

# Sukkat Shalom

Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community

June 2006

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## EVENTS & SERVICES

**Date**            **Thursday 1 June**  
**Event**            **Erev Shavuot Service**  
**Venue**            **St Columba's by the Castle**  
                         **Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh**  
**Time**             **7pm**

As is traditional, we will be having a discussion after the service led by Rabbi Mark. All contributions of dairy produces (especially cheesecake) will be welcome to see us through the discussion. Based on previous experience, it is likely that we will be finished by 10pm at the latest.

**Date**            **Friday 2 June**  
**Event**            **Erev Shabbat Service**  
**Venue**            **Quaker Meeting House**  
                         **7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh**  
**Time**             **7pm**

The service will be taken by Rabbi Mark

**Date**            **Saturday 3 June**  
**Event**            **Introduction to Judaism Class**  
**Venue**            **Please contact Nick or Rabbi**  
                         **Mark for details**  
**Time**             **2-4pm**

**Date**            **Saturday 3 June**  
**Event**            **Informal meal**  
**Venue**            **tbc**  
**Time**             **7.30pm**

Saturday evening, we will be going out for a pizza or similar with Rabbi Mark. Please let Nick know if you're interested in coming (e-mail [nick\\_silk@btinternet.com](mailto:nick_silk@btinternet.com), phone (01506) 845325 or see me at the services). We'll probably eat at 7.30pm and the only 'rule' is that it won't be anywhere expensive!

**Date**            **Sunday 4 June**  
**Event**            **Cheder**  
**Venue**            **tbc**  
**Time**             **tbc**

**Date**            **Sunday 4 June**  
**Event**            **Talmud Reading Group**  
**Venue**            **Please contact Josh for more**  
**& Time**          **details**

**Date**            **Saturday 17 June**  
**Event**            **Shabbat service**  
**Venue**            **St Mark's Unitarian Church,**  
                         **Castle Terrace, Edinburgh**  
**Time**             **11am**

During this service we will be formally dedicating our new scroll dressings. The artist and other guests will be coming to the service, so it would be great to have lots of ELJC members there too! AND, we will be having a 'nice kiddush' (nibbles, cake etc.) afterwards!

**Date**            **Sunday 25 June**  
**Event**            **Summer BBQ**  
**Venue**            **The Silk's House in Linlithgow**  
**Time**             **From 12.30pm**  
See page 2 for more details

**Date**            **Friday 7 July**  
**Event**            **Erev Shabbat service**  
**Venue**            **Venue to be confirmed**  
**Time**             **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)

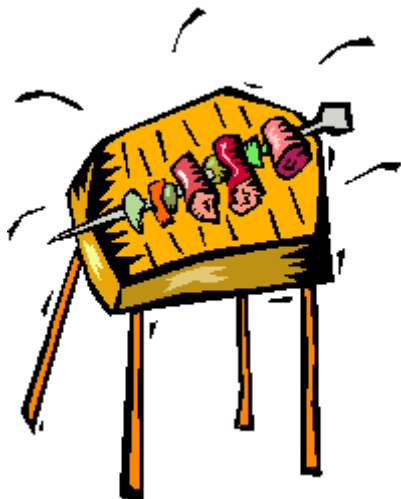
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**ELJC Welfare Support Line**  
**07904 813162**

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**'Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony'**  
*Gandhi*

## Annual Summer BBQ



The Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community annual summer BBQ will be held on **Sunday 25th June** at **Kate & Nick's, 18 Grange Knowe Linlithgow**. (tel 01506 845325)

Arrive any time from **12.30pm**.

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

All welcome – kids, adults, friends, relatives....  
If anyone wants a lift from Linlithgow station, just call (but ideally let us know beforehand so we've not drunk too much...)

By car, come off the M9 at junction 3, turn left towards Linlithgow. As you go past the 'Sun' factory, there is a turning for Grange View on the left. Turn in there, then left at the roundabout into Grange Knowe. We're in the first cul-de-sac on the right.

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## ELJC Website

We are still appealing to people to send us any photographs of Community events that may have been taken. We would be very grateful if you could share them. Please send them to [webmaster@eljc.org](mailto:webmaster@eljc.org).

## Jewish Music Events in June

The Annual Fete de la Musique at the Institut Francais d'Ecosse, Randolph Crescent, is on **Wednesday 21st June** from about **8pm** and this year features two Jewish Music acts. Scottish klezmer duo **Center Shmelter** (known to many as they recently played Joe Naftalin's Bar Mitzvah) will be playing and **Stephanie Brickman**, who will be singing an hour of Yiddish Songs accompanied by **Phil Alexander** (Moishe's Bagel) and **Gica Loening** (Celter Shmelter and the Belle Star Band). It's free to get in. For any further details e-mail [Stephanie.Brickman@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Stephanie.Brickman@ed.ac.uk).

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## Well done.....

..... to **Stephanie Brickman** who, with her very talented pianist **Philip Alexander**, gave a tremendous performance of Yiddish songs at the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration Evening at Salisbury Road Synagogue on 2nd May. She performed her songs in the second half of the programme and these were so well received by all who were present that everyone is still talking about it! We look forward to hearing more of Stephanie's lovely singing on more occasions in the future. Thank you Stephanie!  
*Rebekah*

## 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). Our first request this year is from a single Jewish female for two separate nights in June. If you can help in any way, please call the Community phone on **07891 439 646**

## Edinburgh WIZO

For May's Erev Shabbat Service we had visitors from Salisbury Road Shul (EHC) who came to get to know us and to invite us to join them for the Edinburgh WIZO Annual Lunch and Garden Party. Kate Goodwin also offered to come and talk to our Community about WIZO and the tremendously valuable work they do in supporting 800 projects in Israel. WIZO is a strictly non-political and non-Orthodox organisation. Every year in the Autumn they take a group to Israel to look at the projects that they support. Please support this event.

