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**Sukkat  
Shalom**  
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## Diary

<b>August 2017 / Av – Elul 5777</b>				
Fri 4	Av 13	6pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service	<a href="#">Marchmont St Giles</a>
Fri 11	Av 20	7pm	Erev Shabbat service	<a href="#">Columcille Centre</a>
Fri 18	Av 27	6pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service	<a href="#">Marchmont St Giles</a>
Fri 25	Elul 4	7pm	Supper and Songs, led by Rabbi Mark Solomon	<a href="#">Columcille Centre</a>
Sat 26	Elul 4	11am	Shabbat service, led by Rabbi Mark Solomon	<a href="#">Columcille Centre</a>
Sun 27	Elul 5	4pm	Philosophy discussion group	<a href="#">Columcille Centre</a>
<b>September 2017 / Elul – Tishrei 5777</b>				
Fri 1	Elul 11	6pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service	<a href="#">Marchmont St Giles</a>
Fri 8	Elul 18	7pm	Erev Shabbat service, led by Rabbi Mark Solomon	<a href="#">Columcille Centre</a>
Sat 9	Elul 18	1:30pm	Tea and Talmud	<a href="#">Columcille Centre</a>
Sun 10	Elul 19	4pm	Philosophy discussion group	<a href="#">Columcille Centre</a>
Fri 15	Elul 25	6pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service	<a href="#">Marchmont St Giles</a>
Wed 20	Tishrei 1	7pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah service	For details of our High Holyday arrangements please see below.
Thu 21	Tishrei 1	11am	Rosh Hashanah service	
Sat 23	Tishrei 3	11am	Shabbat Shuvah service	
Fri 29	Tishrei 10	7pm	Kol Nidrei service	
Sat 30	Tishrei 10	11am	Yom Kippur service	

### Venues

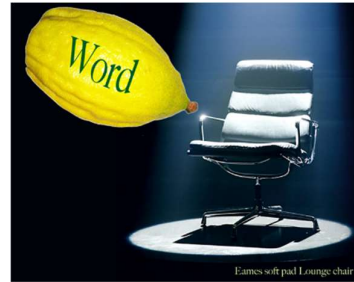
#### Marchmont St Giles

1a Kilgraston Road, EH9 2DW. Enter the Church Centre by the door down the path to the left of the church.

#### Columcille Centre

2 Newbattle Terr, Edinburgh EH10 4RT. Red door on the right-hand side, coming from Morningside Road, before the Dominion Cinema.

## Word from the chair– changing our venues and photograph permissions?



I think that I need to rename my article 'update from the Council', since once again I'm going to focus on things that have been discussed at our Council meetings. While I had thought that I should perhaps apologise for doing this, on reflection I don't think that's the right thing to do. All of us on Council are elected to run and manage the affairs of our *shul*, so it is right that everyone is aware of what's happening, and while the meeting minutes are available to all members, I can't imagine that they are anywhere near the top of your reading list.

In my last 'word' I said that we have been looking at the venues that we use for our services and how much they cost us. We have now finished this review, and in particular we looked at our current venue, Columcille, and compared it to St Mark's. In looking at these venues we considered not just the cost but all aspects relating to the venue – so things like ambience, availability of the rooms we hire, kitchen facilities, parking and closeness to public transport. A formal document was prepared looking at all these different aspects and at our last Council meeting we concluded the review.

Occasionally we do have to have difficult discussions at Council meetings, and I found this discussion looking at venues one of the most difficult we have had. In essence we were asking the question – should we consider moving our regular erev Shabbat and Shabbat services from Columcille to St Mark's? The reason for this is because we can save well over £1,000, representing over 25% of our regular service hall hire costs, by moving to St Mark's. As I said above, cost isn't everything, and the review considered all aspects of what we would want for a venue.

