

Sukkat Shalom

Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community

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EVENTS & SERVICES

Date **Saturday 2nd June**
Event **Bar Mitzvah of Ricky Hogg**
Venue **St Mark's Unitarian Church**
 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
Time **11am**

All welcome to the service and Kiddush. Please can you get in touch with Ricky if you would like to join us for some light lunch. (Tel: 07962 076017). ***Please note that as we have Ricky's Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat morning, we will not be holding an erev Shabbat service on Friday 1st June.***

Date **Sunday 3rd June**
Event **Introduction to Judaism Class**
Venue **Venue will be advised to regular**
 attenders (otherwise contact Nick)
Time **11am**

Date **Saturday 16th June**
Event **Service and Lunch**
Venue **Melrose**
Time **11am**

A reminder: our Shabbat service in June is being held at Newstead, near Melrose in the Borders. This event is organised by our member Isobel King, who lives in Newstead. The first time we did this, two years ago, is widely remembered as a wonderful occasion. The service will be in the Newstead village hall, then we will go to Isobel's house for lunch. Isobel is providing puddings; please bring a (non-meat) main course for sharing. After lunch there will be a choice of (optional) walks--short and wheelchair-accessible, or a little longer (bring strong footwear for this). Please let us know if you are planning to come (e-mail steve.engelman@blueyonder.co.uk or leave a message on the community phone) so that Isobel has an idea of numbers. Please say if you need a lift to Melrose, or can offer one.
Full directions to Newstead on page 3.

Date **Sunday 24th June**
Event **Annual Summer BBQ**
Venue **Linlithgow**
Time **12.30pm onwards**

Annual Summer BBQ

The 'annual summer BBQ' at **Kate & Nick's, 18 Grange Knowe Linlithgow.** Tel. (01506) 845325. Arrive any time from **12.30pm.**

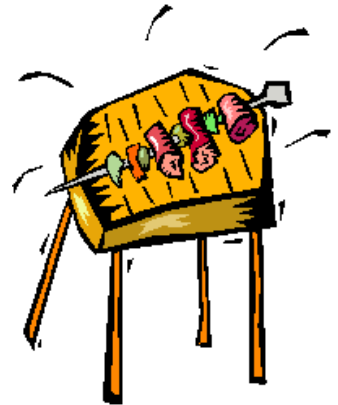
Any contributions of food and drink welcome--but no pork, thanks! All welcome -- kids, adults, friends, relatives.... If anyone wants a lift from Linlithgow station, just call (but ideally let us know beforehand so we've not drunk too much...)

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.

Date **Friday 6th July**
Event **Erev Shabbat Service**
Venue **Columcille Centre, Newbattle**
 Terrace, Edinburgh
Time **7pm**

"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."

Albert Einstein





Anne Frank + You

..is a new multimedia exhibition aimed at young people powerfully delivering the messages of Anne Frank for the 21st Century

Anne Frank + You presents contemporary issues, including racism in football, the right to wear religious symbols, bullying and the plight of child soldiers, achieved through interviews with British teenagers and photographic documentary evidence. After viewing the contemporary panels, the visitor will follow the life story of Anne, and experience a presentation of the Holocaust and other more recent genocides. The exhibition's dramatic core will offer all visitors the opportunity to enter a virtually life size replica of Anne's room in the Secret Annexe. The exhibition and the accompanying educational materials address social problems including racism, prejudice and anti-social behaviour. They present visitors, particularly young people, with questions about themselves, how they see others and how they deal with situations of conflict.

With this new exhibition, The Anne Frank Trust UK aims to become a leading force for social change in the UK.

