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EVENTS & SERVICES

Date Friday 6th February
Event Erev Shabbat Service
Venue Columcille Centre,
Newbattle Terrace
Time 7 pm

This is our regular erev Shabbat service.

Date Sunday 8th February
Event Tu B'Shvat Seder
Venue Columcille Centre,
Newbattle Terrace

The 'tent' team are visiting Edinburgh and will be conducting a variety of events, as follows:

2pm **Lunch for young adults** (bring a non-meat dish to share)

4pm **Tu b'shvat seder — for all members,**
(and especially the kids!)



**Join us for an Israeli-style Tu b'shvat with
Noa, LJ's shlichah and Avivit from 'tent'**

Since the establishment of the state of Israel, Tu b'shvat has been a holiday that has reconnected the Jewish people to the land of Israel. In the progressive movement and in modern Israel an environmental element has been emphasised and we take a deeper look at how we can love, learn and respect the land that sustains us.

EVENTS & SERVICES

Date Saturday 21st February
Event Shabbat Service
Venue Columcille Centre,
Newbattle Terrace
Time 11 am

Join us for our regular Shabbat morning service.

Informal Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Dates 13th & 27th February
Venue Marchmont - St Giles
1a Kilgraston Road
Time 6:15 pm

Join us for a short, informal service to welcome Shabbat.

Date Friday 6th March
Event Erev Shabbat Service
Venue Columcille Centre,
Newbattle Terrace
Time 7 pm

Rabbi Danny Rich, Chief Executive of Liberal Judaism, will be joining us this weekend for the service and our AGM (see p. 3). We'll be celebrating International Women's Day at this service. See more on p. 3 about how to get involved. The service will be followed by a family supper, so bring a non-meat dish to share.

Jewish Calendar for February 2009

9th February -- Tu B'Shvat

24th-25th February -- Rosh Hodesh Adar

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New Sukkat Shalom Library

Sukkat Shalom has received a small collection of Jewish interest books for our continuing use which marks the beginning of the Sukkat Shalom Library! They are mainly for use at our Cheder, with books for children and teaching materials, but may also interest adult members.

The books are currently being organised for loan and will firstly be available at the next Cheder. I have volunteered to oversee the project as librarian. More details to follow soon.

Lisa Barcan

Do we do it sitting or standing?

I'm sure you've all heard a variation on the story about a new Rabbi who joins a well-established congregation and, during his first few weeks, becomes increasingly frustrated about the behaviour of the congregation when the Shema is being said during services. Some people stand, some sit, and many aren't quite sure what to do and so stand a bit, sit a bit, and generally look round at other members of the community to see what they should be doing. Eventually the Rabbi decides to do something about this, so he approaches the eldest member of the community. 'Manny'. says the Rabbi 'you've got to help me. Every time we recite the Shema, we lose all decorum in our service. Some of the congregation stand, some remain seated, and most of them bob up and down not knowing what to do. What is our minchag? What do we do? You've been a member here for many years. What did we used to do when the community was becoming established?' 'Well' said Manny, 'You've got it spot on. What we used to do is some of us would stand, some of us would sit, and most of us didn't know what to do.'

Why do I mention this story? Well, at our last Religious Affairs committee meeting, we got onto the general topic of 'decorum during services' and in particular when is the best time for people to enter, or indeed leave, a service that has already started. For those of us who were members of Glasgow Reform Synagogue, the generally accepted rule was that you only did this when the congregation was sitting. I had always thought that this was because, when the congregation is standing, this is during a more 'solemn' part of the service and so you don't want to disturb people then.

