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## **Edinburgh Reform Jewish Community Events**

### **Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - 7pm Erev Shabbat Service & Family Supper**

#### **Eric Liddell Centre, 15 Morningside Road, Edinburgh**

As you will have noticed there has been a **venue change** for this month's Erev Shabbat service, which was originally being held at Homeroyal House. We hope this has not caused any inconvenience and look forward to seeing you at the service, which begins at 7.00pm; there will be security on the door.

### **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - 11.00am Shabbat Service**

#### **Glasgow New Synagogue, Ayr Road, Glasgow**

**Andrew Silk's Barmitzvah** : Nick & Kate Silk have great pleasure in inviting all members of Sukkat Shalom to celebrate Andrew's barmitzvah. The service commences at 11am and will be followed by kiddush. The bus leaves Holyrood Hotel at 9am.

### **Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – 8pm Shiur**

In Rabbi Morris's first official visit to Edinburgh, she will be leading our study session. Come along to meet her and take part in the discussion. The topic is still to be decided – suggestions welcome! We are meeting at Charlie and Gillian Raab's, 10 Ainslie Place.

### **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - 11.00am Chanukah Service, Lunch, Study and Party**

#### **St. Columba's Church, 14 Johnstone Terrace, Edinburgh**

This is our first SLS for quite some time and with Chanukah nearly upon us, a good time to reacquaint ourselves with a popular event. The service will be followed by lunch and the study portion will be on Chanukah itself. There will be a parallel cheder session for the children and we will close the day by lighting our Chanukiot. Please remember to bring along a cold dish for the table, cutlery and crockery will be provided.

### **Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2004 - AGM Meeting**

Please put the date in your diary as we will have some major issues to discuss regarding the future of our community and services. More details in next month's newsletter.

### **Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2004 - Service lunch & Study**

With the start of 2004, we are looking forward to having our SLS take place again all the way through this year's calendar. Venue t.b.c.

**One may do much or one may do little; it is all one, provided you direct your heart to heaven. Berachot.**

# Edinburgh Reform Community

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## **G-d and the Golfer**

The Rabbi was an avid golfer and played at every opportunity. He was so addicted to the game that if he didn't play he would get withdrawal symptoms. One Yom Kippur, the Rabbi thought to himself, "What's it going to hurt if I go out during the recess and play a few rounds. Nobody will be the wiser and I'll be back in time for services."

Sure enough, at the conclusion of the morning service, the Rabbi snuck out of the synagogue and headed straight for the golf course. Looking down upon the scene were Moses and G-d. Moses said, "Look how terrible – a Jew on Yom Kippur. And a Rabbi besides!" G-d replied, "Watch, I'm going to teach him a lesson."

Out on the course, the Rabbi stepped up to the first tee. When he hit the ball, it careened off a tree, struck a rock, skipped across a pond and landed in the hole for a HOLE IN ONE! Seeing all this, Moses protested: "G-d, this is how you're going to teach him a lesson? He got a hole in one!"

"Sure", said G-d, "but who's he going to tell?"

## **Raffle**

A raffle will be held after our service on Chanukah. The prizes will be a bottle of Single Malt and a bottle of Cognac, many thanks to Ida for the idea and all cash goes toward our Scroll fund. Total so far is around £550

## **AGM**

ERJC Sukkah Shalom will be holding its AGM (Venue to be arranged) on the 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. We have been a community for nearly 6 years and, though still small in numbers, we have built up quite a busy calendar and have many transient Reform Jews attending our services. Even if you have never attended an AGM but do come along to services once in a while, please make an attempt to attend on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We need you and your opinions.

## **Security alert notice**

A flyer went out last week to those in the community who have e-mail address following the suicide bombings of the two Synagogues in Istanbul on Shabbat. Please find below a security alert notice that's been circulated round all UK Jewish Communities.

**If you see any suspicious vehicles, people, bags or packages it is vital that the police are informed immediately on 999.**  
**Please also inform the CST**

**Pease cooperate and help with security at your synagogue and local communal buildings.**

**The Community Security Trust.**

Updates as to the security situation can be found on the CST website, [www.thecst.org.uk](http://www.thecst.org.uk)