Venue :

Edinburgh Hebrew Community Synagogue
4 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh EH16 5AB

Dates :

For public viewing Sun 10th & 17th June

Times : 11am to 5pm

Admission : Free

For further information and school bookings Tel : 0131 550 6824 or Admin@go4itedinburgh.com

Situation soon to be vacant

**Do you want to do more for the Community?
Do you have access to a PC?
Can you spare a few hours every month?
We need you then!**

We will soon be looking for a keen person to take on the **ELJC monthly newsletter**. You don't have to be an expert to do this (trust me! - *Clare*). All that is required is that you have access to a PC and can spend a few hours a month compiling, formatting, printing and posting the newsletter. All templates have been set up and with side by side training for a few months (August/September), you won't be thrown in the deep end! This is a good opportunity for anyone involved in the ELJC to support and participate in the Community and is an ideal role if you are not keen on getting involved with meetings etc... but still want to help out in some way. If you would like to know more prior to committing, then please call **Clare** on **07876 536158** or email **newsletter@eljc.org**.

Special Blessings

At a recent Religious Affairs Committee meeting, it was decided that it would be nice to recognise **simchas, birthdays, wedding anniversaries** or other memorable events by saying a blessing at the nearest service. So, if you would like to receive a birthday etc. blessing, please give Nick details of dates. Of course, you may also wish to let us help you celebrate by bringing along a cake for kiddush after the service!

Also, if you would like a **yahrzeit** remembered at a service, again please let Nick have details.

Members news

Congratulations to **Miriam Vickers** on having a painting accepted for the **Royal Scottish Academy** annual exhibition. Well done!

Thoughts

Our thoughts go the **Hannah Kenner's** father who has been very ill recently.



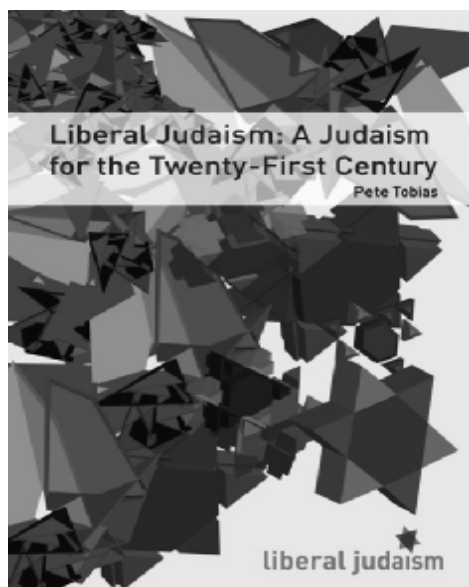
liberal judaism

Liberal Judaism: A Judaism for the Twenty-First Century by Rabbi Pete Tobias....

.....was launched on Thursday 24 May, at the Montagu Centre. I went to the launch, which featured Pete in discussion with his regular Radio 2 host, Aled Jones. Liberal Judaism is very excited about this book, which is inspired by Rabbi John Rayner's classic "Affirmations of Liberal Judaism". Like Rabbi Rayner's work, Pete's book maps out both the common ground shared with other branches of Judaism, and the aspects which give it its distinctive approach.

To order a copy, send a cheque, payable to Liberal Judaism, for £9.99 – or for the special price of £8.50 before the end of June – to: The Montagu Centre, Maple St, London W1T 4BE. (Phone 020 7580 1663.) We're hoping to organise a reading and discussion for Pete in Edinburgh soon, so you can get your copy autographed (more politely than he did mine, I hope!)

Maurice



A Prayer for Madeleine McCann

A few weeks ago, Rabbi Pete Tobias wrote the following prayer for Madeleine McCann, the little girl who has gone missing in Portugal: *'As we share a period of silence on this Shabbat to reflect upon the victims of the Holocaust, let us also spread our prayers a little wider and ask ourselves about human cruelty and the suffering it causes. Let us hold in our hearts the thought of a terrified little girl who is being held captive, away from her loving, grief-stricken parents. Let us pray, however we may understand the concept of prayer, that Madeleine McCann might be returned safely to her family: may God guide those who search for her and give strength and courage to those who wait for her. Amen.'*

Directions from Edinburgh to Newstead via A68

Follow the signs towards Jedburgh through: Dalkeith- Pathhead - Lauder - Earlston