However, whether or not that is the case, I do know that there is another school of thought (there's a surprise!) which says that, if you come in or move out when everyone is sitting, this is actually more disturbing than doing so when everyone is standing. So, having got this far at our Religious Affairs meeting, what did we conclude? Well, depending on your point of view, you could say we decided on a policy, or we didn't! We didn't want to be so prescriptive as to say 'you must do this' or 'you can't do that', so we agreed that I would write something for the newsletter, basically confirming that people should use their common sense, and make as little disturbance as possible when entering or leaving during the service. There are some obvious times when it would be best not to enter or leave the service; during silent prayer, or when the scroll is being read are examples. Otherwise, though, it seemed to us common sense tells us what's appropriate.

There is one occasion when we feel that any disturbance to a service is inappropriate. That is during the Yizkor (memorial) service on Yom Kippur. This is, I think, the only service where we do ask people to be there on time, and then try and control entry to the service. And I think I'm right in saying that this is something that all those attending the service would wish for.

Interestingly, one of the topics which was only briefly discussed was children at services. We all agreed that we want to encourage children to our services, and that as above, it all comes down to common sense in terms of ensuring they are enjoying themselves. Sometimes children do get restless, and sometimes it is appropriate to take them out of the service. Most of the time, having children at our services is something we all enjoy. So, once again, it all comes down to common sense. Is it OK for kids to move around a bit during the service? For the most part, yes. But if we're reading the scroll, then maybe it's not so good to have them running around at the front. As I say, I think it all comes down to common sense.

Nick Silk

Jewish Book Week 21 Feb- 1 March

Jewish Book Week kicks off on 21st February with events in London. Although there are no events in Edinburgh, you might want to check the website for information about new books.
www.jewishbookweek.com

News from the Council

The 2008 **Kol Nidre Appeal** is closed. We raised £2,980 for our four charities: Marie Curie, Cosgrove Care, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel and Tzedek. Each year our Kol Nidre Appeal has raised more money than the previous one. Thanks to all who contributed.

AGM

Our AGM is an important event for the community. This year is special: Rabbi Danny Rich, Chief Executive of Liberal Judaism, will be there as part of his weekend with us. The AGM will be at **6pm on Saturday, 7th March at Columcille Centre**, followed by a social hour with pizza and snacks, and a chance to chat with Rabbi Danny.

And that's not all! Afterwards, there's a concert of Jewish music and storytelling (part of the Festival of Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace) at Columcille, starting at 8:30pm. Sukkat Shalom is hosting it, and AGM attenders will get in at a discount!

Papers for the AGM will be sent to all members two weeks prior to the meeting. Please note that this means that 22nd February is the deadline for constitutional resolutions, and for notifying the subject of other resolutions.

Newsletter Editor Required

Due to work commitments, Kristi is looking to end her tenure as newsletter editor this spring. We're starting to look for a new editor in good time, so that Kristi can work with him or her through a transition period to make the hand-over go smoothly. Editing the newsletter is a great way to get to know people and to learn more about the community. If you're interested in volunteering or if you'd like to know more about the post, contact Kristi at newsletter@eljc.org or 0131 466 9356.

Seder

Our communal seder is an important event for the community, but every year it needs more volunteers, and the logistics are getting more complicated. After a thorough review of last year's seder arrangements, the Council has agreed that we need to hire a professional caterer to ensure that the event is sustainable.

This year's communal seder will be held on April 8th at Queen Margaret College. See the last page of this newsletter for details and booking information. Please note that with the new arrangements **all bookings and payments must be received by 20th March.**

International Women's Day at ELJC

As part of the erev Shabbat service on Friday 6 March, we will be commemorating International Women's Day with themed readings, for example, extracts from Gluckel of Hameln's journal, portraying the life of a strong business woman, mother, and educated Jew in 17-18th century Germany. Her diaries depict her own struggles and triumphs as well as documenting life for Jews in Germany before emancipation. To be involved, or to contribute with more readings, please contact Lindsay on lindsay.levy@googlemail.com.

Purim: Talent Wanted!