During our discussions it was clear that we all have different opinions. The one thing that did come through was that, whatever the decision, we all have a huge fondness for Columcille, for the way they have 'looked after us' and for how their

ethos is very much aligned to ours. Otherwise, it was very much a case of different people having different opinions. Some think that Columcille is a better venue for services, others not. Some highlighted that parking at St Mark's isn't great, others that it has better access to public transport. I think it's fair to say that there was no one overriding aspect that made everyone prefer one venue to another.

During our discussions, it became apparent that, since there is no overriding factor in favour of either Columcille or St Mark's, the cost factor becomes more significant, and at the end of the debate there was a clear consensus that we should start more formal discussions with St Mark's about holding our regular services there. By the time you read this article I hope these discussions will have started, and I would like to conclude by saying that we have kept Columcille informed about our review, prior to making the decision to start discussions with St Mark's, and we will obviously continue to do so.

What else has been going on at Council? We discussed photographs in *Etrog*, and whether we need to get permission from anyone whose photo appears in *Etrog*. We think we do, so we would ask that anyone who is taking a photo that could appear in *Etrog* ask those in it whether they are OK for the photo to be published in *Etrog*. And similarly if you are in a photo and you don't want it to go into *Etrog*, please also say. And while I'm on the subject, it's probably worth noting that our policy is that we don't allow photographs to be taken during services. Before and after is fine, and during social events is fine too.

The last thing I want to mention on our discussions at Council is to note that the taxi service, which was announced in the last edition of *Etrog*, is up and running and has been used. So, if you struggle to get to services and a taxi would allow you to do so, please do get in touch with Ricky Hogg (07962 076017) who will provide more details.

Elsewhere in *Etrog* you'll see details of the forthcoming High Holyday services. Once again we have Rabbi Andrew Goldstein visiting us, and this year Rabbi Andrew will be leading our Rosh Hashanah services while Rabbi Mark will be leading our Yom Kippur services. On which note, given that this is the last edition of *Etrog* before the High Holydays (and it's early July as I write this!) – I wish you all *shana'ah tovah* and well over the fast.

**Nick Silk**

## High Holyday Information

It may seem too early to think about the Yomim Noraim at the beginning of the summer holiday period, but they come early this year and will be with us before we know it. Here is some outline information.

### Dates

Rosh Hashanah:

- Erev, Wednesday 20th September,
- Morning Service, Thursday 21st September

Yom Kippur

- Kol Nidrei, Friday 29th September
- Yom Kippur morning, Saturday 30th September



We will have the same two Rabbis to lead our High Holyday services as we had last year, but taking the opposite services from last year. Rabbi Andrew Goldstein, Emeritus Rabbi at Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue and President of Liberal Judaism, will take the services on Rosh Hashanah and our own part-time Rabbi, Mark Solomon, will lead our Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur services. As in previous years all services will be held in St Mark's Unitarian Church, Castle Terrace. There will be a buffet lunch after the Rosh Hashanah morning service and we plan to go to a restaurant together to break the fast after the Neilah service on Yom Kippur. For security reasons we ask everyone who attends to have an individual ticket.

### Members

You will be sent your tickets for the services during August. They will include all details.

### Non-members

If you wish to join us, please apply for a ticket. Sue Bard is in charge of dealing with requests for tickets. Tickets are not ready yet, but if you contact her now she will put you on the list to be sent information when they are ready. To do so, please leave a message addressed to her on [the contact page](#) of our web site with your email and telephone contacts and she will get back to you with more information when the tickets are prepared. If you don't have Internet access, please leave a message for Sue on the community phone (0131 777 8024).

It's too soon to wish you all Shanah Tovah – but good remains of the old year and an enjoyable summer.