At the Leaderfoot roundabout after Earlston take the A6091 signed to Melrose. After 1 mile take the first turn right to Newstead. Follow the slip road from the main road down to the village. The Health Board Offices are situated on the right as you enter the village. Cars can be parked in these grounds, or in the closed road along side. Please do not park in the Rushbank Circle and it is not advisable to try and park in Main Street, Newstead – as it is too narrow and such spaces as are available are used by residents (Newstead was built before the days of the motorcar)! Walk down through the village past some new houses. The Village Hall is on the left just past the War Memorial (on the right). For disabled parking only, there is a small layby immediately opposite the Hall (for one car only). Dove Cottage – for lunch is on the right (corner of St John's Wynd and Main Street) just before the War Memorial. Note: Beware of the speed cameras on the A68! Any problems on the day Steve's numbers are 01896 823233 or mobile 07976 276 796

**ELJC Welfare Support Line
07904 813162**

'The Causewayside Deli'

A new Jewish deli - **'The Causewayside Deli'** has opened at 89 Causewayside (near the junction with Salisbury Place), in South Edinburgh. It is run by **Kalman Weinberg**. He is stocking kosher food - he has tinned and dried food, as well as herring in the refrigerator and frozen kosher chicken. He is trying to source challah.

Edinburgh International Centre for World Spiritualities

Latif Bolat

Afternoon Workshop and Evening Music Event,
7 July 2007, Edinburgh:

<http://www.eicws.org/content/view/142/51/>

Hindu Spirituality Conference,
27/28/29 September 2007, Edinburgh:
<http://www.eicws.org/content/view/154/51/>

EICWS Website: www.eicws.org

Contact: Neill Walker, contact@eicws.org,
0131 331 4469.

Edinburgh Women's Inter-faith Group

20th June Picnic in George Square followed by walking the Labyrinth with **Di Williams**,
Edinburgh University Chaplain.

19th Sept Jennifer Campbell, who is the Outreach Services Manager in the Scottish Parliament and **Maureen Sier** of Scottish Interfaith offers courses on how the Parliament works, how to engage with the Parliament with a particular focus on faith/interfaith and also from Maureen information on Scottish interfaith. She will be explaining how to engage with Parliament from an Interfaith perspective.

Something Lighthearted

Digging to a depth of 1,000 meters last year, French scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 1,000 years. The French came to the conclusion that their ancestors had a telephone network centuries ago.

Not to be outdone by the French, English scientists dug to a depth of 2,000 meters. Shortly thereafter headlines in the U.K. newspapers read: "English archeologists have found traces of a 2,000-year-old fiber-optic cable and have concluded that ancestors had an advanced high-tech digital communications network a thousand years earlier than the French."

One week later, Israeli newspapers reported the following: "After digging as deep as 5,000 meters in a Jerusalem marketplace, they found absolutely nothing. They thus concluded that 5,000 years ago Jews were using wireless technology.

Feedback from the Facilities (Find a Home) Group

As you all know, we committed at our AGM to trying to find a more permanent base for our community. Following my request for members to help, a group of us met at the end of April to start things moving. We decided our first task was to define what exactly we wanted from these premises, and we drew up a list of attributes. We categorised these into three groups, critical, desirable and bonus. The table attached to this newsletter details these various attributes.

Before we hold our next meeting and start deciding how to go about finding premises, we wanted to let everybody have a chance to contribute to the list. So if you have any comments, additional suggestions etc., please let me know so that we can add them to the list. That way we can get something that we all are agreed is just right for our community. While I'd welcome feedback at any time, it would be helpful if I could get initial comments by 16th June so that we can press on with our project. Thanks,

Nick Silk, Facilities Group co-ordinator



Red Hot Tomato Soup

Ingredients

3 tins of plum tomatoes
 2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped
 1 tbsp of Fair Trade olive oil
 1 dried red chilli, finely chopped
 1 tbsp Fairtrade ground tumeric
 2 tbsp of red wine vinegar
 1 large handful of fresh basil
 20 ripe cherry tomatoes

Method

Heat the oil in a large saucepan then add the finely chopped garlic and chillies. Cook for a couple of minutes until the garlic begins to darken in colour. Next add the plum tomatoes being careful not to break them. The idea is to keep the tomatoes from breaking up until just before you serve the soup. Add 1 tablespoon of the ground tumeric and simmer on a low heat, stirring occasionally.

