



Under the auspices of the Glasgow New Synagogue a constituent of the RSGB

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Fri 3rd Jan. 7pm

Erev Shabbat Service: Homeroyal House, 2 Chalmers Cres, Marchmont, Edinburgh. Someone will be on the door to let you in, please arrive in plenty of time. If you are early press 5 then 4 then call for Blanche. There will be no entry after **7.10pm** unless prior arrangement has been made. (Thank-you).

Sun 19th Jan. 7.30pm. AGM.

Edinburgh Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace. (In Library)

With Rabbi Pete leaving in the spring and many other important issues needing discussed we hope that you will take an active interest in the direction of your community. It is very important that we hear your opinions and move forward into a new year with fresh and invigorating ideas. In conjunction with the AGM we are hoping to have the opportunity to make this a social evening so if you could bring along a cold dish it would be appreciated. We are looking forward to seeing you and hearing what you have to say.

Fri 7rd Feb. 7pm. TBA.

The venue for our Erev Shabbat Service will be published in the next newsletter. On behalf of the Edinburgh community we wish Blanche a full and speedy recovery for her forthcoming operation.

Can you sing?

In a bid to improve our singing as a community I would like to organise a small singing practise in the New Year. If you are interested in taking part please e-mail me on **Stephanie.Noblett@ed.ac.uk** or call **07730 750 828**. It's not about becoming a choir, just knowing the tunes well enough to sing out with confidence. You don't have to be a particularly good singer, just be able to carry a tune.

Stephanie Noblett.

Events in the Synagogue Hall, 4 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh.

Thurs 16th Jan. 7.30pm

Council of Christians and Jews: Professor J.C.O'Neill : "Jesus as Teacher of the Law"

Jan. 26th, 2003, 8.00pm

Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society: Dr Ari Kummer, The Jewish Community in Austria: Past, Present and Future.

Dr. Ari Kummer joined the Jewish Community a few years ago. He is a native of Austria and returned there recently for a visit to update himself on the political situation, which gives some unwelcome reminders of Austrian attitudes before and during World War II.

"There is none more lonely than the person who loves only themselves"

Abraham Ibn Ezra

Telvet / Shevat 5763

Romanian Kohlrabi Soup

(Serves 8) A Romanian friend taught Debra Wasserman how to prepare this recipe. Although it involves a bit of work to prepare, this soup is well worth the effort.

2 kohlrabi, peeled and diced
Small head of cauliflower, chopped
2 carrots, peeled and chopped
Small onion, peeled and finely chopped
1/2 cup fresh dill, finely chopped
1/2 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
2 teaspoons oil
1/2 teaspoon thyme or basil
Salt and pepper to taste
1 Tablespoon potato starch
11 cups water
1/2 cup lemon juice or sauerkraut juice
15-ounce can tomato sauce

Stir-fry kohlrabi, cauliflower, carrots, onion, dill, and parsley in oil over medium-high heat in a large pot for 5 minutes. Add seasonings. Dissolve cornstarch in 1 cup water then add to the pot along with remaining 10 cups water. Bring to a boil, then simmer covered for 30 minutes longer. Add lemon juice and tomato sauce and simmer another 15 minutes. Serve soup hot or chilled.

Old Friends

On a sunny Shabbath afternoon in Miami Beach, two old friends met for the first time in years. After exchange of the usual amenities, as they sat on a beachfront bench, Jacob's expression grew somber, and he said, "Shmuel, people are telling me you don't go to shul any more. Can it be true that you no longer believe in G-d?" Shmuel looked uncomfortable, and hurriedly changed the subject. The next afternoon, the old friends met on the beach again. "You must tell me, Shmuel," he said, "Don't you believe in our G-d any more?" Shmuel replied, "Here is a straight answer to a straight question. No, I don't." Jacob asked, "Why didn't you tell me that yesterday?" Shmuel, deeply shocked, exclaimed, "G-d forbid - on Shabbat?"

There is something about a ceilidh; it's very hard to go along to one and fail to enjoy yourself and the **Channukah Ceilidh** evening of **7 Dec** at **Salisbury Road** in **Edinburgh** proved to be no exception. There were a good number of representatives from **ERJC** in attendance and the combination of excellent organisation, healthy turnout, good food, good company, enthusiastic dancing and some unique Israeli wine made it a night worth attending. As well as the usual ceilidh dance classics, the end of the evening saw a number of traditional Jewish dances and concluded with a hearty rendition of Auld Lang Syne. An excellent evening and with the next scheduled event being a quiz night in March, maybe we should start swotting up and submit a few teams to go along and join in the fun. *Clare Hogg*



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Erev Shabbat Service

Friday at 6.30pm

Shabbat morning Service

Saturday at 11.00am.

Sunday Service : at 9.15am

We would like to thank Rachel Savage for leading the Erev Shabbat Service on 6th Dec, the 13th anniversary of her Bat-Mitzvah.

We would also like to thank Nick Silk for leading the service on the 14th Dec. The day turned out to be a great success, thanks to all who took part.