This year the Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community and Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation will celebrate Purim jointly, with a Megillah reading, talent show, and Purimspiel. The celebration will take place at EHC's Jewish Community Centre in Salisbury Road on the evening of Sunday 8 March. Volunteers wanted! If you have a talent to display or might play a role in the Purimspiel please contact Phil Wadler (wadler@inf.ed.ac.uk, 07976 507 543, 0131 447 4276).

Fairtrade Fortnight, 23rd Feb – 8th March

Unfair trade rules continue to lock millions of people in the developing world in poverty. Two billion people – a third of humanity – work hard to support themselves yet still struggle to survive on £1 per day or less. Through Fairtrade we are trying to help tip the balance of trade in favour of poor farmers and workers.

Fairtrade also provides us as shoppers the opportunity to fulfill our responsibilities to our neighbours in our efforts of *Tikkun Olam* (healing the world). You can help by taking action in Fairtrade Fortnight and throughout the year.

Check out the Synagogue Action guide 2009 at <http://tinyurl.com/Ftaction>.

There will be a free debate, *Can Your Shopping Basket Change the World?*, on 4th March at the Royal College of Physicians, Queen Street, 7-9pm. Details and more events are available at www.fairtrade.org.uk.

Progressive Jewish Organisations on Gaza

Statement from Rabbi Danny Rich to Liberal Judaism communities

There is no doubt that today is a critical and difficult time to be a Jew and to be an Israeli. It has been difficult to be an Israeli citizen living in the Southern part of the country, particularly the town of Sedorot , for some time now because it has been impossible to live a normal life. In Sedorot whether you are a child in school or a worker in employment or whether you are simply 'at home' you have lived with the fear and uncertainty that the alarm will sound, you will be forced underground, and a rocket will destroy your home or school.

The rockets will have been fired from the Gaza Strip, either by the governing Hamas Party itself or with its tacit approval. These rockets, at least one of which has arrived on most days for as long as anyone can remember, have continued whether or not Israelis settlers lived in Gaza , whether or not Israeli soldiers were active in Gaza, and whether or not Hamas had agreed a truce.

Under international law and common sense politics one of the first duties of a government is to protect the lives and properties of its citizens, and there is no doubt that provocation and understandable Israeli public pressure has forced the Israeli government to act.

At the beginning of this week the Board of Deputies, to which Liberal Judaism contributes, and the Jewish Leadership Council, on which Liberal Judaism is represented convened a meeting of representatives of the British Jewish community to consider a whole community response in the face of the current situation. The plan is for five days of action under the title 'End Hamas Terror. Peace in Israel and Gaza ', culminating in a rally in Trafalgar Square this coming Sunday, details of which can be found on the Liberal Judaism website. Although Liberal Judaism was invited to be present it was not possible for us to be so. We were, therefore, neither, invited to sign

up to the plans or latterly to contribute to the Board's press release and further coverage. Nevertheless many Liberal Jews will wish to be present at the rallies in London and Manchester , either as individuals or as part of the LJY Netzer or European Region contingents.

I cannot subscribe to the tone of the response, believing that, in accord with my Jewish teaching and humanitarian instinct, the appropriate reaction is to call for an immediate ceasefire (perhaps the Franco-Egyptian proposal) which may prevent further tragedy engulfing the Palestinian civilian population and save injury and worse to both Israelis in uniform and their fellow citizens in their homes. I am convinced that the continuing violence in the region will exacerbate tensions, nurture hatred, and make more difficult a peaceful resolution which is in the interests of both the Palestinian people and the State of Israel.

In that spirit I have today signed with a number of other faith leaders a call for an immediate ceasefire, and on Sunday I shall be speaking at a Muslim meeting in Batley, South Yorkshire with the local Member of Parliament, Mike Wood and the Bishop of Pontefract, Tony Robinson.

I am aware that my actions may be misinterpreted and misused by those who have no real interest in supporting peace in the region and would deny the right of the State of Israel to exist, and by those who, fearful of anti-Semitism and anti Israel activity, believe that this is a time for the British Jewish community to speak with one voice.

