

SUKKAT SHALOM

EDINBURGH LIBERAL JEWISH COMMUNITY

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יפרוס עלינו סבת שלומך
sukkat shalom - shelter of peace



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Shalom and welcome to the Sukkat Shalom monthly newsletter for one of the busiest months in our calendar. For a second time we are holding a full range of services over the High Holyday period. We hope that at some point, everyone will be able to benefit from these services and if you haven't been for a while, then come along and take the opportunity to meet up with us and participate in the services together.

Best wishes, Clare.

EVENTS & SERVICES

Date Sunday 2nd October
Event Cheder
Venue Catherine & Phil's house,
11 Braid Avenue
Time 3pm

Cheder parents will be notified by e-mail of future dates.

Date Monday 3rd October
Event Erev Rosh Hashanah
Venue St Columba's, Johnston Terrace
Edinburgh
Time 7pm

Date Tuesday 4th October
Event Rosh Hashanah
Venue St Mark's Unitarian Church
Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
Time 10.30am

This service will be taken by Eli Freedman, a student at the Leo Baeck College. The service will be followed by lunch and tashlikh at the Raab's house.

Date Friday 7th October
Event Erev Shabbat
Venue Columcille Centre
2 Newbattle Terr, Morningside
Time 7pm

Date Wednesday 12 October
Event Kol Nidrei
Venue St Mark's Unitarian Church
Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
Time 7pm

Date Thursday 13 October
Event Yom Kippur
Venue St Mark's Unitarian Church
Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
Time 11am Morning Service
1pm Additional Service
2.30pm Break
3pm Study Session
3.30pm Afternoon Service
4.30pm Children's Service
5pm Memorial Service
5.30pm Concluding Service
6.30pm Conclude

This service will also be taken by Eli Freedman. We will be going on to a restaurant for a meal after the service. Please contact Rebekah in advance if you wish to come too.

Date Monday 17th October
Event Council Meeting
Venue tbc
Time 7.30pm

Date Saturday 22 October
Event Succoth
Venue Columcille Centre
2 Newbattle Terr, Morningside
Time 9am/11am

We will start building the succah from 9am. The service will start at 11am. (Note that our Succoth service is being held on Saturday 22nd October, and not the first day of Succoth which is the preceding Tuesday!)

Events & Services cont...

Date Monday 24 October
Event **Simchat Torah**
Venue **St Mark's Unitarian Church**
Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
Time **6pm**

Date Friday 4 November
Event **Erev Shabbat**
Venue **Homeroyal House,**
2 Chalmers Crescent ([map](#))

Time **7pm**
If you are early press "5" then "4" then "call".

Tickets and Security

For reasons of security, **ADMITTANCE TO ALL SERVICES WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY.** All members should have a ticket by post prior to the High Holyday services. If you haven't received yours, please call the community phone on 07891 439 646.

****If you have not already volunteered for helping out with security and would be prepared to help, please contact Gordon Barclay. The more people that volunteer, the less time each person will have to spend on the door.****

Kol Nidrei Appeal

We will be having a Kol Nidrei appeal and all money collected will go to charity. We haven't yet decided the "local" charity, but the other three are to be:

- Cosgrove Care, a Glasgow-based Jewish charity which supports adults and children with learning disabilities and mental health issues, within their own homes and the community
- Hadassah Medical Centre, the Jerusalem-based hospital which has pioneered the development of health care standards and practices in Israel. It endeavours to forge links between peoples of all nationalities, races and religion who come to its doors for healing.
- World Jewish Aid, which acts on behalf of the UK Jewish community to provide emergency and development aid to those in need anywhere in the world regardless of race, religion or nationality. We will ask WJA to direct our contribution this year towards development projects, rather than disaster relief.

Children

We do not plan to have a crèche during any of the services. However, we will have some parents who will take turns to supervise the younger children with the aid of suitable activities. Children are welcome to attend any of the services, but we would ask that parents ensure that the dignity of the services is maintained. There is a service specifically for children at 4.30pm on Yom Kippur, to which children (and all adults) are invited.