## Honey and Milk are under your tongue

### (Song of Songs 4:11): our Shavuot Seder

Sukkat Shalom held its third Seder this year with its celebration of Shavuot on 30 May. Thanks go to Rabbi John Rayner who in 1962 introduced the innovative ritual of a Shavuot Haggadah and to those who in 1986 published a revised version. The current Shavuot Haggadah is inspired partly by the Pesach Haggadah and partly by the medieval, kabbalistic custom of Tikkun Leyl

Shavuot – spending Shavuot night in the study of Biblical and Rabbinic passages. The Haggadah shel shavuot includes texts drawn from the Bible and Rabbinic literature, songs and the beautiful symbolic ritual of presenting a Seder plate of five symbols to which the Torah is compared: water, wine, honey, milk and oil. The readings reflect the agricultural origins of the festival of Shavuot and show how it came to be associated with the Revelation at

Mount Sinai. Our Shavuot Seder was a well-attended, joyful and satisfying occasion led with energy and warmth by Rabbi Mark Solomon. For most of us it was a new way of celebrating Shavuot – reading, eating and singing together. Honey and milk were certainly under our tongues with the astounding array of cheese cakes and other delights .



## Do you, or does someone you know, struggle to get to services?

In the last Etrog we let you know that we'd set up a contract with a local taxi firm for those members who would like to come to services but find it difficult or even impossible to get to them. The contract involves Sukkat Shalom depositing a set amount of money with the taxi firm so that taxis can be ordered just using a password and code, and the cost of the taxi is taken from the money we deposit.



Feedback from members who've used the service so far are very positive. So if you, or someone you know, could benefit from this service, please go ahead and try it out. Ricky Hogg is overseeing the contract. If you think you'd like to use it, or want to find out more just give Ricky a ring on 07962076017.

## A Greener Way to Services and Events

Our support taxi service is now up and running and we are keen on keeping the ball rolling with an idea that we hope will not only help those attending services and events, but will also make a saving on those pesky parking charges, AND help cut our carbon footprint too :-)

We are looking to form a network of members who are willing to co-ordinate with each other on lifts to and from various services and events. I can set up a WhatsApp group on receipt of your mobile phone number. This will inform all in the group who are attending services or events, and with only a few texts, start coordinating lifts with each other. Simple!!

Please contact me on 07962 076017 and I'll add your name and number. If you don't have WhatsApp it is very easy to download and costs nothing to install. Just key in WhatsApp on your browser and follow the prompts.

***Ricky Hogg***

## Good News on Stew's Sprint for Edinburgh Interfaith Association



Stew successfully completed his challenge at Grangemouth Open Graded Meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>, raising the fantastic sum of £1248 for EIFA. He had originally intended to do it a couple of weeks earlier at Livingston but this was scuppered when he pulled his hamstring in his penultimate training session. Despite his leg not being completely healed, he managed an extremely impressive 37.51 seconds against his target of sub-46! Stew later told Etrog:

"I honestly couldn't believe it when I saw the result posted because the fastest I had ever managed before I hurt myself was between 41 and 42 seconds. At that stage I was secretly hoping that with more training and a fair wind, etc, I might just be able to get under 40. But at Grangemouth I was expecting to be slower because I had to deliberately hold myself back all the way round just to make sure I finished. So much so, that I could hardly bring myself to look at the result—so concerned was I that I had not done enough to stay inside my 46 target. I really had no idea at all. You can imagine therefore how shocked and elated I was when I saw the time posted after the race!

I have been thinking a lot about it since and can't really explain it other than that my self-perception must have been deceived by a combination of the race conditions (first time ever for me) and adrenalin. I'm so thrilled and really still can't believe it - I actually woke up that night wondering if I was in one of those vivid dreams where you think you're awake but you're actually dreaming it all!!

"Anyway I now have an official time recorded for eternity which you can see here posted on Powerof10 (the official record for all UK official athletes) Athlete Profile. All of Rohan's and Mo Farah's performances are recorded here too, so I'm in good company!

My thanks to all who supported me and EIFA."

