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## Edinburgh Reform Jewish Community Events

### Fri 7th Nov. 7.pm - 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).

### Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.pm – Erev Shabbat Service

**Homeroyal House, 2 Chalmers Cres, Marchmont, Edinburgh.** (Arrangements as above)

### Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11.00am Shabbat Service (Glasgow)

Andrew Silk's Barmitzvah (Details attached)

### Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11.00am. Chanukah / Service / Lunch & Study.

This is our first SLS for quite some time and with Chanukah nearly upon us a good time to reacquaint ourselves with a popular event. The service will be followed by lunch / study portion will be on Chanukah itself / then finally the lighting of our Chanukot. Please remember to bring along a cold dish for the table; cutlery will be provided.

### Glasgow New Synagogue

#### **A Question of Entertainment on Saturday, 15th November, at Maccabi Function Suite.**

Free champagne reception, Buffet and "Question of Entertainment" Quiz. All this to be followed by dancing with live band "Still Rocking".

The quiz is based on "A Question of Sport" and is being put together for us very professionally with film clips, etc. There is also a free raffle. I hope you agree it all adds up to a great night and it would be really nice to see a table from Edinburgh there. The evening starts at 7.15pm and tickets are £30 per person.

**For tickets, contact Susan Rose on 0141 638 5191, or GNS administrator Nancy on 0141 639 4083.**

### Events in the Hebrew Congregation Synagogue Hall, 4 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh

#### Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 8.pm

**The Opening Meeting** of the 2003-2004 session of the Lit will be on **Sunday 9th November** at 8.00 pm in the Marian Oppenheim Hall, Edinburgh Hebrew Community Centre. The speaker will be the well-known novelist Eva Hoffman and the subject: 'Conflicting Memories, Contested Pasts: Some Thoughts on the Polish-Jewish Relationship.' Please note that this is a later date than was originally announced.

*Build your home in such a way that a stranger may feel happy in your midst. Theodor Herzl*

**Nick & Kate Silk**

Have great pleasure in inviting all members of Sukkat Shalom to celebrate the Barmitzvah of

**Andrew**

**On Shabbat 6 December 2003  
11 Kislev 5764**

At Glasgow New Synagogue  
147 Ayr Road  
Glasgow

The service commences at 11am and will be followed by kiddush

Please also join us in the evening for a party, starting at 7.30pm At the Burgh Halls, Linlithgow.

PS. The party is for adults and kids, and if you could let us know if you will be able to come, it would help us greatly with the catering.

Our address is 18 Grange Knowe, Linlithgow, West Lothian,

**Tel. 01506 845325,**

**E-mail: [the.silks@ukgateway.net](mailto:the.silks@ukgateway.net)**

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we have now booked a coach to go from Edinburgh to Glasgow. It will be leaving from the Holyrood hotel (opposite Dynamic Earth) at 9am, and going via Linlithgow to Glasgow. It will not be leaving Glasgow until 3pm, but we have arranged for it to make a trip from GNS to Queen Street train station after the service. So far a few people have said they may be interested in using the coach. If you are interested, could you let us know so that we make sure we have a big enough coach!

Nick & Kate

**Sukkot**

Daniel reports:

We went to the Edinburgh Reform Sukkot service. It was held at the St. Columba's Church, which was a perfect place.

On the day of Sukkot we went early and helped to put fruit on the Sukkah before going on for a great – but shortish\* – service. The service, conducted by Nick, went well. After that we went under the Sukkah for Kiddush, and Stephanie who has just had her conversion approved by the Beth Din, said the proselyte's prayer for acceptance, with some of us helping her read it.

Lastly we went in for lunch, which was delicious. Overall it was a fantastically great event.



Stephanie on the day of her acceptance into the community



Under the Sukkah

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\* This must be a first – a child complaining that a service was too short! More pictures on the website.

# Edinburgh Reform Community

**November 2003**  
**Heshvan / Kislev 5764**

## **Pumpkin-Filled Hamantaschen**

### **PUMPKIN FILLING**

1 lb. canned pumpkin or mashed sweet potatoes  
6 tbsp. Solo pecan filling  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1/4 tsp. ground cloves  
Mix all ingredients and use to fill hamantaschen.

### **COOKIE DOUGH**

1/2 cup orange juice or apple juice  
1/3 cup oil  
2 egg whites  
1 egg  
3 cups flour (or 2 cups flour and 1 cups whole-wheat flour)  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tsp. baking powder  
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

In a bowl, mix the orange juice, oil and eggs. Add the remaining ingredients and mix until the dough forms a ball.

Knead for 1-2 minutes until very smooth. Place the ball in a covered bowl and refrigerate for 1-2 hours.

Roll dough out to 1/8 inch thick. Cut with a 4-inch round mold. (A glass works well.) Place approximately 2 tsp. of filling onto each center. Form a triangle by folding in the edges at 3 points, leaving a space in the center to view the filling. Bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Makes 18.

Do you want to help feed the Hungry of the World?  
If so, please visit The Hunger Site every day & click to provide a daily cup of staple food.