Memorial Service

If you have a relative whose name you would like to be remembered in the memorial service on Yom Kippur, please let Nick Silk have details (Hebrew name, English name and relationship). It would be helpful if these details were given prior to Yom Kippur.

Prayer Books

The Liberal Judaism prayer book 'Machzor Ruach Chadash' will be used for all High Holyday services. Some of you will already have copies of the machzor. If you would like to purchase a copy before the High Holydays, please contact Nick. The cost of the books is £16.90. The Succoth and Simchat Torah services will use the 'usual' Liberal Judaism prayer book 'Siddur Lev Chadash'.

Building the Succah

We will be building and decorating the succah on Saturday 22nd October from 9am at Columcille; please bring along greenery and fruit. The service will start at 11am, and after the service we will have some 'nibbles' – hummus, cake and the like – together with fruit from the succah. Please bring a contribution! Help will also be required to dismantle the succah afterwards.

Simchat Torah

We are starting the service early this year, so as many children as possible will be able to attend. Please bring along as many you can, to minimise the number of sweets the kids can eat!!! As last year, children are encouraged to make flags and bring them along.

David Daiches Memorial Service

A reminder of the service to celebrate the life and work of David Daiches at The Playfair Library, Old College, University of Edinburgh on Sunday 2 Oct at 4pm. If you are planning to come, please e-mail jenni.calder@which.net to help establish numbers.

Welcome.....

.....to our new member Gary Dickson and warm welcome back to Colby Adams.

Mazel Tov

.... to Maureen Mackinnon after a successful visit to the Beit Din.

'Old' Rabbi.....

Our Chairman, Maurice Naftalin wrote a thank-you to Rabbi Aaron for all his support over the past year. He replied "*I have just received your letter of thanks on behalf of ELJC and only wanted to say that it was all a pleasure and one I hope that I get a taste of many times into the future!*"

..... and 'New' Rabbi

We have a new 'foster-Rabbi', Rabbi Mark Solomon of LJS; Mark is from Australia and received rabbinic training at Lubavitcher Yeshivot and Jews' College. He is now Rabbi at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St. John's Wood and lecturer in Talmud and philosophy at Leo Baeck College. He is doing a PhD in Talmud. We don't know in detail what the fostering relationship will involve, but we are very excited to have a new rabbi.

Edinburgh Labyrinth Path for Reflection

The opening of the Edinburgh Labyrinth, Path for Reflection will be held on Thursday 6th October at 5.15 p.m. in George Square Gardens. The opening will be conducted by Richard Holloway, former Bishop of Edinburgh. Refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend please contact Maurice.

Limmud Transport

There will be free transport to the Glasgow Limmud on 6th November, leaving Edinburgh at 8.15am (exact location not yet decided). Anyone who wishes to take the bus should note this in their application form- and the bus co-ordinator will contact them. The co-ordinator is Carol Levstein, levsteinc@aol.com

Scotland Day Limmud Windows of Opportunity Sunday 6 November

Mona Siddiqui & Clive Lawton

What unites us: what divides us

Mona Siddiqui and Clive Lawton will be teasing out from each other the similarities and differences between Jews and Muslims, Judaism and Islam. They don't want to have a motherhood and apple-pie conversation but they hope that by an honest exchange they will add to light in the world!

For further details www.limmud.org/scotland

Arts and Spirituality

Connecting to the Source

Saturday 1 Oct 2005, 7pm-9pm

Venue: St George's West Church, 58 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh.

Admission Free. Everyone Welcome.

The launch of this year long monthly series of Saturday day workshops on the theme of the Arts and Spirituality: Connecting to the Source, Richard Holloway, writer and Chairperson of the Scottish Arts Council, will give a keynote address, and artists including the writer David Greig and the artistic director Lee Gershuny will then share their thoughts on the creative process and on connections with spirituality.

For further information contact: Fiona Bennett mail@creativespacesgw.org.uk Neill Walker 0131 331 4469, neillw@hotmail.com

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