

Sukkat Shalom

Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community

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EVENTS & SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	Friday 7 July
<u>Event</u>	Erev Shabbat service
<u>Venue</u>	Columcille Centre, Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh.
<u>Time</u>	7pm

The service will be taken by Rabbi Mark and followed by a **family Shabbat meal**; please bring along something to share (non-meat, please)

Rabbi Mark is with us on the 7th & 8th July. We'll be having the 'usual' activities, although these are still in the process of being organized. Please contact Nick for further details, and we'll be in touch with those of you normally involved.

<u>Date</u>	Saturday 22nd July
<u>Event</u>	Shabbat service
<u>Venue</u>	Columcille Centre, Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh.
<u>Time</u>	11am

<u>Date</u>	Friday 4th August
<u>Event</u>	Erev Shabbat service
<u>Venue</u>	Columcille Centre, Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh.
<u>Time</u>	7pm

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ADVANCE NOTICE

Just to let you know that we'll be holding full High Holyday services again this year. **Rosh Hashanah** is on **22nd/23rd September** and **Kol Nidrei/Yom Kippur** on **1st/2nd October**. Services will be essentially the same as last year; full details next month.



*Holding the Sukkat Shalom scroll is **Tamar de Vries Winter** who designed and created the rimonim and breast plate. See page 2 for full story.*

"The nature of God is a circle of which the centre is everywhere and the circumference is nowhere."
- Anonymous

Scroll Dressings

Sukkat Shalom celebrated the addition of some custom made ornaments to the Sefer Torah at the Shabbat service on 17th June.

Israeli silversmith **Tamar de Vries Winter** designed and created the rimonim and breast plate for the scroll, which was acquired in September 2004 after over a year of fundraising and searching for an appropriate scroll.

ELJC had provided the artist with a detailed brief as to their requirements. "Knowing the community was small and modest, I wanted the design to suit that, so I made it simple but still special and contemporary." Explained Ms de Vries Winter who was attending the special shabbat service for the dedication of the ornaments.

"The design is inspired by the tree of life, which is an ongoing theme in my work. The fineals of the scroll are the trees and the slight green tinge of the enamel on the ornaments represents the growth of the community." She continued.

Perhaps the least conventional aspect of the design is a fringe of Silver oval tubes around the top of the rimonim. "Rather than using traditional bells for the rimonin I was inspired by wind chimes in a tree. It's less fussy and a gentler sound." She added.

The shabbat service was also attended by representatives of the foundation that gave the donation enabling the community to commission the ornaments. While preferring to remain anonymous, they expressed their pleasure at the community's committment and enthusiasm.

Stephanie

**ELJC Welfare Support Line
07904 813162**

Sue Lieberman

Best wishes to Sue Lieberman, who is home from hospital after treatment for injuries from a serious bike accident. We are all hoping that Sue will make a speedy recovery.

Community Members on Radio Scotland

Many of you who read The Star will be aware that Stephanie, Josh and Miriam Brickman recently kashered their kitchen and a radio documentary was made about it at the same time. The documentary will be broadcast in two installments within the new "**Clive at 8**" programme. The first is on **Sunday 2 July** and the second on **Sunday 23 July** both at **8am**. If you are not an early riser you'll be able to use the listen again facility on the Radio Scotland Website. <http://tinyurl.com/47t6h>

Mazel Tov

A special Mazel Tov to **Alfred Cohen** of Edgware (grandfather of Hannah Kenner) as he celebrates his **90th birthday** this June. 90, the new 19 - or as Alfred says "77 years since my Bar Mitzvah!"

Congratulations also to **Hilary Rifkind** who was elected chairman of the **Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation** at the recent AGM. She will head up The EHC's new Board of Management.