I know that many of my colleagues and friends will be disappointed that I have gone public with these very serious reservations, and I have only done so after much prayer, reflection and thought.

I am strengthened by the verse in Isaiah 62:1 "For the sake of Zion I will not be silent" and I am comforted by my confidence and hope that in time the Israeli and Palestinian peoples will have the opportunity to fulfil the Micah 4:4 vision of a land and two states 'where every person shall sit under the vine or the fig tree and no one shall disturb the other'.

170 people attend Liberal Judaism debate on Gaza

170 people attended Liberal Judaism's debate on Gaza on Monday, 12th January 2009 in central London and spontaneously raised £460 for Physicians for Human Rights. Speakers on the programme included Talya Lador-Fresher (Deputy to the Israeli Ambassador), Shahid Malik (Labour MP), Dr Tony Klug (Middle East Analyst), Daniella Peled (The Jewish Chronicle) and Rabbi Janet Burden (Liberal Judaism). Due to overwhelming demand the venue had to be changed at the last minute and the debate was held at the YMCA on Fitzroy Square rather than at Liberal Judaism's head office, The Montagu Centre. At the last minute Shahid Malik was unable to attend due to a late vote in the House of Commons.

The debate opened with 8-10 minutes of comments from each speaker. The Deputy Ambassador stressed that Israel was acting in self defence and reminded the audience that 75% of deaths in the first week of the operation were deaths of Hamas members, that there was little hope of dialogue with Hamas, and stated that the international community has let Israel down. She added that the shadow of Iran is on the whole region. Dr Tony Klug said the current conflict had increased the suffering on both sides and that in order to achieve peace it was essential to talk with both Hamas and Fatah. Daniella Peled expressed hope that Obama would engage more with the conflict and therefore achieve a kind of peace, stating that the solution to the conflict was political, not military. Rabbi Janet Burden told the audience that she had officiated at a Bar Mitzvah last week where Palestinian friends of the family were present – these friends had lost many family members in the current conflict. She said that the conflict was not black and white – there are no clear answers but what is clear is that we must help.

The spectrum of attendees was extremely broad, encompassing both Liberal Judaism members and including others such as

the Deputy Chair of the Zionist Federation, a member of Labour Friends for Palestine and a Muslim man who is keen to show A Diary of Anne Frank at his mosque. The range of views expressed by audience members reflected this and the audience frequently erupted into emphatic applause. One attendee said that all Jews should stand by Israel no matter what; another said the Israeli government was more interested in fighting Hamas than in finding peace; an Israeli from Tel Aviv said that he had heard criticisms of Israel but had not heard anyone propose a real alternative course of action; one person asked whether there was in fact any international interest in finding peace, suggesting that the international community was more interested in maintaining the conflict in the Middle East.

Rabbi Danny Rich, who chaired the event, said: "Once again Liberal Judaism provided a uniquely open forum for the exchange of ideas on a very sensitive topic. I firmly believe that dialogue and diplomacy both within the region and without are essential to finding peace and this debate was an example of the importance of listening and keeping the avenues of discussion open."

A DVD of the debate will be made available shortly for all Liberal Judaism communities.

World Union of Progressive Judaism: Statement on Gaza

The World Union of Progressive Judaism also issued a statement on Gaza:

"We stand with Israel in her effort to maintain security for her people and pursue peace with the neighboring nations and the Palestinian People. At the same time, we are deeply saddened and pained by the suffering and the loss of innocent lives, and wish that this sense of compassion and care for human life were guiding the extremist Hamas leadership, which is governing Gaza to the detriment of the Palestinians". The statement may be read in full on the News page of their website, <http://wupj.org>.

ELJC and Gaza

There has been intense discussion on the council mailing list about what we should be saying to ourselves, or to anyone else, about the situation in Gaza. The discussion exposed both our feelings about what happened in Gaza, and our view of the role of the community.

