

# SUKKAT SHALOM

EDINBURGH LIBERAL JEWISH COMMUNITY

## August 2005

וּפְרוּס עֲלֵינוּ סֶכֶת שְׁלוֹמֵךְ  
*sukkat shalom - shelter of peace*



Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community

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### EVENTS & SERVICES

**Date** Friday 5th August  
**Event** Erev Shabbat Service  
**Venue** Columcille Centre  
2 Newbattle Terrace  
Morningside  
**Time** 7pm

**Date** Monday 15th August  
**Event** Council Meeting  
**Venue** tbc  
**Time** 7.30pm

**Date** Thursday 18th August  
**Event** Talmud Torah Class  
**Venue** Stephanie & Josh's house  
**Time** 8.30pm

Please let Josh know if you will be attending.

**Date** Friday 19th August  
**Event** Erev Shabbat service  
**Venue** Columcille Centre  
2 Newbattle Terrace  
Morningside  
**Time** 7pm

The service will be conducted by Rabbi Aaron Goldstein.

**Date** Saturday 20th August  
**Event** Introduction to Judaism Class  
**Venue** Columcille Centre  
2 Newbattle Terrace  
Morningside  
**Time** 9am

Rabbi Aaron will contact the 'regular attendees' at this class, but others are welcome to attend. Please contact Rabbi Aaron, or speak to Nick, for further details.

**Date** Saturday 20th August  
**Event** Shabbat Service & Lunch  
**Venue** Columcille Centre  
2 Newbattle Terrace  
Morningside  
**Time** 11am

The service will be conducted by Rabbi Aaron Goldstein. This will be followed by lunch - please bring vegetarian food for all to share - after which we plan to go and see a play called 'Golem' which is being performed by the Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue's Theatre group. It's on for several days at the Fringe and starts at 2pm. Further information can be found over the page. If you would like to go to the play, please let Nick know in the first instance, and also as Nick will not be around this weekend, we need a volunteer to co-ordinate numbers, book tickets etc. Please let Nick know if you can help.

**Date** Friday 2nd September  
**Event** Erev Shabbat Service  
**Venue** Columcille Centre  
2 Newbattle Terrace  
Morningside  
**Time** 7pm

**Date** Saturday 3rd September  
**Event** Shabbat Service  
**Venue** Columcille Centre  
2 Newbattle Terrace  
Morningside  
**Time** 11am

This weekend we will be having a visit from Janet Berensen-Perkins. Janet is employed at Leo Baeck College; Centre for Jewish Education and her speciality is helping smaller communities like ours develop educational programmes. cont....

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We have asked Janet to come and visit us to discuss with us ideas for our cheder, but I do know that Janet is keen that cheder activities for smaller communities also

Janet will lead both the erev Shabbat (starting as normal at 7pm) and Shabbat (starting as normal at 11am) services and after the Shabbat service, we will have a lunch and then a study session to discuss cheder activities and also other educational possibilities. Both services will be held at Columcille. If you have any specific educational topics you would like to discuss please let Nick know so that we can give Janet some preparation time.

### High Holydays Reminder

This year the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services will be taken by Eli Freedman, a student at the Leo Baeck College, and we will again be holding full services, as follows:

Mon 3rd October	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Tue 4th October	Rosh Hashanah
Frid 7th October	Erev Shabbat
Wed 12th October	Kol Nidrei
Thur 13th October	Yom Kippur
Sat 22nd October	Shabbat and Sukkot service
Mon 24th October	Erev Simchat Torah

### Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation

This is a reminder about our next Community Centre event, which is a sponsored walk to be held on Sunday 31st July. We are planning to walk along the Water of Leith. All those who register an interest will be sent an email by Tony Gilbert with further details. There will be options to join us along the route, but we will need precise numbers of those doing the full route, those doing the partial route, and the number of available cars, so that Tony can plan the logistics.

Look forward to hearing from as many as possible. Regards, Doreen

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### MAZEL TOV

Our visiting Rabbi, Aaron Goldstein, and his wife Tammy have a new daughter Shaya (Hebrew meaning: Gift), born 11th July. We wish them Mazeltov!



### Edinburgh Festival Fringe 'Golem'

Golem is a brand new, haunting and powerful musical brought to the Fringe by the enterprising NPLS Spectrum Youth Theatre Company. The piece is set in 16th Century Prague and relates the overwhelming oppression faced by the Jews and how their spiritual leader, Rabbi Loeb, was able to fashion a giant man made entirely of clay to protect his people from their tormentors.

Golem is a must-see for Fringe-goers of all ages. It has all the right ingredients for a great Fringe show - moving songs, a gripping story, and a powerful message which hopefully will leave the audience debating long after leaving the venue.

Golem will be performed at St. Augustine's Sanctuary (Venue 152), 41 George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL at 2.05-3.05pm from 16-20 August inclusive. Tickets are £7.50 (£5 for concessions)

## Jewish Coalition on the Make Poverty History Demonstration

The weekend of the Make Poverty History demonstration was doubly special for Edinburgh's two Jewish congregations, when around one hundred people involved with the Make Poverty History Jewish Coalition (MPHJC) joined together. Visitors were met with an enthusiastic welcome from both Orthodox and Liberal congregations and were offered accommodation in the homes of community members. Separate Shabbat services were held on Friday night and Saturday morning but both were timed so that everyone could make Kiddush and eat together afterwards at the Synagogue of the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation. The Liberal services were led by a coalition of visiting Rabbis – Julia Neuberger, James Baaden, Janet Burden and Nancy Morris. Rabbi Baaden brought with him a colourful banner made by the Cheder of South London Synagogue with "love from London" written at the bottom. The Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation's Rabbi David Rose led the orthodox service. Every effort was made to accommodate all variations of observance of Shabbat. Kosher food was provided at the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation's Shul and arrangements were made for water to be provided at a church on the route of the march for those who preferred not to carry water with them. It was accepted that the Liberal congregation wished to carry a banner. At 2pm approximately fifty Jews were able to march, many wearing "Make Poverty History" kippot, assembled on The Meadows in the baking hot sunshine. Due to the sheer volume of people taking part – 225,000 was the final count - it was over two hours later when the group finally began to march through the city. Despite the gruelling delay, the experience was enjoyed by all. There was also Jewish representation in the all day programme of events taking place on The Meadows. Rabbi Julia Neuberger addressed the huge crowd from the main stage, panel discussions including Danny Casson, Director of World Jewish Aid and chair of the Make Poverty History Jewish Coalition, and Steve Miller of Tzedek also took place. A crowd of several hundred people were entertained by Clive Lawton of Tzedek and Limmud who told stories and led uplifting Shabbat singing. Lawton created a special interfaith moment by urging the Jews present to introduce themselves to non-Jews.

Hilary Rifkind Events Convener of the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation, whose hard work organising catering was appreciated by all, said "People were on a real high, working together as one community with one aim in mind. We loved having everyone here, the atmosphere was wonderful."

Danny Casson added "In the five years I've been involved in social action in the Jewish Community, it's the first time there's been such a sustained mass mobilisation of Jews on a social action issue on this scale. It's a great start we can build on."

*Stephanie Brickman*