**Stew Green**



## A Double “A” for Our Community



At the Shabbat morning service on 15th July we held an admission to Judaism ceremony for Alex Dillon and Adam Clark. Alex and Adam had just appeared before the Liberal Judaism Beth Din in London, after completing all the requirements and being recommended by our Rabbi. At the ceremony they made their commitments to live Jewish lives and were presented with their signed certificates. Both Adam and Alex have recently been students here. Alex has just graduated in English literature but, sadly for us, is returning to the USA for what promises to be a successful career in theatrical production. Adam, who is an amazingly talented linguist, with a degree in Japanese is completing his PhD in linguistics. The round challah shown here was made for the occasion by Yonatan Eisenberg.

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## Edinburgh Interfaith Association News

### Funding

As I write, the outcome of the Scottish Government funding round has just been announced and the good news is that Edinburgh Interfaith Association (EIFA) funding has been retained at the current level of £50K. This is still less than the circa, £80K received prior to this year but better than our fears, which were of a further cut. However, it is for defined project activities and not core funding; thus further work / fund-raising will be required to ensure our core costs are covered. Nevertheless the fact that it is also for three years rather than just one is a welcome relief and should help ensure more stability and security for the immediate future.

## The Peace Walk



The Peace Walk at the end of May this year was hosted by the Jewish communities. It was a huge success with both Rabbi Solomon and Rabbi Rose involved as well as many attendees from both communities. In total, a record group of nearly 100 folk participated and all seemed to enjoy the excellent hospitality provided by the two communities at Salisbury Road, where the walk



terminated. Again we were blessed by good weather; it was even too hot for some of us. When we stopped at the Central Mosque we were supplied with bottles of water, even though it was Ramadan and no Muslims would be taking water. The afternoon

was a huge success in all respects, not least in providing an excellent platform for us to showcase the Jewish Community in this, our bi-centenary year.

## Four dates for your diary

*Saturday 12th August* Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group (EWIG) is organising a day trip to Dunblane Cathedral, one of Scotland's oldest and most important surviving medieval churches. In the afternoon there will be a visit to the Memorial Park in Bridge of Allan. Weather permitting, we will have a picnic in the garden (please bring your own packed lunch). The bus will be leaving from the Methodist Church at Nicolson Square Edinburgh EH8 9BX (near the Festival Theatre) at 10.00am sharp. To book, email [nila.joshi@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nila.joshi@tiscali.co.uk).

*Sunday 3rd September at 3pm* there will be a presentation followed by a community meal at the Sikh Gurdwara, 1 Sheriff Brae EH6 8TJ. The event will celebrate the installation of the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Scripture) in the Golden Temple in Amritsar in 1604. The presentation will emphasise the importance of the scripture to the Sikh faith. The talk will be followed by a Q&A session and the community meal. Please RSVP if attending to [info@eifa.org.uk](mailto:info@eifa.org.uk)

*Tuesday 19th September at 7pm* is our annual Peace Service. This year it will be held at the Hindu Mandir, St Andrew's Place, Leith. No need to RSVP, just attend!

And finally... Interfaith week this year will be from 12th to 19th November. Further details to follow.

## EIFA Website

The new shiny EIFA website is now live—and what a huge improvement it is. Hopefully it will be a good up-to-date source of info on EIFA and its activities. You can check it out at [www.eifa.org.uk](http://www.eifa.org.uk)

***Stew Green and Rebekah Gronowski***

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## Sue and Annie have walked The Pentland Way

A HUGE thank you to all those members and friends of Sukkat Shalom who have supported us in our three day walk across the Pentland Hills in aid of Tiphereth Camphill Community and Garvald Edinburgh, two inspirational and life-transforming organisations.



My daughter Annie, whom many of you know, lives at Tiphereth Camphill Community and works at Garvald Edinburgh's Art Studio, Bakery and Pottery. Our walk began at Garvald West Linton, where Garvald Edinburgh originated and ended three days later at Tiphereth Camphill.

