.



Rebecca Wober

Greetings Etrog readers! Sukkat Shalom is indeed a Shelter of Peace for me. I joined the congregation back when it was forming, happy to find a place for Progressive Jewry in Edinburgh. I grew up in London where my family attended West London Synagogue, a Reform community, and I came to Edinburgh as a student in 1995 and met my partner Gordon here in 2004 when I was working on the site of the Scottish Parliament buildings. Since then I have become not only an architect but also the mother of our two young children. I love learning languages and music and I love harmony so I sing in an amateur choir and I'm always interested to learn more about our eclectic musical traditions.

Congratulations Nancy Jones

Sue Bard



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It was a great joy to be able to celebrate with Nancy at our first in-person admission service since the pandemic on Erev Shabbat, 11 February. It was good also to reflect that the pandemic legacy of virtual options meant that other far-flung friends and family could be with Nancy too, courtesy of Zoom.

Nancy and her partner Jack arrived in Edinburgh from London in February 2020, Nancy to take up a new job in media regulation.

Nancy, who'd been thinking about conversion, was waiting to get in touch with Sukkat Shalom 'when things went back to normal'. When they didn't, she got in touch anyway and started her conversion in October 2020.

Nancy's mother is Roman Catholic and her father an assertive atheist. They argued incessantly about how Nancy should be brought up and she can't remember a time when she wasn't thinking about and party to arguments/discussions about God and religion. Nancy's mother had lived on a kibbutz for a few years in the 80s and Nancy loved looking at her photos, finding the ones of festivals particularly entrancing. She remembers asking her mum when she was three or four 'Can I be Jewish?' and her feelings of disappointment at the answer: 'No — you've got to be born Jewish'. Later, while she learned that conversion was possible, she was told it 'wasn't something that people do'.

After her first year at university, Nancy visited Israel where she experienced her first religious service and started to think again about conversion. Her discovery that the mother of a good

friend — 'the matriarch of the most Jewish family I knew' — was a convert convinced her that she could convert too. She says: 'It's been a long process — really my whole life. It was a gut feeling that never went away'. Nancy has chosen the beautiful and personally significant Hebrew names 'Johanna Ruth', that incorporate forms of both her own grandmothers' names as well as identifying with the Moab woman, Ruth.

Despite only getting to know Edinburgh in a pandemic, Nancy and Jack have loved it. Now they're about to leave as Nancy's taking up a new job in Dublin, in tech, heading a team introducing new regulations and implementing new safety policies in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Nancy, Jack and cat Violet (her favourite festival is Chanukah) leave for Ireland in early March. We will really miss Nancy, who has contributed so much to Sukkat Shalom in the short time she's been with us. But Nancy remains a member of Sukkat Shalom and there will always be a warm welcome here for Nancy and Jack on what we hope will be frequent visits.

Welcome to Steve Haire

Sue Bard



Steve joined Sukkat Shalom in May 2021, having moved to Scotland from Norwich, where he was a member of Norwich Liberal Jewish Community (NLJC). Steve's originally from Northern Ireland, from a deeply religious Free Presbyterian family, but was strongly attracted to Judaism from an early age — an attraction sparked by Religious Studies classes at school.

As a young adult, Steve visited Israel frequently, meeting people from many different walks of life, and broadening his knowledge of Judaism. Back in Belfast, he connected with the local Belfast Jewish Community (previously Belfast Hebrew Congregation) and began to think about converting. Subsequently, a three-month stay on Kibbutz Mashabei Sade just south of Beer Sheva extended to 18 months, during which time the 2014 Gaza War broke out. Stevie, volunteering through Sar-El (The National Project for Volunteers for Israel), worked in a school in Sderot less than 4km from Gaza. This was followed by a spell working as a shepherd (actually a goatherd) in the Judean Hills. By this time, he'd met his wife-to-be, Geralyn, and the couple married in Jerusalem before Steve returned to the UK, waiting for a year for her UK visa to come through.

