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## Edinburgh Reform Jewish Community Events

### Fri 5<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm - Erev Shabbat Service

**Homeroyal House, 2 Chalmers Cres, Marchmont, Edinburgh.** Please arrive in good time. If you are early press 5 then 4 then call for Blanche. We can't let you in after **7.10pm** without prior arrangement.

### Sun 7<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm - Baby naming and Purim celebration

**48 Comiston Road** for the naming ceremony - conducted by Rabbi Morris - of Stephanie and Josh's baby Miriam, followed by a Purim celebration. All welcome. There will be food, but since it's Purim you could bring a bottle!

### Sun 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7.30pm - Annual General Meeting

**St. Columba's Church, 14 Johnstone Terrace, Edinburgh.** After much delay, we will be deciding the future of the ERJC at this meeting. We want to ensure that everyone's view is represented at this meeting, so we will be sending out background material a week in advance of it. Send your views to Ricky by 15<sup>th</sup> March to have them circulated. And please try to attend; this meeting will make crucial decisions for our community. There is a short update on the continuing Glasgow-Edinburgh discussions on the back page of this newsletter.

### Thur 25th March, 7.30pm - Shiur

Charlie & Gillian Raab's house, 10 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh. The topic will be Pesach.

### Mon 5<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm - Seder

A full announcement is on page 2 of this newsletter.

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**The First Annual Festival of Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace,  
Friday 27 February - Sunday 7 March 2004.**

This festival is being organised by the Edinburgh International Centre for World Spiritualities (EICWS) and the Edinburgh Institute for Advanced Learning (EIAL). Full details can be found at [www.eial.org](http://www.eial.org). Amongst the many events are a day conference on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Quaker Meeting House on Victoria Terrace, and a **One World Peace and Justice Concert** on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Cathedral, starting at 6.30. (Doors open and refreshments available from 5.45). Representatives from all the faith groups in Edinburgh will be taking part and/or performing, including Rebekah, who will be teaching two Hebrew songs. There will be music from various traditions including klezmer and Jewish chants. **Please support this event** – it concerns all of us, especially in this time of great disquiet in the Middle East. This is a time to show our support for Justice and Peace in the Middle East. Look out for brochures and flyers around the City.

### **The Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society**

#### Sun 14<sup>th</sup> March. 8.00pm

**Marc Ellis** – *Towards Peace and Justice in Israel and Palestine*. Marc's controversial views on the relationship between the Israel/Palestine problem and modern Jewish thought should make this a talk worth hearing. Please note **nonstandard venue: Christ Church, 6a Morningside Road** (at Holy Corner)

#### Sun 28th March. 8.00pm

**Heather Valencia** - *The King of Lampedusa*. **Synagogue Hall, 4 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh.**

**Too good is bad for you. Yiddish Proverb.**

**Edinburgh Reform Jewish Community – Sukkat Shalom**  
**First night of Passover**  
**Monday 5th April 2004 7.00-9.45pm**  
**at Inch House, Inch Park**

We are delighted that we will be able to hold our 6<sup>th</sup> communal seder this year at our usual venue.

Rachel Savage has kindly agreed to coordinate the catering this year. Anyone who would like to be part of her team or contribute in any way, please be in touch with Rachel by email (rbgsavage@hotmail.com) or telephone (0131 554 3837).

A fish meal will be prepared, but a vegetarian alternative will also be available.  
If you would like to come please complete the form below and post it, with a cheque for the cost of the tickets.

Gillian Raab 10 Ainslie Place Edinburgh EH3 6AS  Tel 0131 226 6234 Email RaabGillian@aol.com	<b>Ticket Prices</b>	
	Adult members of GNS or its Edinburgh Group	£10
	Adult Guests.....	£15
	Children, students and unwaged .....	£5
	Family ticket (2 adults plus children) .....	£24 members (£34 guests)
	Single family ticket (1 adult plus children) .....	£14 members (£18 guests)

We have tried to keep the costs reasonable, but if you yourself or anyone you know would find them prohibitive, then please approach us about it.

If you are able to help either before the meal, or with the clearing up afterwards We would be most grateful if you could indicate this on the form. Families with young children are exempt.

Tickets and directions will be sent out in mid March as I will be away from home until then, but places will be allocated in the order of the receipt of your applications..

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Name_____	Number of adults @ £10 .....	_____
	@ £15 .....	_____
Address_____	Number of children/students @£5	_____
_____	Family tickets @ £24 .....	_____
_____	Family tickets @ £34 .....	_____
	Single family tickets @ £14 .....	_____
	Single family tickets @ £18 .....	_____
Phone contact_____		

Total numbers of people: \_\_\_\_\_ of whom \_\_\_\_\_ are vegetarians

I/we will be willing to help before the meal (yes/no)\_\_\_\_\_

after the seder (yes/no)\_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque for \_\_\_\_\_ payable to the Glasgow New Synagogue, Edinburgh Group.

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## Pesach Lasagna

In medium sized pot, saute:  
1 large onion  
1 large green pepper  
1 or 2 cloves garlic  
1 small can mushrooms  
(Above optional, especially if making fleishig lasagna)  
If wanting fleishig lasagne, add 1 lb. ground beef or turkey  
If available, add: 1 heaping tsp. oregano  
1 flat tsp. basil  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1 tsp. salt  
Keep stirring until the vegetable soften, adding a little water, if necessary, to prevent from sticking. Add 2/3 can tomato paste, and 1 cup water  
Allow to simmer for 1/2 hour or more, stirring occasionally to prevent from sticking. Add more water if necessary.  
Heat oven to 350  
Take 9 x 13 baking pan. Cover bottom of pan with sauce. Place pieces of matza on top of sauce. Layer with sauce and matza, topping it with the sauce. (If wanting milchig lasagne, first spread cottage cheese on the matza, and continue layering like this, topping off with slices of yellow cheese. Place in preheated oven for approximately 1/2 hour.

**Happy Eating!**

## **Another Barmitzvah Boy!**

Dear All

Thank you very much for the book token. I will get the next book of the "Tales of the Otori" with it, but there will be a lot left. I really enjoyed the day and I was very glad to have seen so many of you there. See you soon.

Best wishes, Daniel

## Some of the Nicest People

A Jew came to his rabbi to lodge a complaint against other members of the congregation. "Rabbi," he asked plaintively, "do you think it right of them to call me a fool?"

The rabbi listened with sympathy. "Why get upset by such a trifle!" he consoled him. "Do you think fools are so very different from other people? Believe me, some of the nicest people I've ever known were fools. Why, even a fine, intelligent man like you could be one!"

## Glasgow-Edinburgh discussions

As you know, our AGM was postponed to allow continued discussions between the GNS executive and representatives of ERJC. The GNS executive is proposing changes in the relationship between GNS and ERJC, and we have had to explore the options very carefully. The latest stage in these preliminaries was a meeting on Sunday at which executive representatives, plus Rabbi Morris, met with GNS members to explain the executive position and hear reactions. They put the view that ERJC has grown up and that it's time to leave home – they feel that our community is in effect independent already and that this situation should be formally recognised.

Not everyone agreed with this view, and there was a lively discussion, which will have helped to clarify the situation for GNS members and the options available to them. We look forward to more lively discussion at the AGM!

## **Boys Night Out**

Cuba Norte, Morrison St. March 27th 8.30pm. Meet at Ryries Bar, Haymarket. 7.30pm.

Anyone up for organising a girls' night, or even a couples' night?

## **Mazeltov!**

Congratulations to Gordon Barclay on his successful visit to the Beth Din. Welcome to our community, Gordon!