The walk has been a great experience for both of us. We started at Dunsyre, where the church and its surrounding hills are strongly associated with the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Covenanting movement and its fight for religious freedom for Scotland. From there, it was just a three mile walk to Garvald West Linton, a community established in 1944 by a group consisting mainly of refugees from Austria, many of whom were Jewish or of Jewish heritage. We had a warm welcome and it was interesting to see round this still thriving community. It was here that Garvald Edinburgh, an urban offshoot of Garvald West Linton originated.



We stopped for the night at Peggyslea Farm at Nine Mile Burn—a B&B we can highly recommend—and began the next day with Jacqui Munday, chair of Tiphereth Camphill Community, at her nearby small holding and healing centre with which Tiphereth has a long connection. This was a more strenuous walking day as we tackled West Kip, East Kip, Scald Law (highest point in the Pentlands),

Carnethy and Turnhouse Hills en route to Flotterstone, our destination for that day. The clear, breezy weather was perfect for walking and we were rewarded with stunning views from each of the tops. Descending from Turnhouse Hill to Glencorse Reservoir, we arrived in plenty of time at Flotterstone Inn.

The third and final day was an exhilarating walk from Glencorse up on to the moors and then through Kinleith, home of James Thomson, the Weaver Poet who named his cottage 'Mount Parnassus' It was thrilling to arrive by this route at Annie's home at Tiphereth Camphill Community to be greeted by people,



bunting and lunch in the garden.

We are delighted to have raised well over £3000 so far. If you'd still like to donate, the funding page remains open until 25 August and you can donate by clicking on this link: <https://goo.gl/wZPhzF>. If you prefer another method of donating, email me at [susanbard3@gmail.com](mailto:susanbard3@gmail.com).

***Sue Bard***

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## A Day of Celebrating Liberal Jewish Music



The Day of Music held at Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue on Saturday 10 June was a joy from start to finish. Framed by Shabbat, the day began by rehearsing with the impressive Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue Choir, followed by a beautiful and highly musical Shabbat morning service in which the hundred-plus attendees could now participate. The day closed with a moving Havdallah ceremony led by two of the numerous musical rabbis (including our own Rabbi Mark Solomon) who were with us throughout the day.

In between times, there were workshops on Sephardi music for Liberal Shabbat services, on the art of keyboard accompaniment, on the ancient liturgical art of Torah chanting and on song-writing for the synagogue. There was a chance for both experienced and less experienced singers to join expertly directed scratch choirs and a lively and thought-provoking plenary panel discussion on "What is Liberal Judaism's musical tradition?" was a fitting end to the day.

It was good to be able to meet members of communities from all over the UK, including our 'sister' community in Leicester with whom we share our rabbi—a process helped along by the plentiful supply of delicious food and homemade cake.

Thank you to all the talented and committed people who made this day what it was, with special thanks to Northwood and Pinner's Music Director, Ruth Colin for her efficient and light-touch organisation and to the warm and welcoming Northwood and Pinner congregation.

*For information, Ruth has now created the NPLS Online Music Library, currently stored in Dropbox. To access the library and use it interactively you will need to have a Dropbox account. If you want to access the music, email Ruth on [music@npls.org.uk](mailto:music@npls.org.uk) in order to sign up.*

**Sue Bard**

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## Sukkat Shalom Year of Song

We were delighted to let you know in the last Etrog that our Sukkat Shalom Year of Song will be going ahead with a generous grant from the NLPS Trust. A programme of Sunday workshops and singing practices will start from November 2017 led by Mich Sampson and Rabbi Mark Solomon. Dates and times were given in the last Etrog and here they are again so if you're interested, you can make an early note of them.

### **WORKSHOPS AND SINGING PRACTICE DATES**

Workshops will take place on Sundays from 10.30 – 4.00 with a one-hour break for lunch. The venue isn't yet confirmed.

