

# Sukkat Shalom

Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community

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## EVENTS & SERVICES

**Date**            **Friday 4th May**  
**Event**           **Chavurah Supper**  
**Venue**           **Columcille Centre**  
                      **Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh**  
**Time**            **7pm**

With Rabbi Mark. The format for our chavurah supper will be the same as last time. There will not be a formal service, rather we will welcome Shabbat with Kiddush and a prayer at the table before we eat, after which we will sing some songs and no doubt have time for a chat too. Please bring something to share (no meat please!) and if you can arrive on time to help set up, all help will be welcome.

Rabbi Mark will be leading the usual events that take place on his visits:

**Date**            **Friday 4th May**  
**Event**           **Kabbalat Torah Group**  
**Time**            **4.30pm**

**Date**            **Saturday 5th May**  
**Event**           **Introduction to Judaism class**  
**Venue**           **10 Ainslie Place**  
**Time**            **11am**

**Date**            **Saturday 5th May**  
**Event**           **Talmud Reading Group**  
**Venue**           **44 Queen Street**  
**Time**            **3pm**

Our next regular service is

**Date**            **Saturday 19th May**  
**Event**           **Shabbat Service**  
**Venue**           **St Mark's Unitarian Church**  
                      **Castle Terrace, Edinburgh**  
**Time**            **11am**

**Date**            **Tuesday 22nd May**  
**Event**           **Erev Shavuot Service**  
**Venue**           **Friends Meeting House Library**  
**Time**            **7pm**

Followed by tea, coffee, cheesecake and discussion. If you are interested in suggesting topics for discussion, or leading the discussion, please speak to Nick. We will finish by 10pm at the latest.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> June.***

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

Following the success of our visit two years ago, we will again be holding a service in Melrose, thanks to the hospitality of Isobel King. After the service we will be having lunch, followed by a walk (weather permitting), chat or whatever else we decide! Isobel will be providing soup and puddings, so please bring a (non-meat) main course for sharing. There will be directions in next month's newsletter, but to help Isobel in providing food, please let us know now if you are planning to come. (e-mail [steve.engleman@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:steve.engleman@blueyonder.co.uk), or leave a message on the community phone). Please also say if you need a lift to Melrose, or can offer one.

*"He that can't endure the bad, will not live to see the good"*

Jewish Proverb

## Communal Seder



Another year, another packed Seder. Rabbi Pete (*above*) conducted the proceedings with his usual aplomb and 80 people enjoyed a memorable evening. Many thanks must go to everyone who helped with the planning, preparation, table setting, cooking, serving and cleaning up. A massive amount of work goes into this event and it would not be the success that it was, is and continues to be, without all the willing volunteers. Once again, thank you!



## Social Event Opera Outing

Are you interested in making up a party to the opera? Scottish Opera are staging **Madame Butterfly** and **Lucia de Lammermoor** in June. The dates are: (MB) 13, 15, 19, 21 and 23, and (LdeL) 16, 20, 22. All are at 7.15pm, at the Festival Theatre (with supertitles). If you're interested in joining a party for any of these, please let Maurice know ([chair@eljic.org](mailto:chair@eljic.org), or leave a message on the community phone, (0131) 777 8024). We'll need to book soon--within the next week or so--if we're to get good/cheap seats. To maximise our chances of getting together, please provide as many alternative dates as possible on which you could come.

## Community Workshop Silk Painting - Last Call!!!



On **26th May** (afternoon) we will holding a silk painting workshop, led by professional silk painter, **Barbara Morningstar**, of the Montreal Reform Congregation. We plan to work on one or two large items that may become a bimah cover or an an ark curtain. Numbers will be limited. Please get in touch promptly if you are interested.

**Gillian Raab and Catherine Lyons**

(Contact Gillian directly, email [info@eljic.org](mailto:info@eljic.org), or call (0131) 777 8024)

## Mazel Tov

To **Anna** (nee Raab) and **Tim Dover** on the safe birth of **Constance Deborah**. Parents, baby and Grandparents all doing well!

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To **Jonathan** and **Marjory Broadie** who recently celebrated their Pearl (30th) Wedding Anniversary.

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## Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society

The 5767 Annual General Meeting will take place on **Sunday 13th May 2007 at 8pm** (please note changed date) in the **Marian Oppenheim Hall, Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation, 4 Salisbury Road**. Following the business of the meeting, **Avery Meiksen** will give a short talk entitled, "*The Lord and the Rabbi: A Rabbi Asks the World's Most Famous Astronomer a Question.*"

## Edinburgh Jewish Community Centre Committee

COFFEE MORNING  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2007**  
in the Community Centre at **10.30 a.m.**

£4

HOME BAKING AUCTION!!

