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Fri 6th June. 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 15th June

BBQ at Nick & Kate's, 25 Grangeknowe, Linlithgow. Tel : 01506 845325.

There were directions available in last month's newsletter. If you have misplaced the newsletter let me know and will send on directions (Ricky).

Mon 23rd June. 8.00pm

Shiur at Charlie & Gillian Raab, 10 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh.

Please contact the Raab's if you are attending the Shiur and if you have any suggestions for a topic you would like to discussed then contact Gillian or Charlie.

Sat 21st June. 6.30-10pm,

The Edinburgh One World Festival Peace and Justice Concert. (See attachment).

Fri 4th July. 7.pm

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We were invited to submit an article for the Edinburgh Star (magazine of the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation) in response to a discussion entitled "Edinburgh – where next?" begun in the April issue. Our response, on the Reform perspective, will appear in the issue due out in mid-June, and will be reprinted in the next newsletter.

Dr. Tony Brickman, Stephanie Noblett's future father-in-law, has kindly arranged a donation of a large number of Hertz Chumashes (Pentateuch and Haftorah) from his community in New Jersey. These will be an invaluable resource for us in our Torah services, shiurim and in the Cheder. Our sincere thanks go to Dr. Brickman.

Maurice.

If you do not respect your parents your children will not respect you. Maimonides

Saturday 21 June, 6.30-10pm
The Edinburgh One World Festival Peace and Justice Concert

Doors open at 5.45pm, refreshments served over interval.
The Edinburgh One World Festival Peace and Justice Concert,
St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh,
nr Haymarket. 0/0, on the door, first come, first served.

Concert jointly organised and sponsored by The Edinburgh
International Centre for World Spiritualities, EICWS, and,
The UNA Edinburgh. Refreshments by Suruchi Indian Restaurant.

Contact: Neill Walker, njwalk930@hotmail.com, 0131 331 4469.

Performances include:

* Readings on Peace and Justice from six spiritual traditions;
Chants of Universal Peace, from the Sufi tradition, with Murshid
Saadi Shakur Chishti (Neil Douglas-Klotz) and Alice Fateah Saunders;
Egyptian Folk Dance and Music with Hilary Thacker;
Gaelic Choir of the Gaelic Medium Unit, Tollcross Primary School;
Jewish Klezmer Music with Beyond the Pale;
Indian Classical Dance;

Break for refreshments

Egyptian Folk Dance and Music with Hilary Thacker and the group Ishtar;
Nepalese Buddhist Sacred Dance with Charan Pradhan;
Buddhist Chants with Sr Chan Khong, monastic of Thich Nhat Hanh;
Celtic-inspired Songs with Lorraine Jordan;
Jewish Klezmer Music with Celtica Schmeltica;
Baha Songs and Music with Christina St Clair and Carolyn Sparey;
African Music and Dance with Waa Sylla.

* Maurice Naftalin from the Edinburgh Reform Jewish Community will be
presenting one of the readings.

Sivan / Tammuz 5763

15th June BBQ

A reminder that if you are going along to Nick & Kate's BBQ please let them know you are coming, and importantly, we require people with transport to help out with lifts, so if you have spare seats in the car contact Ricky : 01620 829618. Charlie & Gillian are planning to bring their tandem on the train and cycle back to Edinburgh on the canal towpath, now there's an excellent way to burn off the Burgers J Edinburgh to Glasgow via Falkirk for Linlithgow. Train times are on the hour until 12.00noon then every half hour.

RSGB Ilkley weekend

The theme this year will be on "Reform Judaism into the 21st century". The aim is to take into account the transformation work that is going on at present and the movement planning that is being done; it is also open to wider interpretation which will be explored in the workshop sessions. Many new ideas will be implemented to insure a fully inclusive experience for everyone. I know it may seem early but if you are interested in going please contact **Belinda Copitch** Tel : 0161 8317092 (November 21st-23rd 2003) There will be keynote details in the following newsletters.

The community would like to send its thoughts and deepest sympathies to the Naftalin family on the passing of Maurice's mother.

"Side by Side"

Great music, curatorial talks on the various faiths and free coffee (if you were in a faith box) and much more. The second year of 'Side by Side' at the Royal Museum of Scotland was well worth the visit. The ERJC took its seat again this year in the Judaism faith box and informed many interested members of the public on the various handling objects. **Many thanks to all the volunteers from the Community who helped out on the day.**

Havdalah Event - 25 May

This has been reported as being a successful and fun event for all concerned. About 20 or more adults and kids squeezed into the Oppenheim family sitting room for some ad-hoc havdalah prayers and rituals. They dined, the kids ran around in the front yard and the remainder chatted. Definitely worth repeating. Many thanks to Emia for hosting the evening. If any one would like to repeat the event and host in your own home, please contact Ricky and he will publicise the date and venue in the next newsletter.

Shiur

In the run-up to Shavuot early in June, the shiur held on 12 May was appropriately devoted to the Book of Ruth. In this story, we discovered the fascinating character of one Ploni Almoni, roughly translated as 'Joe Bloggs' (or worse!). Why is this character not named? What's going on? We had no idea, but a web search turned up 299 websites related to Ploni Almoni for us to dig into at the shiur on 26 May.

Charlie Raab