

SUKKAT SHALOM

EDINBURGH LIBERAL JEWISH COMMUNITY

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EVENTS & SERVICES

Date Thursday 2 June
Event Talmud Torah class
Venue Stephanie & Josh Brickman's
36 Gillespie Crescent
Time 8.30pm to 10pm
The class will be led by Rabbi Aaron Goldstein.
If you would like to come, please call Josh
(07736 775 485).

Date Friday 3 June
Event Cheder
Venue Quaker Meeting House
7 Victoria Terrace
Time 5.30pm to 6.45pm
Event Erev Shabbat - Children's
Service
Venue Quaker Meeting House
7 Victoria Terrace
Time 7pm

This service will be led by Rabbi Aaron Goldstein. Although this will be a child oriented service and might be livelier than usual, all are welcome!

Event Adult Bat Mitzvah Class
Venue Stephanie & Josh Brickman's
36 Gillespie Crescent
Time 8.30pm (approx)

Date Saturday 4 June
Event Introduction to Judaism Class
Venue St Columba's Church Hall
14 Johnstone Terrace
Time 9.30am

Date Saturday 4 June
Event Shabbat Service followed by
Lunch
Venue St Columba's Church Hall
14 Johnstone Terrace
Time 11am

The service will be led by Rabbi Aaron Goldstein and will include the Meiksin baby blessings. Please bring along a suitable cold dish as a contribution to be shared for lunch.

Event Study Session
Time 1.30pm
Study will focus on Tikkun Olam - Make Poverty History.

Date Sunday 12 June
Event Cheder
Venue 1 Blackie House (Adam on
buzzer) Lady Stair's Close
Time 3pm

Date Sunday 12 June
Event Erev Shavuot service/study
Venue Quaker Meeting House
7 Victoria Terrace
Time 7pm
Cheesecake will be supplied!

Date Saturday 18 June
Venue Quaker Meeting House
7 Victorian Terrace
Time 11am
Event Shabbat Service

Date Sunday 19 June
Event Barbeque!!
Venue Linlithgow
Time 12.30pm
More details on next page.

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Date **Monday 20 June**
Event **Council Meeting**
Venue **tbc**
Time **7.30pm**

Date **Friday 1 July**
Event **Erev Shabbat Service**
Venue **Prestonfield Room, Pollock
Halls**
Time **7pm**

Date **Saturday 2 July**
Event **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY**
Venue **Various**
Time **10.15am**

Our day to Make Poverty History will begin with a Shabbat service, then after Kiddush at Salisbury Road, we will walk together to join the demonstration. We are hoping for a big turnout for this important event. **You need to book!** More details on page 4 and at www.eljc.org/mph

Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation

The Community Centre Committee are having a carboot sale on Sunday 26th June at Ingliston Market. If you have any items (not clothes) that you are willing to donate to this fund raising event, please call Stephen Hyams on 0131 445 3740 to arrange collection / delivery. Your support is much appreciated. Doreen Bowman

Community Visit to Newstead - April 2005

Blue skies, sunlight picking out white lambs on green, rolling hills; who does not delight in such natural beauty? Isobel King, who has chosen not to be a city Jewess but to live in a village near Melrose shared all this for a day with Rabbi Goldstein and members, families and friends of our community.

In the village hall of Newstead, after we had been refreshed with coffee, we assembled for our first Saturday morning service in the country. Our exodus had only been from Edinburgh and there were no Egyptians chasing us out, but Psalm 114 was very apt that morning; if the mountains did not actually 'skip like rams and the hills like

lambs', we felt they could have done. We filled the hall, the scrolls were placed carefully on a table. A large black dog settled down in one corner to snooze through the singing and sermon. The congregation were more attentive as not only was the location a first but this was the first time the silver yad generously given by Rebekah Gronowski was used.

After the service we precessed up the hill bearing dishes for a *pesach* lunch at Isabel's house. There, hot soup was awaiting us. We sat in sunshine in the garden among the flowers or inside and chatted. Children and dogs played.

Newstead is no ordinary village. The first Masonic lodge in Scotland was founded just yards away from the house in St John Street, and the Roman camp of Trimontium is not far away. A party of us were taken by Isobel to explore the site above the river Tweed, with long views down the valley and to the three Eildon hills. In the distance we could see the rise known as Scott's view, where Sir Walter liked to sit and enjoy the picturesque landscape. The day ended back at the house with tea, meringues cinnamon balls and matza.

As one who grew up in rural Warwickshire twenty miles from the nearest Jewish community I say *vivat Judaeus rusticus!* – and perhaps there were a few Jews in Trimontium, who knows?

Julia Merrick

Cheesecake for Shavuot

One of the easiest cheesecakes to make is also one of the tastiest. This is the recipe for a treat for Shavuot. All you need are some simple biscuit, milk, cream cheese and instant vanilla pudding mix and you are ready to go.

- Line a baking pan with the biscuits tightly packed together. They are to be a bottom layer for your cheesecake.
- In a mixing bowl, add 24 oz. (or 1 1/2 lbs.) of cream cheese, one cup of milk, and one package of vanilla flavored instant pudding mix (uncooked). Mix all of these ingredients together.
- Spread the mixture onto the biscuits in the tray.
- Cover with another layer of biscuits.
- Refrigerate.

Serve cold and wait for the compliments.

Welfare Support Line
07904 813162

The Welfare Committee is delighted to announce the arrival of the "Welfare Support Line" contact phone!