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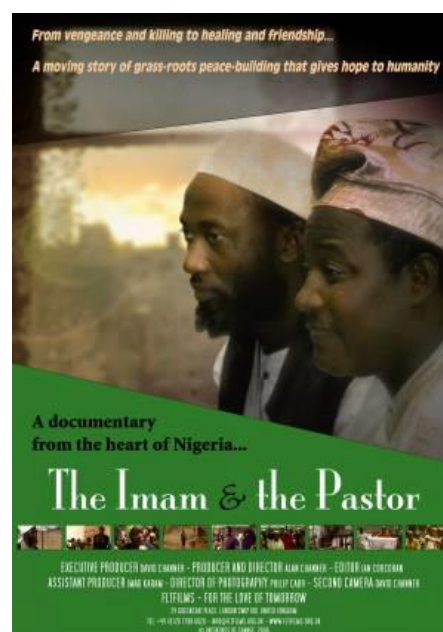
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## Edinburgh Women's Inter-faith Group

**30th May** Film – 'The Imam and the Pastor'. This is an open meeting to which men are cordially invited. Start time - **7.00 p.m.** vegetarian finger-food buffet, film starts at 7.30 p.m. Venue - **Nicholson Square Methodist Church**.



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

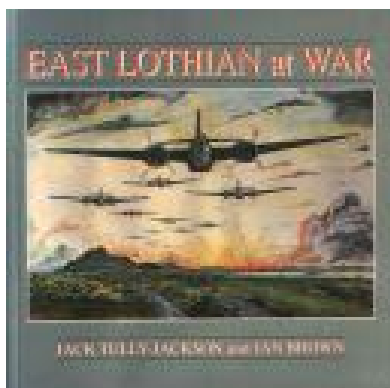
**19th Sept Jennifer Campbell**, who is the Outreach Services Manager in the Scottish Parliament and **Maureen Sier** of Scottish Interfaith offers courses on how the Parliament works, how to engage with the Parliament with a particular focus on faith/interfaith and also from Maureen information on Scottish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

## Jewish Refugees in East Lothian East Lothian has a Jewish history!

I wonder how many people realise that there were Jewish Refugee children living in East Lothian during the war years from 1939 – 1942. To find out more, please visit this web page in the website 'East Lothian at War' – [www.eastlothianatwar.co.uk](http://www.eastlothianatwar.co.uk) then click on the link on the left 'Refugees and Evacuees' – you will find much to interest you.

Mrs Laura Samuel, a former refugee from Berlin who was at Whittinghame Farm School, recently came to visit Whittinghame to see where she had spent part of the war years. I have a photograph of Mrs Samuel and her brother as they were then, if anyone is interested.

Do any of our members have a link to East Lothian? I am particularly interested in contacting anyone who may have been at the Whittinghame Farm School or the Polton House, Loanhead. Does anyone know someone who may have been at Whittinghame Farm School or Polton House, Lasswade?



A renowned East Lothian Historian is working with Haddington Historic Society on a film project documenting the history of the war years is looking for anyone who may be able to contribute any information etc. about their stay in either of these places.

If you would like to contribute to this valuable project, please contact Rebekah in the first instance, by email: [rebekah.gronowski@googlemail.com](mailto:rebekah.gronowski@googlemail.com) – information will then be passed on for the project.

*Rebekah*

## The Commandments

This is a little known tale of how God came to give us the Ten Commandments. God first went to the Egyptians and asked them if they would like a commandment. "What's a commandment," they asked. "Well, it's like "THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY" replied God . The Egyptians thought about it and then said, "No way, that would ruin our weekends." So then God went to the Assyrians and asked them if they would like a commandment. They also asked, "What's a commandment?" "Well," said God, "it's like, 'THOU SHALT NOT STEAL' ". The Assyrians immediately replied, "No way. That would ruin our economy." So finally God went to the Jews and asked them if they wanted a commandment. They asked, "How much?" God said, "They're free." The Jews said, "Great! We'll take TEN."

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**Machaneh Kadimah**

**29 JULY - 11 AUGUST 2007 / 5767**

**Machaneh Kadimah** is our exciting summer camp - two weeks of non-stop fun and informal education organised by a dedicated team of madrichim (youth leaders). For more information, please contact **Jordan Helfman** on [j.helfman@liberaljudaism.org](mailto:j.helfman@liberaljudaism.org)  
Or  
**Jenny Walton** on [j.walton@liberaljudaism.org](mailto:j.walton@liberaljudaism.org)



## Hot fruit salad

Serves 4

### Ingredients

4 small Fair Trade bananas (available from some supermarkets)  
 2 apples  
 100g grapes  
 100g dried fruit (to make this a Fair Trade recipe, use Fair Trade dried Apricots, pineapples and mangoes, available from Oxfam shops)  
 25g (1oz) Fair Trade golden caster sugar  
 Any other fruit you like, such as pieces of coconut, sultanas or raisins.

### Method

Peel the apple and chop it into slices. Then chop the banana into slices as well. Put the grapes, apple, banana, coconut and sultanas or raisins into a microwaveable bowl and microwave for two minutes. Sprinkle the cinnamon and add the cream if desired.

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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 23rd May. Please email any contributions to [newsletter@eljc.org](mailto:newsletter@eljc.org)



Shavuot is celebrated seven weeks and one day after [Passover](#). Shavuot is known by other names:

**Chag HaShavuot**  
(The Feast of Weeks)

**Chag HaBikurim**  
(The Festival of First Fruits)

**Chag HaKatzir**  
(The Harvest Festival)

שבועות

Shavt

מגילת רות

Book of Ruth

חג הקציר

Harvest Festival

בכורים

First Fruits

עשרת הדברות

Ten Commandments