[www.thehungersite.com](http://www.thehungersite.com)

Thank you!

We hear that Rebekah Gronowski's operation was a success and wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her soon.

## **Pure Science**

Two sages of Chelm got involved in a deep philosophical argument. "Since you're so wise," said one, sarcastically, "try to answer this question : Why is it that when a slice of buttered bread falls to the ground, it's bound to fall on the buttered side?" But as the other sage was a bit of a scientist he decided to disprove this theory by a practical experiment. He went and buttered a slice of bread. Then he dropped it. "There you are! " he cried triumphantly. "The bread, as you see, hasn't fallen on its buttered side at all. So where is your theory now? "Ho-ho! " laughed the other, derisively. "You think you're smart! You buttered the bread on the wrong side! "

## **Scroll sponsorship**

Firstly we would like to thank all the people who donated to our scroll funds

To-date we have **£239**.

If you would still like to send a donation then please contact Gillian Raab our treasurer. Many thanks for sponsoring the walk.

Ricky.

## **Raffle news**

Ida Skubieyski has come up with a great way to increase our Torah fund by raffling a very nice Single Malt. No ordinary Malt, this one comes with a story attached. The draw will be held on Chanukah. Ticket prices to be advised.

Belinda Copitch, Director of RSGB Northern Development writes:

*Sometimes it is easy to dismiss synagogue or RSGB weekends because they don't seem to be for you. But have you ever wondered what the Northern RSGB weekend, known simply as 'Ilkley' is really about? It is a lovely way to spend Shabbat, praying together, doing some study, debating and discussing, some workshop learning, some rest and relaxation, a walk above Ilkley if you wish, and getting to know other Reform Jews from northern communities. This year the topic is "Facing a Changing Future - Reform Judaism in the 21st Century"; we will be examining the challenges facing us and the developments we are making in our synagogue transformations and in placing our spirituality and Judaism into the present.*

The Ilkley weekend is November 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Details of the workshops are below. People who go always come back full of energy and ideas – it is a very exciting experience! Please contact Ricky or Maurice if you are interested in going on behalf of Sukkat Shalom.

## Workshops

### Saturday

Delivered by	Subject
<p>Carey Glass and Dolf Mogendorff PhD, FRSA <b>Research Director of E-productive ltd. and Chair of Northern Region</b> Danny Casson <b>Chief Executive of UK Jewish AID</b></p>	<p><b>Miracles Happen.</b> A two-session workshop in experientially finding solutions. Come and learn how to help solve your community's problems in a positive and energising way. <span style="float: right;">SAXON ROOM</span></p>
<p>Mike Frankl <b>Director of Finance, RSGB</b></p>	<p><b>Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World)</b> Jewish Responsibility for others. How Jews can make a real difference in the developing world – using our own Jewish experience. <span style="float: right;">BALLROOM</span></p>
<p>Stella Mason <b>Chair of RSGB Southern region</b></p>	<p><b>The Challenges of Transformation</b> Managing change is one of the most complex and difficult issues we continually face in the work place, in our homes and in our congregations. Using research material provided by Prof Michael Zeldin, visiting scholar in residence for CJE in 2001 and text from Deuteronomy, we will examine some of the issues that should be considered when congregations begin to change. <span style="float: right;">ANTLER BAR</span></p>
	<p><b>The New Siddur</b> With the advent of the draft new Shabbat morning service, this workshop offers opportunities to reflect on its development. It also affords the unique opportunity of having your say in shaping how we will be praying in the Reform Movement. <span style="float: right;">WHARFE ROOM</span></p>

### Sunday

Delivered by	Subject
<p>Rabbi Reuven Silverman <b>Rabbi of Manchester reform Synagogue</b> and Ann Angel <b>Family Education Co-ordinator for LBC-CJE</b></p>	<p><b>Sidramatics.</b> Torah reading is the longest running continuous show on earth. It is a lost art which ought to be the most important part of the service. In order to find ways of reviving it, this workshop will explore narrative and dramatic possibilities. <span style="float: right;">BALLROOM</span></p>
<p>Carey Glass and Dolf Mogendorff PhD, FRSA <b>Research Director of E-productive ltd. and Chair of Northern Region</b> <small>Part two</small></p>	<p><b>Miracles Happen.</b> A two-session workshop in experientially finding solutions. Come and learn how to help solve your community's problems in a positive and energising way. <span style="float: right;">SAXON ROOM</span></p>
<p>Gillian Kempner</p>	<p><b>Making Siddur covers</b> Let your creative expression run free in this workshop where you will design and make your own Siddur cover. <span style="float: right;">ANTLER BAR</span></p>
<p>Stella Mason <b>Chair of RSGB Southern Region</b></p>	<p><b>Change in the USA</b> Exploring the way a range of synagogues in the US have faced the challenges of Synagogue Transformation. The workshop will focus on some of the novel paths chosen by some synagogues and address a variety of innovative ways of dealing with the issues of change management. <span style="float: right;">WHARFE ROOM</span></p>