

# Sukkat Shalom

Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community

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## EVENTS & SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Monday 2nd April</u>
<u>Event</u>	Communal Seder
<u>Venue</u>	Columcille Centre Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh
<u>Time</u>	7pm

We will hold our 10th communal Seder with Rabbi Pete Tobias leading the service. If you would like to attend but haven't informed us, please contact **Gillian Raab** on **0131 226 6234** or **gillian.raab@googlemail.com** BY FRIDAY please.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Friday 6th April</u>
<u>Event</u>	Erev Shabbat Service
<u>Venue</u>	Columcille Centre Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh
<u>Time</u>	7pm

<u>Date</u>	<u>Saturday 21st April</u>
<u>Event</u>	Shabbat Service
<u>Venue</u>	Columcille Centre Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh
<u>Time</u>	11am

<u>Date</u>	<u>Friday 4th May</u>
<u>Event</u>	Chavurah Supper
<u>Venue</u>	Columcille Centre Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh
<u>Time</u>	7pm

With Rabbi Mark. The format for our chavurah supper will be the same as last time. There will not be a formal service, rather we will welcome Shabbat with a few prayers sitting round the table before we eat, after which we will sing some songs and no doubt have time for a chat too. Please bring something to share (no meat please!) and if you can arrive on time to help set up, all help will be welcome.


## Advance notice of other services

Some dates for the diary.....

Our **erev Shavuoth** service takes place on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** at **7pm**. If you would like to lead or even suggest topics for discussion after our erev Shavuoth service, please let Nick know

**Ricky Hogg** will be having his Bar Mitzvah service on **2nd June**.

Our **Shabbat** service on **16<sup>th</sup> June** will be held in **Melrose**.

  
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## May launch for 21st-century book

Liberal Judaism is publishing a new book in May. **Liberal Judaism: A Judaism for the Twenty-First Century**, by **Rabbi Pete Tobias**, of The Liberal Synagogue Elstree, explores how Judaism has always sought to address the fundamental questions that have faced humankind for thousands of years: the origins and purpose of human life, the existence of God, and the need for rituals and practices to encourage respect for creation and justice for its inhabitants.

Liberal Judaism's unique ability to meet the challenges of the 21st century, with its combination of ancient wisdom and modern awareness, is detailed in this book.

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*"Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding."*

**Albert Einstein**

## Chairman's Word

It's quite a coincidence that this year Pesach—supposedly a festival entirely on the theme of slavery and liberation—should fall this year just at the time that the same subject is so much in the news, with the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade. One idea that I'm only now absorbing from this coverage is the extent to which the economic foundations of this country were laid by the slave trade.

I had always absent-mindedly attributed Britain's domination of the nineteenth century to the fact that English people are good with boats, and I had managed to overlook what those boats were carrying—human bodies, being treated as perishable goods. That's what gave Britain its huge lead in the Industrial Revolution—something worth remembering when development aid is discussed as a kind of charity. It would make more sense to think of development aid as reparations!

I finally made the connection when the Make Poverty History campaign (remember that?—it's still alive!) sent me some resources to put on the MPHJC website. These are to help to connect slavery and Pesach, and you can find some stimulating and challenging ideas in them ([www.eljc.org/mph](http://www.eljc.org/mph)). I know Rabbi Pete is thinking about how to include some of them in our communal Seder on Monday night. But it's not just up to the man leading the Seder—as the Liberal Judaism leaflet tells us:

*When Jews retell the Pesach story, the point is to remind us that the same God that made possible the Exodus makes it possible at this very moment for the world to be transformed and liberated from all forms of oppression. So don't just read about the past, let your Seder table be filled with ideas, debate, and visions of what could be and what you personally will do to make it happen.*

What a great event the Seder is! When else do we get the opportunity to enjoy each others' company, to have a good meal, to experience the pleasure of reliving tradition, to fully sense the privileges and freedoms we have inherited, and to be challenged to repair the damage to the freedom of others that, directly or indirectly, we are accomplices to. It's got everything—let's make the most of it!

Maurice

## Mazel Tov

To **Phil Wadler** who will celebrate his birthday this month.

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## Get Well Soon

To **Rabbi David Rose** of Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation after his recent hospital stay.

To **Derek**, Nick Silk's father:

Best wishes from all the Community for a speedy recovery

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## Poetry Event

One of our prospective members, **Rohan Berry-Crickmar**, is going to be reading some of his poetry as part of a writers group night at the **Scottish Poetry Library** (Crichton's Close, off the Royal Mile) on **17th April**. The event begins at **7.30pm** and costs £3 (£2 concessions). He looks forward to maybe seeing a familiar few faces there.

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## Edinburgh Women's Inter-faith Group

Nicolson Sq Methodist Church  
Undercroft Café



**April 25** The film '**A Mother's Journey**' about the Jewish mother from Glasgow, Marsha Gladstone, on her visit to Israel a year after her son, Yoni Jesner was killed in a bomb blast and one of his kidneys was given to a Palestinian little girl. This is a beautiful and very poignant film and shows her meeting the little girl and her family.



