

SUKKAT SHALOM

EDINBURGH LIBERAL JEWISH COMMUNITY

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sukkat shalom - shelter of peace



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Greetings

This is the first of our short newsletters, a diary sheet to make sure that we keep everyone in touch with community activities. **Clare Hogg** has kindly volunteered to be the editor for the real newsletter, which will come out quarterly from now on. Please send her your news and contributions at newsletter@eljic.org.

Maurice

Community Events

THU 28 APR, 8.30pm Talmud Torah class, 36 Gillespie Crescent, Edinburgh EH10 4HX

The class will be led by Rabbi Aaron Goldstein. Please let Josh and Stephanie know (0131 229 1725) if you intend to come.

FRI 29 APR, 5.30pm Class: Introduction to Judaism, Christ Church, 4 Morningside Rd (Holy Corner) Edinburgh EH10 4DD

FRI 29 APR, 7.00pm Erev Shabbat service, Christ Church (as above)

Class and service will both be led by Rabbi Aaron Goldstein.

SAT 30 APR, 11.00am Shabbat Service, the Village Hall, Newstead.

The service will be followed by lunch (please bring a kosher-for-pesach cold dish) and then a walk. We may get an opportunity to view the remains of Roman Melrose - then the capital of Scotland. Suitable routes will be organised for families with children. Please bring substantial footwear. Many thanks to Isobel King for making the local arrangements and hosting us.

Directions to Newstead overleaf. If you need transport and haven't been in touch already, please contact Maurice (07891 439 646)

SUN 1 MAY, 3.00pm Cheder, 1 Blackie House (Adam on buzzer), Lady Stair's Close

The model wedding!

FRI 6 MAY, 7.00pm Erev Shabbat service, Christ Church, 4 Morningside Rd (Holy Corner) Edinburgh EH10 4DD

Our regular Erev Shabbat service.

Community Events (cont'd)

SUN 15 MAY, 3.00pm Cheder, 1 Blackie House (Adam on buzzer), Lady Stair's Close

Death and bereavement: Jewish views and rituals

SAT 21 MAY, 11.00am Shabbat Service, St Columba's Church Hall, 14 Johnstone Terrace

Parasha B'har

SUN 29 MAY, 3.00pm Cheder, 1 Blackie House (Adam on buzzer), Lady Stair's Close

Death and bereavement: cemetery visit

JUNE FORWARD PLANNING

Rabbi Aaron is visiting on the first weekend of June, and it will be a child-oriented event!

- Thurs 2nd June: Talmud Torah class
- Friday 3rd June: (5.30pm) Cheder; (7pm) Children's service (ie noisier than usual!)
- Saturday 4th June: (9.30am) Introduction to Judaism class; (11am) service, with the Meiksin baby blessings; (pm) study session on Make Poverty History

Sunday 12th June: Cheder; Erev Shavuot service and study

Saturday 18th June: Shabbat Service

Sunday 19th June: Barbeque, Linlithgow

More details on these events in next month's newsletter, and now at www.eljc.org/calendar

Other Events

THU 5 MAY, 6.30pm Yom Hashoah Service Peace Garden, Princes Street Gardens

The service (which will last 30-40 mins) will mark the commemoration the liberation of Bergen Belsen - 60 years ago this year.

WED 11 MAY, 7.30pm Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration, Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation Synagogue, 4 Salisbury Road

After the Service there will be Israeli food + entertainment including jewish/klezmer music/songs/stories. There will be a small charge. For further information ring Jackie Taylor (01324 612 126).

Announcements

Summer Camps

Liberal Judaism runs Kadimah, a series of summer camps for children of 8 upwards. These camps are very effective in helping to build a sense of Jewish identity in children who go to them. They provide a really good mixture of serious events and study with a lot of fun activity. Sukkat Shalom is keen to encourage our children to participate in these camps, and has set aside budget to assist with the cost of them. For more information on the camps please contact Maurice (chair@eljic.org); for information on financial assistance please contact Jonathan (treasurer@eljic.org).

Make Poverty History

The preparations for the weekend of the G8 summit are going ahead well. We (finally!) have a venue for services on the Friday night and the Saturday morning, in which Rabbi Julia Neuberger will be taking a leading part. We hope that following the Friday night service there will be an evening meal at the Salisbury Road shul. Following the Saturday service the congregation will walk en masse to the demonstration. We are the hosts for the weekend for the progressive (ie Liberal and Reform) half of the Jewish Campaign to Make Poverty History, a grouping which has the support of all the main synagogue federations.

Although most Jewish people coming to the G8 weekend will make their own arrangements for accommodation, inevitably there will be some who will not be able to afford what's available (the city will be very crowded that weekend). We expect that everyone who comes will be referred through their synagogue, so we will not be accommodating any "unknowns". If you could make any space on your floor for people to put down sleeping bags for a night, please let us know so that we can start to co-ordinate accommodation.

And if you are interested in joining the Sukkat Shalom organising group for Make Poverty History, please let us know: info@eljic.org, or ring the community phone (07891 439 646)

Kol Nidre Appeal

We want to have a more considered discussion this year about the beneficiaries for the Kol Nidre Appeal than there was time for last year. Council has asked Avery Meiksin to co-ordinate a working group to make recommendations to council on beneficiaries and criteria for

choosing them. If you are interested in being involved in the discussions (which should not involve much in the way of meetings) or have charities you would like to recommend, please get in touch with Avery (aam@roe.ac.uk).

Appeal for Help

A member of a London Reform community is asking whether we can help her daughter, who is moving to Edinburgh, to find accommodation. If you can recommend a good estate agent with a sizeable stock of rented accommodation in the city, please let us know (info@eljic.org) and we will pass your recommendation on.

Directions for Newstead

FROM: Edinburgh via A68 (total journey time about an hour and a quarter, but **please** allow plenty of time so that you arrive in a peaceful and unhurried mood and we can start on time).

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.

Note: Beware of the speed cameras on the A68!

(You can get the route on Google's wonderful new map facility: <http://tinyurl.com/8xgf9>)

Ring the community phone if you get lost (and we can commiserate with one another!)