Steve started work with the East of England Ambulance Service as an Emergency Medical Technician and joined NLJC's conversion programme. Steve is interested that Sukkat Shalom is starting a buddy programme, having

been greatly helped by a similar scheme at NLJC, where a retired doctor supported him not only through his conversion, but also with his cardiology exams for the Ambulance Service. In March 2018, he went to the Beit Din, where he first met Rabbi Mark. While in Norwich, Steve also volunteered with the Community Security Trust, helping Norwich and other synagogues with their security requirements.

Then, in 2021, Steve was offered a job as a surveyor with Zurich in Glasgow. Steve, Geralyn and their two daughters, Kacey (13) and Althea (12) moved to Scotland, settling in Lesmahagow. Now that the pandemic restrictions are lifting, Steve's very much looking forward to becoming actively engaged with Sukkat Shalom along with his two daughters — Kacey having been bat-mitzvah last year through the Yad Vashem twinning programme. Steve is hoping to be able to start the LJ Baa'alei Tefillah programme for lay leaders this September — something that had been set in motion when he was in Norwich. We very much look forward to getting to know Steve and his family.

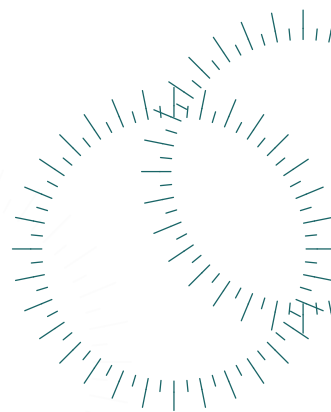
Purim and Passover Celebrations

Nick Silk



Our Purim celebrations this year will take place on both erev Purim, Wednesday 16th March, and Purim itself, Thursday 17th March. On erev Purim we will be at St Marks from 6pm, where we invite everyone to come along in fancy dress. We will be having some light refreshments and invite you all to bring along some hamantaschen or indeed any other goodies for us to share. We won't be reading the megillah or having a purimspiel since they will both be taking place on-line at 6pm on Thursday 17th. We'll be joining together with our friends at the Leicester, Manchester and the Ark communities on Zoom, just like last year, and after an interactive megillah reading led by Rabbi Mark we'll have our purimspiel. Once again Nancy Lynner has written it, and if you would like to be involved please email contact@eljc.org and we'll pass your name onto the Director — although in all fairness we do need to say that with the number of communities involved, we can't promise that everyone will be able to participate.

First night seder this year coincides with Good Friday i.e., Friday 15th April. We are planning to make this an in-person event which Rabbi Mark will lead and we do have our usual venue booked. At the moment we're working on getting caterers who could cater the event for us. We've yet to confirm how many people we will be able to accommodate, but rest assured that we will let you know how to book in plenty of time. In the meantime, note the date in your diary if you haven't already done so.



Mike Valencia's Stone Setting

Sunday 20 January 2022

Family and friends gathered to mark Mike Valencia's stone setting at Dean Cemetery and to remember together our much-missed member of Sukkat Shalom at a service conducted movingly by Rabbi Mark. It was good to be able to get together afterwards at the Cornerstone Café at St John's Church and Heather greatly appreciated everyone's presence and support.

At the cemetery, Mike and Heather's grandchildren, Mara and Joel, read the poem 'Ithaca' by C F Cavafy (bit.ly/cavafy-ithaka) and Heather then read Mike's own poem written in response:



After Cavafy

The voyage has been so long and now I am approaching the harbour.

Leaving the unpredictable open sea, on each side

I see the shores of a narrowing bay,

and watch the evening sun reflected in wavelets

spread over calmer water.

I know that ahead shore-people wait, curious to inspect my cargo;

all that I have acquired by good fortune and sometimes deviously over a long voyage.

I have lived comfortably for a while in vibrant cities,

and then sailed on to visit verdant downlands rising from pleasant shores.

True, I have encountered rocky islands

and been lucky to escape in fear from their dark caverns.

I have never traded wisely, nor sought opportunities.

My hands were never firmly on the tiller.

