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Edinburgh Reform Jewish Community – Forthcoming Events May 2004

Friday 7 May, 7.00 pm – Erev Shabbat Service
 Homeroyal House, 2 Chalmers Crescent, Marchmont, Edinburgh

Please arrive in good time; if you are early press 5 then call for Blanche. Unfortunately we can't let you in after 7.10pm without prior arrangement.

- Saturday 8 May, 3.00 pm Cheder
 48 Comiston Road, Edinburgh
- Sunday 9th May, 7.30pm Steering Group
 Derby Street, Edinburgh

This is the group - open to all members - set up at the AGM to consider all the options for how we can proceed as a community. A summary of the first meeting is available in the community website www.ssedin.org. Detailed notes are also available in a password-protected area – please contact Maurice for a password.

• Thursday 13th May, 7.30pm – Shiur 10 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh

Rabbi Nancy Morris will be leading a discussion on the topic of Shavuot. Please mail Gillian (RaabGillian@aol.com) if you would like to be sent advance reading material.

• Friday 4 June, 7.00 pm – Erev Shabbat Service Homeroyal House, 2 Chalmers Crescent, Marchmont, Edinburgh

Please arrive in good time; if you are early press 5 then call for Blanche. Unfortunately we can't let you in after 7.10pm without prior arrangement.

Other Local Events

- Sunday 9th May,10.30am Coffee Morning, Jewish Community Centre
 This will be held in the Community Centre and there will be a chance to purchase home baking and books. An ideal opportunity to chat to friends, meet new people and relax. The cost will be £3 for coffee and bagels.
 Contact Doreen Bowman at the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation Synagogue, 4 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh
- o Saturday 22 May & Sunday 23 May Cheder and Youth Activity Weekend
 Ann Angel (Leo Baeck College-Centre for Jewish Education) and Belinda Copitch (Northern Development Officer, RSGB) are going to Glasgow with their new young shaliach, Yair Bar Tzuri, on the weekend of 22nd/23rd May for a couple of activities. Yair will be running a typical RSY-Netzer activity for the post-Bar Mitzvah age group on Saturday evening. The following morning Ann and Belinda will be doing something with the whole cheder. An invitation is extended to the Edinburgh cheder and teenagers to join in the weekend activities. *Contact: Belinda.Copitch@reformjudaism.org.uk*
- Saturday 29 May to Tuesday 3 June Dalai Lama's visit to Scotland
 His Holiness the Dalai Lama will be visiting Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dumfermline.
 See the website for further details: www.dalailama2004.org.uk



Our Community

There's a **lot** going on at the moment, much more than there is room to write about here. People are working on affiliation, on burials, on the scroll, on our constitution and on organising services for the High Holy Days. There's some work in getting a new community off the ground! Please get involved if you can. I am trying to keep the website www.ssedin.org - current, though it's hard to keep up. If you can't get to the website, we will have a summary in the next newsletter. All this work will be brought back to a general meeting in the early summer for some big decisions to be made.

Maurice

Production of Newsletter

As stated at the last AGM, I have decided to cease working on the newsletter. We are in an exciting period of growth and development and while I am continue happy to Administrator, I felt that it was also time to let someone else have the opportunity to develop the newsletter with fresh impetus and renewed enthusiasm. After three years of producing it, I have had the chance to come in contact with many people who help and support the community: I know that Hannah Kenner, who will now be in charge of newsletter production, will have your support as she makes her own mark in her new role. Hope to see you all soon.

Best regards, Ricky

Sunday 13 June - Race for Life, Hopetoun House, South Queensferry, Edinburgh.

I will be taking part in the Race for Life in June. If anyone would like to sponsor me for the event, please get in touch. I would also be pleased if folk would just turn up to cheer me on! The Race for Life raises funds for Cancer Research and this year hopes to top the £20k figure with 150,000 women taking part all over the UK.

Thanks, Rebekah Rebekah@v21.me.uk

Tuesday 15 June, 6-9pm - Women's Spirituality for Peace event, St John's Church Hall. West End

I have been asked to give a talk and do a workshop on *Women's Spirituality for Peace* from a Jewish Women's Perspective. If anyone has any thoughts which I could use for this, please let me know. Anything included will be acknowledged.

Thanks, Rebekah Rebekah@v21.me.uk

Membership Subscriptions

Membership letters are now being sent out inviting you to join the reconstituted Sukkat Shalom Edinburgh Community. Current membership is for a 6-month period, with a 12-month membership to start once the new form of our community has been confirmed.

Roast Pepper & Tomato Salad Serves 6

- 3 red/green peppers
- 5 garlic cloves, whole & unpeeled
- 3 large tomatoes, peeled & diced
- bunch of coriander leaves, chopped
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon vinegar or juice of ½ lemon
- Salt & pepper
- ½ 1 teaspoon ground cumin

Roast the peppers under the grill & peel them. At the same time, grill the garlic cloves until they just begin to feel soft, turning them once.

Cut the peppers into tiny squares & chop the garlic. Put into a serving bowl with the tomatoes and chopped coriander.

Just before serving, dress with a mixture of oil & vinegar/lemon, salt, pepper & cumin.

Variation: Add 2 tablespoons of capers and half the peel of a preserved lemon, cut into small pieces.

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