Reminder! Accommodation Required

During the summer, we often get requests from Jewish visitors to Edinburgh for help with accommodation. They usually want to come to services as well, though that doesn't always work out. Sometimes they offer to pay! If you think you could ever offer a night's lodging to any of our visitors, please get in touch. It's fine to restrict your offer to women only (or men only). If you can help in any way, please call the Community phone on **07891 439 646**

Films

Two films at the Filmhouse that may be of interest to some are

Der Kick (The Kick) on **Tuesday 27 June at 6.15pm** (*Note that the subject matter of Der Kick may be disturbing to some*)

El Abrazo Partido (Lost Embrace) running **4-6 July**.

For further details, phone the Box Office on **0131 228 2688** or visit www.filmhousecinema.com

Chazzanut recital at Garnet Hill Synagogue

A former **Chief Chazzan** of Paris (brother of A Soudry), Rue Notre Dame de Nazaret (Ashkenazi) shul will be at **Garnet Hill Synagogue on Wednesday, 28 June** and will give a free chazzanut recital at **8pm**. He also was chazzan in Colmar (France), Montreal, Martinique and now in Bnei Brak. He will sing some Ashkenazi songs but also Sfaradi and Spanish Jewish/folk songs. The concert is free, but donations in support of an educational institution in Israel are welcome. Free parking in St Aloysius school, first come...

Forthcoming Events at the EHC Community Centre

Sunday 25th June - Open Garden event at Merchiston Cottage, 16 Colinton Road (2 - 5pm)

Sunday 6th August - sponsored walk. Please email me if you are interested in joining in and I will then supply further details.

Sunday 10th September - coffee morning - let me know if you are interested in helping

Saturday 16th December - Chanukah dinner with musical entertainment - more details nearer the time.

All welcome at all events.

Doreen Bowman
jcc@ehcong.com

Edinburgh Festival and Fringe

Have you seen anything in the Festival or Fringe brochures that caught your eye or that you could recommend to other members of the Community?

If so, let us know and we'll pass on the details in the August Newsletter.

Letters

05 June 2006

Dear Editor,

I refer to Harry Riffkin's interesting letter in your June 2006 issue.

I would like to think that, when Sukkat Shalom recommended the Palestinian film in question, it had already been viewed.

As to the assertion that "people are able to form their own views" from "the national press" - would that the national press could be relied on always to be fair to the State of Israel!

The suggestion that people "should get on a plane and go and see for themselves" the state of things in the Middle East is both absurd and grossly insolent in view of the fact that not even every doctor can afford to travel. In any case, it is naive to imply that anyone can enter any country. I, for example, would not be allowed into so-called Palestine.

Last but not least, the contention that "sometimes it is not possible" to be "totally impartial" is a disavowal of that intellectual faculty with which G-d has graciously endowed humankind.

Yours faithfully
G. Allen

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 26th July. Please email any contributions to newsletter@eljc.org



Machane Kadimah
31st July - 13th August

If your child (*age 8 to 15*) is not signed up for LJY Netzer's 2 week long summer camp - Machane Kadimah - then this is your last chance!! Don't let your child miss out on an amazing opportunity to make lots of Liberal Jewish friends for life, to learn about their Judaism in an extremely FUN way (so fun we have to call it funducation!) and most importantly have an amazing safe and fun two weeks in the countryside of Nottinghamshire! The dates are the 31st July to the 13th August. There are still places available - but you will have to be quick! For a satisfied Kadimite, just ask anyone who has ever been to Kadimah - it is sure to be a positively life-changing experience! Please call **Jess** or **Jenny** for more information on **0207 631 0584**.

