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Under the auspices of the Glasgow New Synagogue
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Edinburgh Reform Jewish Community Events

Fri 5th Sept 7pm – Erev Shabbat Service

Eric Liddell Centre, 15 Morningside Road, Edinburgh.

Due to Homeroyal House being unavailable, both September & December's services will be held at the Eric Liddell Centre. Please arrive in plenty of time and someone will be on the door. There will be tea and coffee facilities.

Fri 3rd 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).

Fri 26th Sept. 7.30pm – Erev Rosh Ha Shannah.

Eric Liddell Centre, 15 Morningside Road, Edinburgh.

We will be having this service slightly later than usual to allow people plenty of time to eat before arriving. Traditional apples and honey will be provided after the service.

Sat 11th Oct. 10.30am – Sukkot Service

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

We are in a new venue this year – Ricky has inspected it and recommends it highly! 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.

If you enjoyed the Sukkot service last year, please take part in building and decorating the Sukkah this year. Contact Maurice for details.

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

Sun 9th 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.

Lots of things cost you nothing – a bit of encouragement, spirituality, the vision of God, keeping your temper, a prayer, a joke. *Lionel Blue*



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HIGH HOLYDAY SERVICES
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ROSH HA-SHANAH

Friday	26 th September	Erev Rosh ha-Shanah	7.00 p.m.
Saturday	27 th September	Rosh ha-Shanah 1	10.30 a.m.
Sunday	28 th September	Rosh ha-Shanah 2	10.30 a.m.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday	3 rd October	Erev Shabbat	6.30 p.m.
Saturday	4 th October	Shabbat Morning	11.00 a.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday	5 th October	Cardonald Cemetery	1.30 p.m.
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YOM KIPPUR

Sunday	5 th October	Fast commences	6.28 p.m.
		Kol Nidre Service	7.00 p.m.
Monday	6 th October	Shacharit	11.00 a.m.
		Musaph	2.00 p.m.
		Study session	3.30 p.m.
		Children's Service	4.15 p.m.
		Yizkor	5.00 p.m.
		Minchah	5.30 p.m.
		Ne'ilah	6.45 p.m.
		Fast ends	7.32 p.m.

SUKKOT

Friday	10 th October	Erev Sukkot	7.00 p.m.
Saturday	11 th October	Sukkot Service	10.30 a.m.

We shall be decorating the GNS *Sukkah* on Thursday 9th October from 4.00 pm
Gifts of fruit, wine, etc. will be gratefully accepted.
Please bring greenery and help us decorate!

SH'MINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday	17 th October	Erev Simchat Torah	7.00 p.m.
Saturday	18 th October	Service including Yizkor	10.30 a.m.

NB : If you are not a member of Glasgow New Synagogue, please contact the above telephone number ASAP for tickets. The High Holyday services are very busy and entry CANNOT be gained without a valid ticket [for security reasons].

New Rabbi

The Glasgow New Synagogue has announced the appointment of Rabbi Nancy Morris. Rabbi Morris will take up her post in mid-October in time for Simchat Torah. We have written to her congratulating her and inviting her to come to Edinburgh at the first opportunity to meet us and take a service. We look forward eagerly to meeting her – we hope to announce a November date in the next newsletter.

Yom Kippur

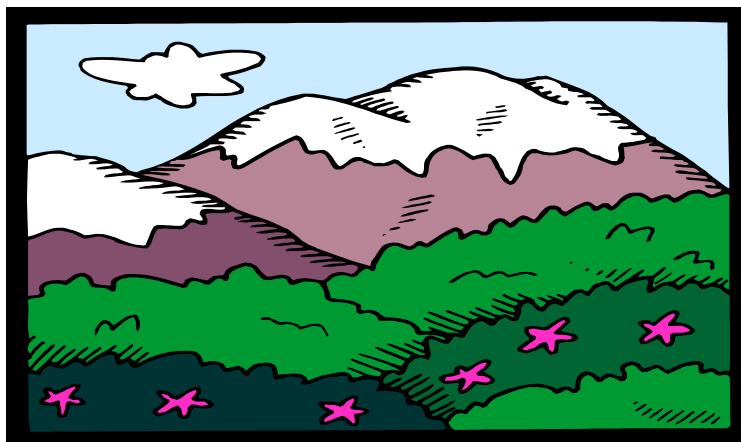
Thanks very much to everyone who replied to the question about a Yom Kippur service in Edinburgh. Overall we had about a dozen positive responses, which was almost enough to persuade us to organise a service. The catch is that hardly anyone would have been present during the afternoon, in particular during Musaph, which is really the core of the Yom Kippur. We felt that we really need a sustained attendance during the day of at least half a dozen people (not necessarily the same people all the time) to give the right atmosphere of community prayer. Taking this together with the difficulty of getting a rabbi at such short notice, we decided not to proceed this year.