Singing Practice Sessions will take place on Sundays from 3.00 – 4.00 at Columcille, Newbattle Terrace

WORKSHOP 1: Sunday 5 November

SINGING PRACTICE 1: Sunday 26 November

WORKSHOP 2: Sunday 3 December

SINGING PRACTICE 2: Sunday 10 December

WORKSHOP 3: Sunday 21 January

SINGING PRACTICE 3: Sunday 28 January

WORKSHOP 4: Sunday 4 March

SINGING PRACTICE 4: Sunday 18 March

WORKSHOP 5: Sunday 6 May

SINGING PRACTICE 5: Sunday 27 May

### **Friday 25 August and Saturday 26 August**

There will be an observation day on Saturday 26 August, when Rabbi Mark is conducting the Shabbat service. It will include Mich's observation and recording of our service, a lunchtime meeting with singers/potential singers, and a two-hour meeting between Mich, Mark and the project planning group in the afternoon.

If you'd like to meet Mich and think you may be interested in coming to the workshops and practice sessions, come along to Supper and Songs on Friday 25 August or join us for lunch after the Shabbat service on Saturday 26 August (lunch venue to be confirmed, but near to the service venue at Columcille). Accordingly, there will be no Tea and Talmud that day.

## Book Festival and Fringe suggestions

Here is a selection of Fringe and Book Festival events that may be of special interest to Sukkat Shalom members and friends.

### Festival Open Day

**SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 12.30 – 3.30 at EHC Salisbury Road**

BBC producer David Neville will be conducting his annual not-to-be-missed showcase of performers and theatre companies who are presenting works with a Jewish cultural element or theme in the Festivals.

There will also be tea, coffee, bagels and cake and an exhibition about the history of the Jewish community in Scotland.

ADMISSION FREE

### Edinburgh Festival Fringe

**Booking:**

**web:** <https://tickets.edfringe.com/>

**tel:** 0131 226 0000

#### **THE FLYING LOVERS OF VITEBSK**

Venue: Traverse Theatre (Venue 15)

Dates: 15-20, 22-27 August

Daniel Jamieson's *The Flying Lovers of Vitebsk* follows Marc and Bella Chagall as they navigate the pogroms, the Russian Revolution and each other. Music and dance is in the Russian Jewish tradition. This show met critical acclaim at The Globe in London a year ago, and is highly recommended.

**Thank you Miriam Vickers for suggesting a group outing to this at 7 pm on Thursday 24 August. If you'd like to come get yourself a ticket and meet at 6.30 in the bar at the Traverse.**



### **WHEN THE SKY FALLS IN**

Venue: The Surgeons Hall, Theatre 3, Nicholson Street Edinburgh EH8 9DW

Dates: 22-26 August

This is a debut production written and performed by Jewish radio and television broadcaster Janet Gershlick about grief and how to survive it and was written when Janet lost both her mother and step-father within three months of each other. Janet threads comedy and humour through this sombre theme.

### **GHALIA'S MILES**

Venue: The Studio, 22 Potterrow, Edinburgh, EH8 9BL

Date: 9 August

Ghalia is fleeing Lebanon in the hope of building a new life in Europe. This play, by the highly-regarded Lebanese theatre / performance artist, Maya Zbib, depicts her extraordinary journey through the Middle East.

### **THERE IS NO ONE BETWEEN YOU AND ME**

Venue: The Studio, 22 Potterrow, Edinburgh, EH8 9BL

Dates: 12 August

A woman returns to a hometown she no longer recognises in this new play from Dalia Taha, Palestinian poet and playwright who grew up in Ramallah, Palestine.

### **OLD JEWISH JOKES**

Ivor Dembina

Venue: Laughing Horse @ Finnegan's Wake(Venue 101)

Dates: 3-7, 9-14, 16-21, 23-27 August

Popular performer, Ivor Dembina returns to the Fringe with a new comedy show guaranteed to raise many Jewish hackles.