It's clear that feelings run very high: Israel is an emotive subject for all of us. So one strong conclusion was that we should proceed very carefully where we might endanger the unity of a community that we all value very highly, that has been built at personal cost for many people, and that won't be readily replaced.

There was some disagreement about whether Israel is an appropriate subject for discussion in our community: is Israel's behaviour a political issue, outside the remit of a religious community, or should we feel that Jewish ethics compel us to a position? Whichever side people took in this debate, no-one wants to impose a point of view on others: there will be no "ELJC position on Israel".

But our community can't preserve its values of openness and trust while this enormous issue lies silent and unacknowledged between us. Without any intention of trying to reach a common position, we have to try to talk—cautiously, with the greatest regard for one another's feelings, and with the interests of our community always foremost in our minds.

There is guidance and precedent for this—see, for example, <http://www.jrf.org/showres&rid=27>. We need to assure everyone who takes part that this will be a safe discussion for them: we will meet as friends and colleagues, assuming the best about one another, and that everyone desires the best outcome for all. No-one will be attacked for their position or made to feel in any way that they don't belong. There will be no attempt to force any specific outcome—we want to listen and understand one another's position, not change each others' minds. Stew Green and Sue Lieberman, both members of our community with appropriate professional skills, have agreed to act together as facilitators.

Of course we recognise this course of action has its dangers, but there is nothing we can do—or not do—that has no danger. It's up to us to recognise and minimise the dangers while doing the best we can to build an open and constructive discussion in line with the spirit of our community.

Maurice Naftalin

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith

18th February is the visit to the Synagogue in Salisbury Road, ending with refreshments provided by the Synagogue - (i.e. please do NOT take any food into the Synagogue). The evening starts at 7pm.

Rebekah Gronowski

Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace Festival 2009

The Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace (MESP) Festival kicks off with the **Middle Eastern Film Festival**, 31st January – 19th February. This year the Film Festival has focused on mapping the changing and evolving character of Iranian cinema. All films will be shown at the Filmhouse. For details, see www.filmhousecinema.com or call 0131 228 2688

February also brings a number of MESP Festival 'Pre-Events', including a concert hosted by the Jewish Literary Society:


A Jewish Musical Evening -- Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society Event

Venue: Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation, 4 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh, EH16 5AB.
22nd February, Concert at 7.30pm (tea at 7pm).

The Head of Music at George Watson's College, Hector Scott, will lead a band of his talented students to play music with various Jewish connections. For more information see: www.ejls.org (A donation of £3 is requested.)

Exhibition and Festival Reception: Peacemakers of Israel/Palestine Exhibition – Photographs by award-winning photojournalist Angela Catlin, with words by Billy Briggs.

Tuesday 10 February - Thursday 12 February.
Reception and Public Viewing: Wednesday 11 February, 6pm, at the Scottish Parliament
The Festival will continue in March with a range of events, including the return of **Chana Sophia Yoffe and Tirtza Singer for a workshop on 'Jewish Approaches to Spiritual Healing'**. For more details, or to book tickets for all events, see www.mesp.org.uk.



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LJS Israel Tour May 2009, Led by Rabbi Mark

Why not join The LJS 7 Day Tour to Israel in May '09? Led by Rabbi Mark Solomon this promises to be a fascinating tailor-made tour not to be missed. Visit Haifa and Akko, the ancient city of Safat . See the Galil and Golan. Share with us Shabbat in Jerusalem . Meet with local experts and hear about the latest details of the Peace Process. Visit the Rose Red City of Petra . Swim in the Dead and Red Seas . The full itinerary is available online at <http://tinyurl.com/LJIsrael>.

Places are available now. Contact: Carol Roberts - carol.a.roberts@gmail.com.