*Rebekah*

Annual Lunch/Garden Party

**Sunday 11th June 2006 at 12.30**

At the home of Edward and Maryla Green,  
Innerwick House, Ellersly Road (Murrayfield)

Entry by Ticket – Adult £15 Child £5

We will have a Children's Stall, Cake Stall,  
Book & Video Stall, Flower & Plant Stall  
Children's Entertainment & A Jazz Band  
Contributions for the Book & Video and Cake  
Stalls would be most welcome and collection  
of the goods can be arranged.

For Tickets and Information please contact  
Kate Goodwin (0131 668 2113)  
Sylvia Donne (0131 447 2947)

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## Mazaltov

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## Lincolnshire Jewish Community

A celebration of the **Barmitzvah of this Community and 350 years of British Jewish Life** will held on **Sunday 16th July**. The day will consist of a guided tour, picnic lunch and talks. A short service will also be held at Jews Court. If you are interested in attending you can get more details and an application form by contacting **Judy Thwaites** on **020 7631 9824** or **j.thwaites@liberaljudaism.org**



## Modern Customs

In modern Judaism, Shavuot was chosen as the day to have confirmation services for boys and girls, replacing the traditional Bar Mitzvah, which occurred on the first Sabbath after a boy's thirteenth birthday. Bar Mitzvah means 'Son of the Commandment' and is the time when a young person takes on the responsibility for keeping the Law or Torah. In Israel today the first fruits aspect of Shavuot has been revived. Children wearing hair bands of flowers, and carrying baskets of fruit and flowers, make a procession to the synagogue. There is much singing and dancing, and tambourines, recorders and other instruments may be played in the procession. Homes and synagogues are decked with greenery and flowers as a reminder of spring. There is a legend that Mount Sinai itself was green and covered with flowers, even roses, when God gave the Law to Moses.

It is traditional to eat dairy foods on Shavuot. There are a number of legends concerning this. The Torah is compared to milk, because it contains everything needed for nourishment, just as milk is a complete food for a baby. Milk is the food of the spring, after the young animals have been born. A more exotic legend is the thought that the Israelites had been fasting while Moses met with God. After Moses came down the mountain with the Law, the Israelites were so hungry that they could not wait to kill and prepare meat, so instead made a meal of dairy food. Whatever the reason, dairy foods such as cheese blintzes and cheese cake are strongly associated with this festival.



## Letters

Dear Sir, I note from the May 2006 edition of our newsletter that there is a column advertising a Palestinian Film Festival at the Edinburgh Filmhouse. While I appreciate that the advert has been taken from the Filmhouse programme presumably without solicitation from the Edinburgh Filmhouse, I find it strange that this subject matter has merited half a page of promotion in the newsletter.

I appreciate that it may be liberal policy to take a fairly "catholic" view of the world around us and that I have not seen the content of any of the offerings, surely it is not the function of Sukkat Shalom to promote political culture where the State of Israel may not be fairly represented. There is plenty coverage of middle east affairs in the national press and news and people are able to form their own views from these media. Better still they should get on a plane and go and see for themselves. The Jewish peoples' long term future is invested in a miniscule part of the middle east, with negligible natural resources, and sometimes it is not possible to view the rights and wrongs of this investment in a totally impartial manner. In any event, there are plenty of alternative organisations where Jews of all persuasions can pursue their own particular road map.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr Harry L Riffkin

*The Film Festival was advertised because we thought it would be of interest to readers of the newsletter. Doing that didn't mean that we were advocating any particular point of view. If you saw any of the films, or if you have views about discussing them in the newsletter, we'd love to hear from you.*

*Clare*

**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 21st June. Please email any contributions to [newsletter@eljc.org](mailto:newsletter@eljc.org)**



## Fairtrade Tiramisu

*By Michael Barry*

### Ingredients

2 eggs, separated\*  
10 sugared sponge biscuits  
75g/3 oz icing sugar  
300g/12 oz mascarpone cheese  
125ml/5 fl oz double strength Fairtrade ground coffee  
75g/3 oz Fairtrade chocolate  
Aerosol can of whipped cream

### Method

Place the mascarpone cheese, two yolks and a little sugar in a mixing bowl and beat until well mixed.

Whip egg whites until stiff, then add the rest of the sugar. Fold into the cream mixture. Pour some double strength filter coffee into a bowl, and dissolve a couple of teaspoons of icing sugar into it.

Dunk five of the sponge fingers into the coffee, soaking thoroughly before placing them in a serving bowl or basin. Make sure they don't get too soggy.

Grate half the chocolate over the mixture. Create the second layer by repeating steps 4 - 6.

Finally, decorate with cream.

*\* If you are concerned about the use of raw eggs in this recipe, Michael Barry has suggested that as an alternative you could use 100 ml/4 fl oz of Greek yogurt. However, he added - with a hint of regret in his voice - that it wouldn't taste quite the same.*