After 30 minutes, simply place the cherry tomatoes on a baking tray in the oven (180C) for 20 minutes. When done add them, along with most of the basil, to the plum tomatoes simmering mentioned above. After a further 10 minutes, add the red wine vinegar then stir to break up the plum tomatoes. This could also be done in a blender - how smooth you want the final soup is a matter of choice. Serve with a generous topping of finely chopped basil sprinkled on top.

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 27th June. Please email any contributions to newsletter@eljc.org



Word Scramble

- Hallah reminds us of the REBAD that was set aside for the priests in the Temple in Jerusalem.
- In ancient times, hallah was unleavened (like matzah) and made from grain that grew in Israel, but YADOT hallah is usually an egg bread from eastern Europe.
- There are IXS knots on each hallah. Two hallot together have 12 knots, to represent the 12 tribes of Israel.
- Hallah is braided to look like wheat kernel on the stalk, and remind us that humans or God work GERHOTET to "bring forth bread from the earth."
- We use two OSALEV to remember the do portion of manna that God gave on Friday to the Israelites in the desert so they would not have to gather food on Shabbat.
- Some people say that we cover the hallah so that won't be embarrassed since it's blessing comes SLAT at the Shabbat meal.



What do we want from our premises?
(the ones we don't actually have, yet)

Category	Attribute	Comments
Critical	No permanently visible religious symbols must be in our room(s)	It was noted that screening of such symbols would be acceptable
	There must be disabled access with toilet and parking	Internal accessibility is also required
	We must be able to light candles and drink wine	
	There must be secure storage for books, Kiddush cups etc.	See below re scroll and dressings storage
	We must have access to a kitchen	This does not have to be solely for our own use, but we must have access to one.
	The facility must accommodate normal services – up to about 50 people	See below re large events
	We must have control of the room(s)	We must always have first call on the room(s). While we would be willing to sublet, any such subletting must be 'controlled' by ELJC such that we never have the situation where someone has a booking over which we have no control.
	We must be able to have a Ner Tamid (eternal flame)	This does not have to be a naked flame, but can be an electric light, battery light etc. It was felt this was unlikely to be an issue, but that it should be formally noted as critical.
	The location of the premises must be correct	There was some difficulty in exactly defining what was meant by this, but it certainly must be 'central' and have good public transport links. Consideration must also be given to the general neighbourhood and safety aspects – will people feel threatened leaving on a Friday night etc.
	We must be able to publicise our events, including using any notice boards that may be available at the premises	This requirement is on the assumption that we will be sharing a building. This attribute was felt to be critical for two reasons. Firstly that we are able to tell people "we're here", and secondly that we want our hosts to be comfortable with us doing this. We should also be able to use the premises as our postal address.

		It was noted that there will be security implications with this which will need to be addressed
	The length of the lease must be correct	This assumes we will rent rather than buy somewhere. It was felt that a lease of between 3 - 7 years would give us security without tying us down to somewhere for too long.
	We must be able to affix a mezuzah	
	Cost	Our treasurer has advised that we can afford up to £4,000 per annum.
Desirable	Secure storage for the scroll and dressings	This would allow us to store 'everything' in our room(s). However the degree of security and insurance implications would need to be reviewed hence why it was felt to be desirable but not critical.
	Reasonable Parkability	The better the parking, either associated with the building itself or in the surrounding environs, the better it would be.
	Access Control	Ideally we will have complete control of access to the premises. However in the likely event that we are in shared premises, we must have control of access to our room(s)
Bonus	Accommodating large events (e.g., High Holyday services and the seder)	If our room(s), or even other rooms in the same building which we could hire, were able to accommodate large events, that would be good.
	Ability to build a 'permanent' ark	If the room had, for example, a recess into which we could build a semi-permanent ark, that would be nice. If it could also be made secure for storing the scroll, even better! However we expect that, if we don't do this, we would still look to build a less permanent ark which would be perfectly acceptable.