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Fri 2nd May. 7pm

Erev Shabbat Service & Family Supper : Eric Liddell Centre, 15 Morningside Road, Edinburgh. This will be the last Erev Shabbat service Rabbi Pete will give as our Rabbi; combining this service with a family supper will give the community an opportunity to pass on their best wishes and thanks. Please remember that a contribution to the supper would be appreciated, a cold dish is preferable but we will have use of a microwave, Cutlery will be provided.

Mon 12th May, 8pm

Shiur: thanks very much to Gillian for taking the initiative to restart the Edinburgh shiur. In the approach to Shavuot we will begin by studying the book of Ruth. Meetings in May will be on 12th and 26th May (Mondays) at 8pm, 10 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh.

Sat 17 May. 10am to 5pm

Royal Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF

“Side by Side A Celebration of World Faiths in Scotland” The ERJC will again be taking part in this year’s event and we need volunteers to come along for part of the day. If you are willing to help out please contact Maurice, Ricky or Rachel. (See attachment for more information)

Sun 18th May, 2pm

Cheder: 48 Comiston Road. All children welcome; if you would like to discuss attending, ring Maurice (466 7059)

Sat 24th May, 5.30pm

A new tradition! **Havdalah**, at a time chosen especially to suit parents of young children, at 14 Findhorn Place (many thanks to Emia Oppenheim for hosting this). See Shabbat out in sociable surroundings! There will be a brief ceremony followed by a light supper – please bring a contribution.

Mon 26th May, 8pm

Shiur (see above)

Sat 31st May – Rabbi Pete’s Farewell Party

There's going to be a farewell party for Rabbi Pete on Saturday, 31st May in the GNS function suite (£10 a head) with a band/disco and good food. Please contact GNS for further information on tickets.

Tel : 0141 639 4083 / E-mail : shul@gns.org.uk.

We are expecting that there will be a good few people interested in going through to pass on their best wishes to Rabbi Pete. If you happen to have your own transport and room in the car could we please count on you to help with the less mobile members of the community?

Please contact Maurice Tel : 0131 466 7059 or Ricky Tel : 01620 829618.

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).

The Person who does not grow grows smaller. *Adapted from Hillel, Pirke Avot 1 : 4*

Iyar / Sivan 5763

Farewell service

The weekend of the 30th 31st May will also be the last service that Rabbi Pete will be giving at Glasgow Shul.

Best wishes

After their recent illnesses, we hope that Ida & Françoise are well on the way to feeling better and the community sends on its best wishes.

Martians

An old man was digging in his garden when he saw a strange-looking creature in the dirt. He picked it up on his shovel so he could see it more clearly. It was a tiny little man. Astonished, the old man blurts out, "Who the hell are you?" "I'm a Martian," said the little guy. "Oh." The old man thought that over and then he said, "Are all Martians as small as you." "Sure," said the Martian, "actually, I'm considered rather tall."

Then the old man asked, "What's that on your head?" "Those are my antennae. "Do all Martians have antennae?" "Oh, yes," said the Martian, "we all have antennae."

"But what's that on your antennae?" "That," said the Martian proudly, "is my hat." "Well, that's different. "Do all Martians wear hats?" asked the old man. "Oh, no," said the Martian, "only the Orthodox."

Israeli Carrot Salad

(Serves 8) Oranges are a leading crop in Israel. Here they are added to grated carrots, along with mint and raisins.

2-1/2 pounds carrots, peeled and grated

5 Temple oranges, peeled, sectioned, and chopped

Juice of one lemon

2 Tablespoons dried mint

1 cup raisins

Toss all the ingredients together in a large bowl. Chill before serving.

Pesach

This year, on the first night of Pesach, our Sukkat Shalom Community sat down to the sixth Seder in Edinburgh.

