

Sukkat Shalom Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community (SCIO)

Scottish Charity No. SC035678

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts, 1st September 2020 – 31st August 2021

During the period September 2020 – August 2021 all our activities continued on-line, essentially continuing what we started in March/April 2020, albeit that by September we had established a fairly stable routine. While at times we did start thinking about whether we should restart in-person activities, events were such that we never did; we were always very clear that we wished to be 'on the cautious side'. All this notwithstanding, we did conduct a wide range of on-line activities:

- During the year we held Zoom services on both a Friday evening and Saturday morning. We also held short Havdalah services on a Saturday night. The Zoom services were mostly led by our part-time Rabbi Mark Solomon, and, as was the case for all our Zoom services, they were held jointly with the Leicester and Manchester Liberal Jewish Communities. On occasion we also joined other communities for joint services
- We also held services for Jewish festivals, again mostly led by Rabbi Mark
- Rabbi Mark continued to lead on-line Talmud study and Philosophy discussion groups. As was the case since the start of the covid pandemic, these were held weekly. For those interested in converting, Exploring Judaism classes were held by Rabbi Mark, also every week. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of people who are interesting in converting to Judaism since March 2020
- As has always been the case, in addition to his regular activities, Rabbi Mark continues to provide support to us both as a community and to individual members
- Our religion school (cheder) met on average every other week on a Saturday afternoon, with individual classes meeting at different times on Zoom. We have some 25 children in our cheder; with some of our cheder children living some distance from Edinburgh, we have tended to have more children joining the Zoom classes than were attending in-person
- We have continued to send out, electronically, our 'weekly reminders' to members and other interested parties who have asked to receive our communications, as well as our bi-monthly newsletter, Etrog, which contains articles of general information. Copies of recent editions of Etrog can be found on our website (<http://eljic.org/index.php/new-newsletter>) as indeed can other details about the community

More details about our activities are available in the reports that were presented to members at the AGM on 20th February 2022 and are available on our website at <http://eljc.org/index.php/organisation>.

Trustees as at 31st August 2021

Sue Bard, Jonathan Broadie, Marjory Broadie, Helen Ford, Stefano Giossi, Lorraine Hershon, Barrie Levine, Maurice Naftalin, Gillian Raab, Kyla Reid, Nick Silk

Signed on behalf of the trustees by:



Nick Silk (co-chair)

Date 1/3/2022



Gillian Raab (secretary)

Date 2/3/2022

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