BBC Seeks Jewish Family for Grandparents Documentary

Sarah Rubin of Blast! Films is looking for a Jewish family to feature in a three-part observational BBC documentary about grandparents and the unique bond they have with their grandchildren. It would be great to see a Liberal Jewish family represented in a positive way on national television. They are particularly interested in finding a family with a Bar or Bat Mitzvah or a wedding or anniversary celebration planned between February and April 2009. For more information, contact the producer, Sarah Rubin, at srubin@blastfilms.co.uk or 0207 267 4260 or 07779669641, and do let **Alexandra** at the Montagu Centre know too on 020 7631 9831.

Jerusalem Open House Emergency Appeal

The Jerusalem Open House (JOH) is Jerusalem's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community centre, providing an array of services from LGBT advocacy through youth groups, to Israel's



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only LGBT health clinic, to social and cultural events. Sadly it has been adversely affected by the world financial crisis and is now asking for help via Liberal Judaism. You can read a letter from JOH at <http://tinyurl.com/JOHAppeal>.

Under 18? Win an iPod nano by Answering Liberal Judaism's Youth Survey

Under 18s could win an iPod nano or one of five £10 iTunes vouchers* by filling in a questionnaire about their attitudes towards being young and Jewish. Help Liberal Judaism provide the services that young people need and want. You can find the survey online at www.liberaljudaism.org/youthsurvey.

Young Volunteers Invited to Feature in the *Jewish Chronicle*

The *Jewish Chronicle* is looking for young volunteers to feature in their Volunteer of the Week column. Currently most of their submissions come from the retirement age bracket. Do you know of any young people in your community who volunteer for charity? If so please contact Alexandra Ben-Yehuda on alexandra@liberaljudaism.org or 020 7631 9831. Please note that this column only features those who volunteer outside of their own synagogue - for charities both Jewish and non-Jewish. .

Young Adults -- 'tent' Travel 2009

'tent' will be appearing at the World Union for Progressive Judaism biennial conference in Israel, 18 to 23 March. There is also a 'tent' trip planned for Argentina later this year for Sukkot, 30 Sept to 12 Oct. For details, contact Avivit on a.katzil@liberaljudaism.org or 07866 501 787.

Our Crowd

By Joe Goldblatt

This month our spotlight is on council and ELJC member, Ricky Hogg.

Q: What is your favourite Jewish holiday and why?

A: My favourite Jewish holiday is Purim. I chose this holiday among all others because of the many happy times I had dressing up with the rest of the volunteers/members on the Kibbutz and having the perfect excuse to do so. It also gave us license to go a little bit crazy for a day!

Q: What is your favourite Jewish food?

A: My favourite Jewish food has to be falafel. I fell in love with this native foodstuff a long time ago. Picture this: the Old City in Jerusalem, falafel deep fried in six month old fat from a kindly street vendor! Via persistence and perseverance I finally honed the skill to build a chip and salad Tower of Babal on the open pita bread. Yum! I chose this food because it is cheap. (Working on a Moshav paid very poorly in those days.)

Q: What is your favourite Jewish memory?

A: My wife Clare sitting beside me crying at the Bet Din when the Rabbi quoted "He has taken upon himself the yoke of the domination of heaven etc."

Q: What do you like best about ELJC?

A: Being part of it for long enough to see those little five year old children grow up, flourish and become men in our community. It is also nice to see new members coming forward to take on responsibilities and injecting fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

Q: Tell us a secret about?

A: I was in a movie with Brooke Shields called Sahara on location in Israel!!! I still have my day job. J

Q: What is your favourite Jewish song?

A: Although not a song, a favourite tune is "Meron Nign/ Tune from Meron" by the Klezmer

Conservatory Band. We play this in our house on Shabbat and the children dance to it. It has become our own wee family ritual! My favourite Jewish composers, artists, entertainers or authors include: Frank Zappa (very underrated), Gene Wilder (comic genius) & Danny Kaye. The artist Stuart Duffin is a real talent. He is Scottish and although not Jewish, most of his work has a Hebrew slant to it due to working in Israel. We have two of his Mezzotints and gain much pleasure from them. Here is his web page www.stuarduffin.com Enjoy!