ADMISSION FREE

### **2 RELIGIONS 1 COMEDY SHOW**

Henry Churniavsky and Joe Baines

Venue: Laughing Horse @ The Pear Tree(Venue 257)

Dates: 14-16 August

Henry's Show *Aaaah The Growing Pains of a Neurotic Jew* and Joe's *The Confused Sikh Who Loves Curried Mustard*. Henry Churniavsky on a journey of Jewish life from growing up to growing old. Joe Baines draws on his

experience of growing up in India, and the shock of being transported west.  
ADMISSION FREE

### **IT SHOULDA BEEN YOU**

Room 29 Theatre

Venue: the Space @ Venue45 (Venue 45)

Dates: 12-19 August

Musical *It Shoulda Been You* is about the wedding of a Jewish bride and a Catholic groom with mothers and ex-boyfriends as prominent players.

### **OLD STOCK: A REFUGEE LOVE STORY**

Venue: CanadaHub @ King's Hall

Dates: 5-6, 8-13, 15-20, 22-27 August

This piece of music theatre combines dark folk tale with high energy klezmer music from Ben Caplan and is inspired by the true stories of Jewish Romanian refugees who went to Canada in 1908.

### **MORE GEFILTE FISH AND CHIPS**

Daniel Cainer

Venue: Underbelly, George Square (Venue 300)

Dates: 2-28 August

Songwriter and regular Fringe performer returns with more of his story songs.

### **BOYCOTTED: COMEDY FROM ISRAEL**

Shahar Hason, David Kilimnick, Yohay Sponder

Venue: Laughing Horse @ Vic St Coffee Co (Venue 164)

Dates: 17, 19-24, 26-27 August

Three Israeli comedians with a growing English language audience in Israel draw on the trials and tribulations of everyday life.

ADMISSION FREE

## Hans Gal Performances

In the last *Etrog* we wrote about Hans Gal, the acclaimed Austrian musician who came to Edinburgh as a refugee in 1938 and was one of the founders of the Edinburgh International Festival .

Those of you who managed to get to, or wanted to get to, the performance at the Queens Hall of Hans Gal's tragic opera, 'Song of the Night', will be pleased to know that Hans Gal's work is included in a number of the Afternoon Concert programmes at St Michael and All Saints, 28 Brougham Street, Tollcross, EH3 9JH. All these concerts start at 3.30pm and they are free.

Saturday 5 August: The Roxburgh Quartet: *Five Intermezzi*, Op.10

Sunday 6 August: The Hans Gal Trio: *Variations on a Viennese Heurigen melody*, Op 9

Thursday 10 August: The Roxburgh Quartet: *Improvisation, Variations and Finale on a theme by Mozart*, Op.60b

## Edinburgh International Book Festival

### Booking:

**web: [www.edbookfest.co.uk](http://www.edbookfest.co.uk)**

**tel: 0845 5888**

Remember that while Book Festival tickets often sell out, if there's something you really want to get to it's worth going along early and queuing for returns – there always are some.

The Man Booker International Prize is given annually to a single book in English translation, shared equally between author and translator. This year the winners were Israeli writer David Grossman and translator Jessica Cohen for *A Horse Walks Into a Bar*. A number of book events relate to this prize.

At the time that the Book Festival programme went to press, the winners, and therefore their presence at the Book Festival were not yet known. At the time of Etrog going to press, the Book Festival was not able to confirm whether or not David Grossman and/or Jessica Cohen would be participating.

*A Horse Walks into a Bar* was described in the New Statesman (whose Book of the Year it was) as 'a writerly tour de force that would be unbearably painful, were it not also so generously humane'.