I let the current bear me, while fortunate winds prescribed my course.

Yet now I see that much is loaded safely in my hold.

From each quarter where I travelled, I have preserved some bounty

bound together with a little wisdom, and I slip fortunate and happy towards the dock.

Mike Valencia (from his collection, *Archaeology*, Peacock Publishing 2020)

Interfaith Report

Nick Silk

This year, the Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) commemoration in Scotland was held on 26th January, the day before the UK HMD event, the 27th January 1945 being when Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated. The commemorations consisted of two events, both of which were hosted by EIFA, the Edinburgh Interfaith Association. During the day there was an in-person event at the Edinburgh City Chambers. Various local and national politicians attended and spoke at the event and our own Joe Goldblatt, the EIFA chair, also spoke. As well as having representatives from faith groups in attendance at the event, there were also schoolchildren from local schools. The feedback from one of the teachers sums up what HMD is all about:



'Thank you for allowing us to be part of National Holocaust Memorial Day. Our children came away empowered and wanting to learn more about the atrocities of genocide. They also want a deeper understanding of Jane Haining, Sir Nicholas Winton and Oskar Schindler. Thank you for giving me this platform to do this in the classroom.'

In the evening a pre-recorded video included recollections from Henry Wuga, who was on the Kindertransport from Germany, and Eric Eugene Murangwa, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide against the Tutsi. There was also commentary from Rahela Cirpaci on the Roma victims of the Holocaust. It is important that we remember that HMD remembers the victims of other acts of genocide and not just our own 6 million. Indeed, while each HMD has a specific theme — this year it was "One Day" — the perpetual theme of HMD is to ensure that we not just remember the Holocaust and subsequent genocides, but that in so doing we want to ensure that they never happen again.

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group (EWIG) Holocaust Memorial Gathering



Miriam Vickers (front row right) at Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group

Women of many faiths, among them Sukkat Shalom member, Miriam Vickers gathered on 22 January to mark the Holocaust, lighting candles, sharing poems, prayers and food — including a Babka challah brought by Miriam.

What's the Right Time for Erev Shabbat Services?

We had a brief discussion at the AGM about the best time for Friday evening services. This might be slightly confusing, because we have two kinds of Friday evening services: one at 6pm, which we call Kabbalat Shabbat (welcoming Shabbat). That service, usually at Marchmont St. Giles, is deliberately timed very early and is very informal and short, finishing around 7pm, so that afterwards you can go to dinner or to a film. That wasn't under discussion: Kabbalat Shabbat services will stay at 6pm.

The other kind of Friday evening service, which we call our Erev Shabbat service, is a little less informal and less frequent — once a month — often about an hour and a half, and we usually hold it at St. Marks. It was the timing of this service that we were discussing. It's always been at 7pm, but feeling at the AGM was that this is the wrong time: too early to do anything beforehand — like have dinner, or get home from work — and too late for dinner afterwards. A straw poll at the AGM showed support for starting it at 6:30 instead, so it seems worthwhile to ask everyone about moving it.

This poll, then, is for everyone who comes — or would like to come — from time to time to the Erev Shabbat service, either online or in-person. Please fill it in on the basis of your personal preference, bearing in mind that we'd like to keep the online and in-person services at the same time.

You can access the poll in the most recent Etrog email, or you can complete it directly here: <https://bit.ly/erev-shabbat-service-times>

Community Care and Support

In these difficult times, we are here for each other, so don't hesitate to ask for any help and support you may need, including simply the need to talk.

OUR EXISTING CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT SYSTEM: phone 0131 777 8024 or email contact@eljic.org and one of the small group of people who respond to calls and emails will get back to you quickly.

RABBI MARK SOLOMON would like you to know that he's available on 07766 141315 and by e-mail at marksolomon@btinternet.com if you'd like to talk to him.

OUR WHATSAPP GROUP allows people to be in direct contact with each other very quickly where help is needed. If you're not already on it and would like to be, text your mobile number to Sue Lieberman on 07939 014720 and ask to be part of the group.





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