As you know from a previous newsletter, it was agreed that it would be useful to be able to supply members of the community with one phone number that they could ring in times of need. The aim of having this one contact point, is to try to ensure that we are able to respond to individual needs in the most reliable and efficient way possible. Many thanks to Ricky who has agreed to be the first point of contact for members.

The initial procedure we have agreed is for a member to phone the Welfare Support Line number when help/support is required. The phone number will be on permanent divert to a member of the welfare team. Therefore, if you call the number you should expect to hear a 'your call is being diverted' msg. Your call will be routed to a member of the welfare team. In the first instance, it will normally be Ricky who will answer the call. Ricky will then contact either a member of the Welfare Committee or any other volunteers who are available to help with the issue.

The phone is primarily to be used in times of illness or other welfare needs, when help is required. We think it will most benefit those people who live alone and have no immediate support locally, but obviously it is not exclusively for this use.

Please note however, that the phone is really designed for "emergency use" and not for general needs, which will be addressed by other support initiatives the Welfare Committee is currently exploring. Similarly, those needing lifts to services or community events should continue to contact Stewart personally by phone or email as before.

Finally, Philippa is currently putting together a list of members who wish to support the work

of the committee and/or who would be available to be contacted in the case of an unexpected or emergency situation. If you feel you could help in either of these ways, please e-mail Philippa on philippa@nutrition-now.co.uk.

Thanks!

Stewart

Don't forget, if you need help the number to call is: 07904 813162

Summer Barbeque in Linlithgow

Sunday 19 June

Following on from the success of previous years, Nick and Kate have opened their doors once again to invite the community to a fun (and hopefully sunny!) day out. Here's the necessary info.....

Arrive any time from 12.30pm.

Any contributions of food and drink welcome, but preferably not pork!

All welcome - kids, adults (and others??)

We'll go ahead regardless of the weather, so here's hoping it's OK.

If anyone wants a lift from Linlithgow station, just call (but ideally let me know beforehand so I've not drunk too much.. As if....)

Address is 18 Grange Knowe, Linlithgow EH49 7HX.

Come off J3 of the M9, turn left towards Linlithgow. As you go past the 'Sun' factory on the right, there is a turning for Grange View on the left. Turn in there, then left at the roundabout into Grange Knowe. If you get to Tesco's, you've gone too far.

Our number is 01506 845325 if you get lost.

Nick

Letter from the Chairman

Make Poverty History on July 2nd!

Everyone has now heard of **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** and the big demonstration planned for July 2nd, but not everyone knows how solidly the Jewish Community in this country has lined up behind it. The **Make Poverty History Jewish Coalition** has 15 Jewish communal organisations, including all the major synagogue federations, behind it. We in Sukkat Shalom have a very important role that weekend as the local hosts for Jews from Liberal and Reform congregations across the UK. We have been working hard to set up the Edinburgh arrangements in co-ordination with the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation and the Liberal Judaism representative on the Jewish Coalition.

We sent this invitation out recently to all the Liberal and Reform congregations in the UK:

I'm sure by now you know about the campaign to **Make Poverty History in 2005** through

- trade justice
- debt cancellation
- more and better aid for the world's poorest countries.

The campaign has inspired and brought in thousands of people, especially young people who may have little interest in politics but can recognise an opportunity to change the world for the better in a huge way. As the Make Poverty History website (www.makepovertyhistory.org) says:

This year offers a truly exceptional set of opportunities for the UK to take a lead internationally and say that enough is enough.

With the UK hosting the G8 gathering of powerful world leaders in July as well as holding the presidency of the European Union (EU) for the second half of the year, our Government and particularly Gordon Brown and Tony Blair, will be influential players on the world stage - we must make sure they play their part.

They have the power and we can make them use it.

To show how much this means to the UK Jewish community, an unprecedented alliance of Jewish religious and communal organisations have joined in the Jewish Coalition to Make Poverty History.

A centrepiece of the campaign is, of course, the demonstration in Edinburgh on July 2nd. We in the Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community are determined to support it in every way, and especially to do what we can to maximise Jewish participation. For us as progressive Jews the campaign is Tik-kun Olam, mending the world, in the most direct and practical way - and if tens of thousands of people are coming to Edinburgh to take part, surely Jews should be prominent amongst them? We should make our voice heard!

Working with the Orthodox congregation, we have organised services (with Rabbi Julia Neuberger) and food on Friday night and Saturday near the rallying point. After kiddush on Saturday the Jewish Coalition will walk together to join the **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** campaign and be a link in the human chain around Edinburgh city centre. We are working hard to make sure that this will be a very special Shabbat - now all that we need are the people! Please come and join us for this great occasion. You can find full details of the programme and how to take part at our website, www.eljc.org

I look forward to seeing you in July when together we really can Make Poverty History!

Maurice Naftalin

Chair, Sukkat Shalom - Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community

So the plan is:

- Friday night: service, followed by an evening meal at the Hebrew Congregation synagogue
- Saturday: service, followed by kiddush at the synagogue, then walk together to the Meadows

Please do come to the kiddush, as we want to go together as a community on the demonstration. **That means booking**, as the Hebrew Congregation have to know the numbers they are catering for. Please book by **Friday 17th June** with Mrs Jackie Taylor, Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation, 4 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh, EH16 5AB

The meal costs are: Friday night dinner, 9.00pm (t.b.c) £15/person, vegetarian option; Saturday kiddush, 12.15pm, £3.75/person, vegetarian; Saturday evening, Seudah 9.00pm, £3.75/person.

Up-to-date details are on the Jewish Coalition web pages, www.eljc.org/mph, and in the next newsletter. But please do book now!

Maurice