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## **Edinburgh Reform Jewish Community Events**

### **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 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).

### **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.30am – Sukkot Service**

**St. Columba's Church, 14 Johnstone Terrace, Edinburgh.**

The Sukkah area is fully accessible. After the service and kiddush in the Sukkah we will have lunch together - contributions appreciated, as usual! The service will start punctually, as the venue is not booked for the afternoon. Please come and take part in building and decorating the Sukkah this year. We will be meeting Friday at 4pm outside St.Columba's, bring along any branches and greenery that you have. Please contact Ricky if you are thinking of helping with this. We will be decorating the Sukkah on Saturday morning, starting at 9.30 – bring along fruit, string, children, etc.

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

#### **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2pm.**

The next Community Centre event will be a guided walk along the Royal Mile, led by Sidney Caplan, on Sunday 26 October at 2pm. Sidney is an experienced guide and has volunteered his services for this fund raising event. The numbers will need to be limited to a total of 14 for each walk, please send a cheque for £5 as soon as possible to reserve your place. We hope to be able to repeat the event at a later date.  
*Contact Doreen Bowman at the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation Shul.*

#### **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.

*Your laws have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. Psalms 119 : 54*

## Nick & Kate Silk

Have great pleasure in inviting all members of Sukkat Shalom  
to celebrate the Bar mitzvah 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,

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"We have some visitors coming up for Andrew's bar mitzvah, some of whom will be staying in Edinburgh. It is likely that we may end up laying on a bus from Edinburgh, via Linlithgow, to Glasgow. If so, would anyone be interested in making use of it? I would estimate that it would leave Edinburgh at about 9am. Unfortunately, it will not be returning to Edinburgh straight after the service, but if there is a demand, I can arrange for it to take people from shul to Glasgow Queen Street train station. If you are interested in using the bus, can you let us know in the next few weeks."

Nick.

## **Letter from my Travels in Manchester & Beyond!**

In July this year, I was privileged to attend the Bar Mitzvah of Dr. Gabriel Astill (Gabi) at the Manchester Reform Synagogue, Jackson's Row, where I received a very warm welcome. The Service took place on Shabbat 'Pinchas' and was a wonderful occasion, one that I shall remember for a long time. Many of you will know that Gabi is a professional violinist and a Doctor of Musicology – it was wonderful to hear him chanting, not only the Berachot, but the Parshah and Haftarah; this is a very difficult task and which he carried out brilliantly! It was a joy for me to listen to the beautiful singing of the twelve-strong choir, singing *A Capella* in four parts. – truly uplifting experience. At the end of the Service, Rabbi Silverman invited Gabi and Denise Isaacs up on to the Bimah, where it was announced that they are to be married, their Chuppah is to be next May and I look forward to being there for that occasion also! We all went downstairs for a wonderful Kiddush and great celebration!

*We all wish them 'Mazeltov' and may they have many happy years together!*

While I was in the area, this was also a 'journey of nostalgia' for me – my family roots are in Manchester and in the surrounding districts. My great-grandfather was General Manager of Mandelberg's in Manchester & my father was born there but moved to Timperley in Cheshire. So, the preceding Friday evening, I took myself off to the Menorah Reform Synagogue in Cheadle where I received a very warm welcome from Rabbi Brian Fox and his congregation. Rabbi Fox hails from Australia and the Service reflected his verve and enthusiasm with very lively singing from all present. We reached a point in the Service where none of us knew the tune to that particular Psalm – so he said, 'OK, so you don't know it – we'll learn it!' - and learn it we did in only a few minutes. This, again, was a memorable occasion for me, long to be remembered.

On the Saturday afternoon I went to meet my last-surviving cousin on my father's side whom I had never met – but she remembers pushing me in my pram when she was fourteen – 60 years ago! This was such a joyous occasion – we had so much to catch up on and she filled in the 'gaps' in the family history. She had been brought up by my Jewish grandmother – she even looked like her! She took one look at me and said 'You and I could be sisters' – and she was right, we looked so alike – we even had the same mannerisms. It's amazing how many family features and characteristics are inherited and not copied! I think we must have talked non-stop for about four hours in the comfort and luxury of the one and only Midland Hotel – a real taste of the past!

After four days exploring Manchester and its environs, I travelled South down visit to my family. While I was there I went to the Milton Keynes and District Reform Synagogue which is my 'local' Synagogue when at home. This community started much as we have done, but twenty six years ago! Last August they completed the building of their brand new, purpose-designed Synagogue and yes – it has full disabled access and facilities and is all on ground level. It was the first time I had seen the building and again, was made most welcome. They also had a choir, which, on that day, consisted of about eight members – this is variable according to who is around and it was in the middle of the holiday season.

I came home feeling that I had made many new friends as well as visiting old friends and seeing my family for much longer than usual - altogether a very enjoyable holiday! I look forward to my next visit, which will be after the birth of my first great-grandchild!