Q: If you could have dinner with a famous Jewish celebrity, who would you choose?

A: A table for 4 with Danny Kaye, Golda Meir & Arnold Brown the comedian please, and Golda Meir talking about the current state of affairs at home/abroad perhaps sharing a nice wine (with unlimited top-ups).

Q: What are your favourite travel destination?

A: Highland Perthshire - Kenmore at the top of Loch Tay is a place we run away to throughout the year. With lots of outdoor adventures and good Highland air you almost forget about the midges (almost). Israel, (of course!) is another favourite destination. I have been schleping back and forth to Israel since 1978 working on various kibbutz & moshav. Ah! my younger days but a distant memory. We have good friends on Moshav Shores near Jerusalem and enjoy our times there when work/money allows.

Q: How do you describe your personal journey in Judaism?

A: A long walk home.

Q: How do you describe ELJC?

A: Sincere and accommodating. Very accommodating of all people who wish to participate in its sincere aims.



The Exchange

Do you have something you'd like to buy, sell, trade? Want to announce an achievement, or just share a bit of news with others in the community? Send contributions for the Members' Exchange to the editor at newsletter@eljc.org.

Elementary Hebrew classes

We are running elementary Hebrew classes (Aleph Bet level) mainly for people who are considering converting to Judaism. A new group will be starting shortly and there could be spaces for one or two other people who might like to join them. If this would be of interest to you please leave a message on the community phone (0131 777 8024) or email membership@eljc.org

Judo Triumph for Adam & Leora

Adam and Leora Wadler have just got back from their first international judo tournament, brimming with success! At the 2009 Willich Open, Leora won gold in the Under 11/Under 48kg girls and Adam won bronze in the Under 11/Under 40kg boys. The tournament attracted players from 17 clubs across NorthRhine-Westphalia (around Düsseldorf), a nearby Dutch club, and two Scottish Clubs.

A proud mother

Many thanks to all who contributed this month. Items for publication are welcomed, as are responses to items published. The deadline for the next newsletter will be Friday, 20th February. Please email all contributions to newsletter@eljc.org.

Thanks!

Members of Sukkat Shalom wish to thank Eve Morris for the exquisite quilt which she designed and made specially for our Community and which she presented to us at a Service a few months ago. We are very grateful to Eve for taking so much trouble in making such an intricate work of great beauty with such care and love. We will be able to use it at Services and it will provide a superb background to our Sefer Torah.

Thank you Eve!

*Rebekah Gronowski,
on behalf of Sukkat Shalom*



Good luck to **Ida Skubieska**, who is going to be staying in a residential home in Glasgow for now. We in the Community all wish her well.

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The Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community
Most Cordially Invites you and Your Guests to Celebrate
Passover
at the
Annual Edinburgh Community Seder

8th April 2009 at 7pm

Queen Margaret University (QMU)

Queen Margaret University Drive

Edinburgh EH 21 6UU

Tickets are 25 pounds per person. This covers a three course meal, wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee and the seder led by Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovich. Transportation to QMU is available by Lothian Bus (30), Train (8 minutes from Waverley Station to QMU/Musselburgh station).

YOUR ADVANCE DONATION IS REQUIRED TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR DONATION TO NANCY WARREN AT 2 Kirkbank Road, Burntisland KY3 9HX. Please make your check payable to ELJC. Please make your cheque payable to "Sukkat Shalom Edinburgh". **Note, all payments must be received by 20 March 2009.** If a minimum number of bookings is not received by this date, we reserve the right to cancel this event and refund all payment. **Concessions are available to families, senior citizens and others who require assistance.**

Please contact Jonathan Broadie at treasurer@eljic.org for a confidential discussion to enable a concession to be made available. For further information about the ELJC Community Seder please contact Dr. Joe Goldblatt at 0131-662-4149.