**If any Etrog reader would like to review this book for us, please contact the Etrog team on [newsletter@eljc.com](mailto:newsletter@eljc.com)**

### **Man Booker International Prize events:**

Daniel Hahn on the Man Booker International Prize Winner

Reading Workshop

Tuesday 15 August 11.00 am

### **Daniel Hahn: The Power of Translation**

Daniel Hahn discusses their roles in interpreting novels for and English speaking audience with two of the short-listed translators

Wednesday 16 August 2.15pm

**Nick Barley, Helen Mort and Daniel Hahn (three of the Man Booker International Prize judges) discuss *A Horse Walks into a Bar*.**

Wednesday 16 August 5.00pm

Other Book Festival events:

**Michael Rosen: Zola in Norwood**

In *The Disappearance of Emile Zola*, Michael Rosen tells the little-known story of what happened to Zola after he was found guilty of libel as a result of his 'J'accuse' denunciation of France's leaders over the Dreyfus Affair.

Saturday 26 August 11.45am

**Afternoon Tea with Elena Lappin**

Born in Moscow, Elena Lappin's family moved to Germany and then Israel. She herself then moved to Canada, the US and the UK. In her memoir *What Language Do I Dream In?* she describes her life as 'five languages in search of an author.' A traditional British afternoon tea is included in the ticket price.

Saturday 26 August 4.00pm

**Philippe Sands: Losing our Grip on Justice**

Philippe Sands discusses the themes of his memoir *East West Street* in the light of the potential unravelling of the 1945 post-war settlement that has occurred since the publication of *East West Street* in 2016.

Saturday 26 August 8.45 pm

## International Shalom Festival – volunteers and accommodation needed

This year's Shalom Festival will take place at **Drummond Community High School, Bellevue Place**. This independent festival features Israeli talents, with no sponsorship from the Israeli government.

It features the Hip Hop Opera, a comedy masterpiece from the Incubator Theatre of Tel Aviv, exhibitions, films, discussions a Gala concert,

The Festival will take place **on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th, and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August** and the exhibitions, including the two we illustrate below will be open from **11am to 4pm on the Tuesday and Wednesday and from 11am to 1pm on the Thursday**. For full details see [www.shalomfestival.org](http://www.shalomfestival.org). You will find links for each show that take you to the right page on the Fringe box office.

The festival needs volunteers as well as help with providing accommodation for visiting performers. Volunteers will get a beautiful Shalom Festival teeshirt, vouchers for snacks at the café, and a chance to see a number of films and the Incubator Theatre performance of *The City* (the one that couldn't play in 2014 because of demonstrators) as well as discounted tickets to the final Gala. To help with either of these please reply to this email and we will forward your offer to the festival organisers.

The pictures below are samples from two of the exhibitions. On the left one about the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, based in **Haifa**. and the one on the right shows Ihab (Islamic cleric and peace activist) and his Jewish wife Ora (mediator between people of different cultures) from Jaffa believe that there is no path to peace - peace is the path.



## Edinburgh Jewish Walks

A group of four of us, (Hannah Holtschneider, Michael Adler, Elaine Samuel and Gillian Raab) prepared a Jewish Walking Tour of Edinburgh, under the auspices of the Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society. The walk is part of the bicentenary celebrations of the founding of the first Jewish Community in Edinburgh and Scotland in 1817. Elaine and Gillian led a practice run for participants in the annual conference of the British Association of Jewish Studies, organised this year by Hannah and held in Edinburgh.



The tour starts with the first Jews who lived in the Canongate in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century and moves on to the area around the Pleasance, which was the old Jewish area and the site of the first synagogue, taking in the Jewish butchers and bakers on its way. It then follows the path the Jewish community's geographical mobility over the Meadows to Rabbi Daiches's house and ends up at the synagogue of the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation in Salisbury Road, passing through Edinburgh's first community cemetery in Braid Place.

The walk was recorded for Radio Scotland, will be broadcast on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August between 10am and noon (*Sunday Morning with...*) and will be available on BBC iPlayer Radio after the broadcast. Members of the team will be leading two walks in August for festival visitors, and we hope to lead at least one walk (depending on demand) for members of the Jewish community after that.

This photograph was taken by one of the conference participants, Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, who gave a wonderful address to the conference about the new Jewish museum (POLIN) in Warsaw: <http://www.polin.pl/en/about-museum>.



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