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Dear Members of Sukkat Shalom,

As you will know from Ricky and from the recent publicity, East Lothian Council is hosting an event called 'Our Days of Light' in the Brunton Hall, Musselburgh on 9th October 2003. All the Primary Schools throughout East Lothian have been carrying out a project on the major Religions represented in East Lothian; the statistics are based upon the latest Census figures for Religious affiliation. The figure for the Jewish population in East Lothian is 6% of the total of 92,000 of the population, which is 5520 people. These are ones who have declared a Religious affiliation to Judaism – this makes very interesting reading as it adds up to a potential increase in the numbers for our Community. Quite obviously, not all of those who declared are Reform, nor are they necessarily practising Jews but – food for thought!

Talking of food – during the evening it is hoped to be able to provide various traditional dishes from each of the Faith communities represented. For this I would really appreciate your help, please. Can any of you please volunteer to cook a few latkes, gefilte fish balls, falafel etc. etc. etc.? If so, please keep any receipts you have for the cost of ingredients as there is a fund set aside to reimburse anyone who contributes items of food. Please let me know if you can help in this way – collection of food can be arranged on the day. Please let me know as soon as possible as we have to make other arrangements for four of us to cook 3,000 latkes etc. if there are no offers – it can be done if necessary!

On the evening the programme will be as follows:-

- 6.00 – 7.00 p.m.           Stalls displaying information on the different Faiths  
                                  Tables 'groaning' with traditional foods from different Faiths  
                                  Children's Workshops – hand painting to put on the Peace Tree  
                                                                                  other craft activities – any offers of ideas please?
- 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.           Concert given by East Lothian Youth Theatre & Youth Dance groups  
  
                                  Dance, Song, Poetry and Klezmer Music from Faith Communities
- 8.15 – 9.00 (approx)      Procession down to the River Esk with six enormous lanterns representing each  
                                  Faith Community (Made by The Hollies and ELCAP)  
  
                                  Service for Peace and display of the Peace Tree – Prayers from each Faith

Please – can anyone offer to: -

- Help me on the information stall – talk to the children/adults about our Faith
- Speak about Reform Judaism or do a reading from the Tanakh during the Concert
- Say a short Prayer for Peace during the Service
- Cook some traditional Jewish delicacies

We are expecting 1000 children through the doors + Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents & others!

It would be really great if some of us can be there to show a presence.

If you can help, please contact me as soon as possible.

Many thanks - Rebekah

# Edinburgh Reform Community

## Tishri / Heshvan 5764

### Mazel Tov

To Stephanie Noblett on her successful conversion at the Bet Din.

### Glazed Honey And Sesame Chicken Strips

6oz chicken breast  
1 tbsp of honey  
1oz sesame seeds.  
4oz plain flour

Take the chicken breast and cut it into one-inch long strips. Dip the pieces into the honey. Add the sesame seeds to the flour and season with a pinch of salt as well. Once the chicken is covered in the honey, drop it into the flour and cover well. Heat up your deep fat fryer and drop in the chicken pieces until they are cooked. Remove and drain on a sheet of kitchen paper and these are ready to serve, either as a starter or as a kids meal. You can spice them up a bit by serving them with a little chilli or soya sauce.

**The Edinburgh Star** is a quarterly magazine for the Edinburgh Jewish community, and I have just joined the editorial board. This is the first time that the Reform community has been formally represented. We have 20 copies of The Star to give away at the next few services, so please take one and contact me with feedback and suggestions, and please also think of contributing articles.

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The ERJC would like to pass on their thoughts to Hannah Kenner for a safe & speedy recovery following her operation. We look forward to seeing her soon.

### Cheder

The first Cheder after the summer break took place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept to prepare the children for the High Holy Days so we are now under way for the Autumn.  
Many thanks to Rachel.

### Sukkah

Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct at 4pm we will be erecting our Sukkah, if you would like to join us then please come along and take part in the construction. We will be decorating the Sukkah the following morning at **9.30am**, before the service begins, please bring along your fruit etc.....

### Sponsored Ben Nevis Walk

An overcast morning and wishing I was still in bed, my friend and I started off for Ben Nevis. It was 6.30am and we decided that the early start would be the sensible thing to do as before your brain catches on to what your legs are up to you're half way there. I was quite surprised and very encouraged by the fact that I had not yet collapsed and that I was also enjoying myself (strange). We made it to the top by 10am but unfortunately the clouds had come in and visibility was not at its best. There was just time for a chocolate fix & photo call and then back down. This for me was the hardest part of the climb as my knees don't take too kindly to descents and by the time we came off the mountain I had perfected my Quasi-modo style walk. There, waiting at the bottom with the children, was my very own Esmarelda.

Money is still coming in so we don't have an exact total yet but to all who put money toward our scroll ..... THANKS!!!

**Ricky** ☺