Klezmer band **Moishe's Bagel** will be launching their new album **Salt** at a special gig just after Pesach, so come along and work off some Matzot. Details below - **Saturday April 7th, 7.45pm The Bongo Club, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh Tickets £10/8**, available from the Bongo in person between 1 & 4pm every day, and from the website all the time: [www.thebongoclub.co.uk](http://www.thebongoclub.co.uk)

### Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation .....

.....is hosting a **Yom Ha'atzmaut** event. For more details and to book tickets please contact **Jackie** on **01324 612126** or **0773 429 1836**.

### Ghetto Warriors Minority Boxers in Britain

**The Jewish Museum**, 129-131 Albert Street, Camden Town, London [NW1 7NB](#)  
Tel. 020 7284 1997  
Mon to Thurs 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-5pm  
Adults £3.50, Senior Citizens £2.50,  
Children/Students/Disabled £1.50,  
[www.jewishmuseum.org.uk](http://www.jewishmuseum.org.uk)

### £30,000 grant for The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities

THE Scottish Council of Jewish Communities has secured grants worth almost £30,000 from the Scottish Executive. The money will fund three specific projects. The first is two year funding to develop and expand 'MEMO' - a weekly bulletin of information of interest to all minority communities. A second grant will enable SCoJeC to reach out to isolated Jewish individuals scattered throughout Scotland and help connect them with the community. The third is to produce a new booklet with information on Judaism and the Jewish community in Scotland.

## Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society

### Apr 29 Annual General Meeting

A new feature of the AGM is that it will include a short talk to be given prior to the business of the meeting. *Speaker and title TBA.*

**Marian Oppenheim Hall, The Community Centre, 4 Salisbury Road, at 8pm sharp**

### Purim Play

Our Purim play this year was written by one of our prospective members, **Rohan Berry-Crickmar**; he is a student of creative writing and did a great job in providing us with a script full of broad humour. The stars of the piece were **Rohan** as Esther, **Phil Wadler** as Hegai, **Helen Ford** as Mordechai, and **Daniel** and **Joe Naftalin** as Ahasuerus and Haman respectively. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the Purim play a success.





## Sun-dried Tomato Sauce with Fair Trade Pasta

**Serves four**

### **Ingredients**

75g/3oz onion, chopped  
 75g/3oz carrot, chopped  
 75g/3oz celery, chopped  
 125g/4oz drained sun-dried tomatoes  
 1 tbsp oil from the tomatoes  
 1 tbsp butter or margarine  
 2 cloves of garlic, crushed  
 1 can chopped tomatoes  
 1 small glass dry white wine  
 Salt & Pepper  
 175g fairtrade pasta

### **Method**

1. Chop the sun-dried tomatoes
2. Heat the oil and butter together in a large pan. Add the vegetables and garlic and cook for 10 minutes or so, stirring all the time until they begin to soften.
3. Stir in the canned tomatoes, wine and seasoning. Cover and simmer for a further 30 minutes. Stir occasionally
4. Blend about half the sauce until smooth using a food processor or blender. Add this to the rest of the sauce and serve over the pasta with the cheese and, if you are feeling very wicked, a spoonful of creme fraiche or, better still, mascarpone, the Italian double cream fresh cheese which can be found in most supermarkets.

## Four Corners

The Purim issue of Four Corners, the newsletter of The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities, is now online at [http://www.j-scot.org.uk/Four\\_Corners/newsletters/07iii\\_4C\\_13.pdf](http://www.j-scot.org.uk/Four_Corners/newsletters/07iii_4C_13.pdf) Please let Clare know if you would like a copy posted to you.

## The old ones are the best....

1) As Moses and the Children of Israel were crossing through the parted Red Sea, Moses heard cries about how thirsty they were after walking so far. Unfortunately, the water was salty and not drinkable. Miraculously, a fish appeared from the wall of water and told Moses that she and her family heard the pleas of the people. The fish said to Moses that she and her family would remove the salt from the water by passing it through their gills and forcing it out of their mouths. The water would be fresh like a fountain from which the Israelites could drink as they walked by. Moses accepted this kindly offer. To remember the miracle of the fish who transformed salt water to fresh water, Moses let it be known that hence forth the Sedar to honor the Exodus would always include "Gill Filter Fish"

2) A Jewish man was waiting in line to be knighted by the Queen. He was supposed to kneel and recite a sentence in Latin. Comes his turn, he kneels, the Queen taps him on the shoulders with the sword ... and in the panic of excitement he forgets the Latin line. Thinking quickly, he recites the only other line he knows in a foreign language which he remembers from the Passover Seder: "Mah nishtana ha-lailah ha-zeh mi-kol ha-leilot." The puzzled Queen turns to her adviser and asks, "Why is this knight different from all other knights?"

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**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 Wednesday 25th April. Please email any contributions to [newsletter@eljc.org](mailto:newsletter@eljc.org)**





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