LJY Netzer Israel Tour
19th July - 15th August

If you are 16 - then this is your special year to go on an absolutely incredible month long Israel Experience! You have the chance to come with LJY Netzer on a inspiring, fun and meaningful adventure. Central to the Tour is the chance to experience the culture, wonder and spirit of Israel! You will Tour Israel for one month with a new community made up of people your age and experienced youth leaders! This IS the adventure of a lifetime! Call **Jess** on **0207 631 9827**

Kayitz Netzer 16th - 29th August

If you are 17 you have the unique opportunity to explore the wonder of four of the most exciting European cities this summer! This is a joint Tour between LJY Netzer, RSY Netzer and Noar Telem (Israeli progressive youth movement). Discover for yourself the remarkable histories of PARIS, PRAGUE, BUDAPEST and BERLIN! Kayitz Netzer is a journey that will captivate, inspire and engage you through a perfect blend of culture, education and nightlife within one fantastic group. Call **Jenny** on **0207 631 9825**



Communications Executive

Liberal Judaism is looking to hire a high-flying recent graduate as its new Communications Executive, working with the movement on PR, internal communications and web support

The successful candidate will receive one month's training at leading PR Consultancy, Luther Pendragon, before joining Liberal Judaism, with the aim of raising the profile and promoting the values of Liberal Judaism through the Jewish community and beyond. Once this induction period is over, the candidate will split their time between Luther Pendragon and Liberal Judaism, providing an opportunity to continue learning about PR and to work on other relevant and related clients.

We are looking for:

Excellent verbal and written communications skills and IT literacy
Demonstrable interest in media and communications
Demonstrable understanding of and sympathy with the aims of Liberal Judaism
Motivation, leadership, creativity and maturity

Salary: £20k Approx, 12 months fixed term contract.

Further information and applications to:

Ben Rich
Luther Pendragon,
Priory Court,
Pilgrim Street,
London,
EC4V 6DR
Email: benrich@luther.co.uk

Closing Date:

Thursday 13th July with interviews in the w/c 24th July



www.fairtrade.org.uk

10th Birthday Fairtrade Spiced Chocolate & Almond Cake

By Andrew Rose,
Mezzo Restaurant, Conran Group, London

300g Fairtrade dark chocolate
100g ground almonds
175g butter (softened)
Fairtrade cocoa powder for dusting
175g Fairtrade sugar
1 tbsp mixed spice
25g plain flour (sieved)
6 eggs (separated)

Preheat oven to 170c Grease a 8 – 8 1/2-inch cake tin and dust well with Fairtrade cocoa powder.

After separating the eggs, cream together the egg yolks and 130g of the sugar until they become light and fluffy. Mix together the ground almonds, flour and mixed spices. Whisk the egg whites and remaining sugar to stiff peaks. Melt the chocolate with the butter and leave to cool. Mix the melted chocolate and butter with the egg yolk mixture. Then fold in the whipped egg whites, starting with 1/3 of the mix followed by the rest. Finally, gradually fold in the flour mix, making sure that the batter remains light and aerated. Pour the finished batter into the cake tin and bake for approximately 1 hour or until the cake becomes firm and springy to the touch, when lightly pressed in the middle. Once left to cool, slice and serve with clotted cream.

To use as a birthday cake, simply dust with icing sugar and arrange 10 candles around the top.

Wailing Wall

A journalist assigned to the Jerusalem bureau takes an apartment overlooking the Wailing Wall. Every day when she looks out, she sees an old Jewish man praying vigorously. So, the journalist goes down and introduces herself to the old man.

She asks, "You come every day to the wall. How long have you done that, and what are you praying for?" The old man replies, "I have come here to pray every day for 25 years. In the morning I pray for world peace and then for the brotherhood of man. I go home, have a cup of tea, and I come back and pray for the eradication of illness and disease from the earth."

The journalist is amazed. "How does it make you feel to come here every day for 25 years and pray for these things?" she asks.

The old man looks at her sadly. "Like I'm talking to a wall."

Pause for thought.....

Real Life Halacha - Jewish Way.

1. If there is anyone who doesn't have own allotment/vegetable garden and regards organic veg as valid modern kashrut /halacha, I recommend Edinburgh Farmers Market & www.eastcoastorganics.co.uk as worth a try

2. Is hallal meat sort of halfway to kosher and therefore better than ordinary supermarket meat? It is similar to kosher but I think Judaism has more rules and prayers to it than Islam.

Thanks to Anat.

Would anyone like to forward any opinions?