There were around forty-six of us, some 'well kent' faces and some new ones, including a couple from the United States! Rabbi Pete officiated and we told the story of the Exodus using Rabbi Pete's Haggadah for the sixth time - he reminded us that it was exactly six years ago that we used it for the first time. As always, he conducted it in his own inimitable fashion with great zest & much hilarity - very much enjoyed by all who took part in the telling of the story. As always, our wonderful meal was organised, cooked and served by Gillian Raab and her dedicated band of helpers - both young and old, all contributing their particular individual versions of our traditional fare for the Seder. We would like to thank Gillian and her helpers for giving us such pleasure with their culinary delights and specialities for, without them, we could not have enjoyed such a wonderful evening.

At the end of our meal, thanks were expressed to Rabbi Pete for all his work with our Community - this was his last Seder with us and we shall all be very sorry to see him go. We all wish Rabbi Pete well at his new Synagogue in Hertsmere and thank him for all he has done for us over the years since the Edinburgh Reform Jewish Community began. Thank you Pete!

Rebekah Gronowski

Bar-be-que

Sunday 15th June

Nick & Kates Silk's house
28 Grange Knowe
Linlithgow



- Time :** People can turn up from 12pm onwards - we'll try and start eating about 1pm.
- Food :** Any contributions of food (or drink) will be welcome. We'd suggest no pork sausages! There will be veggie food also.
- Weather :** If its wet, bring an umbrella as we're having it come what may!
- RSVP :** While people can turn up on the day, it would be helpful if people can let us know in advance if they are coming - 'phone, e-mail, tell us - so we have an idea how many we are catering for. [Tel :] 01506 845325

Directions : To get there, take junction 3 off the M9, turn left towards Linlithgow. After about half a mile, you need to take a left turn into Grange View - its just after - nearly opposite - the main entrance to the 'Sun' factory which is on the right. Turn left at the roundabout into Grange Knowe, then take the first on the right and we're at the bottom. Tel no is 01506 845325 if you get lost. Its about 15-20 mins walk from the train station - Nick can give directions if needed or we're sure we can arrange to pick people up.

Side by Side

A Celebration of World Faiths in Scotland

A day to celebrate various world faiths, cultures and beliefs practised in Scotland

10am-5pm Saturday 17 May 2003

Royal Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF

What's On - all events are free

For further information contact 0131 247 4422 or 0131 247 4199.

Drop in Sessions – Faith you can handle

Find out about the world faiths in Scotland through our handling boxes – Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Additional material and information will be available for the Pagan Federation and the Bahá'í Council for Scotland.

Venue: Main Hall, Royal Museum

World Faith Music – Live!

Four exciting performances reflecting different faiths and cultures.

- 11.10am The Dhol Crusaders, Scottish Sikhs play traditional Punjabi Dhol drums
- 12.10pm Dance India Scotland, South Indian dance
- 2.10pm Music from the Buddhist world
- 3.10pm Celtica Schmeltica, Jewish Klezmer music

Venue: Main Hall, Royal Museum

Guided Tours

Look out for guided tours in the Royal Museum and Museum of Scotland.

Storytelling

Come and enjoy traditional stories from the Sikh, Jewish and Christian faiths. Suitable for all ages (children must be accompanied by an adult).

Sikh
10.15am-11.00am

Judaism
11.15am-12 noon

Christianity
12.15pm-1.00pm

Sikh
1.15pm-2.00pm

Judaism
2.15pm-3.00pm

Christianity
3.15pm-4.00pm

Venue: The Bute Room, Level 3, Museum of Scotland

Sacred Journeys

Six short introductions to world faiths through objects from National Museums of Scotland collections, led by museum Curators.

10.30am Judaism - 11.30am Christian -
12.30pm Hinduism - 2.30pm Buddhism -
3.30pm Islam - 4.30pm Sikhism

Venue: Education Centre, Royal Museum

Zen Workshop

Harmonisation of body and mind. Take part in a Zen Buddhist meditation workshop. Booking essential, telephone 0131 247 4422 (1pm lasts approximately 1 hour)

Venue: Education Centre, Royal Museum