Speaking for myself, however, I think this was a useful exercise. Last year, at our AGM, we discussed this question of High Holy Day services and decided against trying to hold them, so asking this question was a way of finding out whether we had changed our minds about it. Based on the response, my feeling is that we are indeed changing our minds about it and when we come to reconsider in January, we may well find that the community has built up the commitment that would be needed to successfully hold a service next year (*L'shana haba'ah b'Edinburgh!*)

Maurice

Sukkat Shalom's sponsored mountain walk/climb

In last month's newsletter, Gordon & Rebekah informed our community of the task ahead in attempting to acquire our very own dressed Scroll [with portable ark and insurance]. Raising between £5500-£6500 has to start somewhere and for our small community it's quite a mountain to climb, so..... why not climb a mountain!



Very early on the morning of Sunday 21st September, Ricky's feeble little legs will attempt to do just that with Ben Nevis being the mountain of choice. Are there any brave souls out there who would like to come and help raise funds for our very own scroll? If so, please contact Ricky on 01620 829618 to request a sponsor form and chat in more detail about arrangements.

Edinburgh Reform Community

Elul / Tishri 5763

Singing for the Rosh ha Shannah service

I would like to organise a rehearsal for the singing for the Rosh Ha Shannah service. One possibility is to use my flat, since I have a piano and am very central (22/4 Buccleuch Street). Alternatively (or additionally!) we could practice before the service Please ring me on **0131 662 9778** if you are interested Anyone is welcome, and it should be fun!
Eve Morris

Mazal Tov

To Gabriel Astill on his Bar Mitzvah ceremony held in Manchester where he recently moved. Also on his engagement to Denise Isaacs, we wish them a full & happy life together.

Havdalah

Evening events are not very accessible to families with very young children. One alternative that was originally proposed by Emia Oppenheim is a Havdalah service, which can be earlier and more informal. The Havdalah event hosted by the Oppenheim family in May was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. We should try to make this a regular Sukkat Shalom event. Would you like to host the next Havdalah? Please contact Ricky to discuss.

The ERJC would like to wish Thelma Henderson and Irene Eivan a speedy recovery following their recent illnesses .

Students wishing to collect free tickets for High Holy Days service at GNS please contact
Ricky : 01620 829618

Don't forget **Limmud Scotland**: Sunday, September 7. Contact for the bus is Elaine Samuel, 0131 229 5541

Peace One Day - The Celebration 2003, Brixton - Saturday 20th Sept 2003

Live music, multimedia and speech all helping to take the message of the Day to the people of the world. Show begins 8pm; at 12 midnight we will mark the first moments of the ceasefire/non-violence day together. Tickets £25. All proceeds to Peace One Day.
Tel: +44 (0) 207 456 9180
www.peaceoneday.org

Days of Light

East Lothian Arts Service are organising an interfaith project culminating in an event on the evening of **9th October** at Brunton with short performances from the Youth Theatre and Dance Company; "stalls" from each religious community providing information etc. and an area offering ethnic foods. They have asked ERJC to be part of the exhibition supplying information and answering questions about various aspects of Judaism.

If you would like to volunteer your time & knowledge (you don't have to be a Rabbi!) on this very worthwhile project then contact Maurice or Ricky.

A man goes into a restaurant and order a bowl of soup. The waiter brings the soup and walks away. He comes back in a few minutes. "Sir, how is the soup?" "Vaiteer, taste the soup." "Sir, is there something wrong with the soup?" "Vaiteer, taste the soup!" "Sir, I'll be glad to bring you something else." "Vaiteer! Taste the soup!!!" "Yes, sir (looks around). Where's the spoon?" "Aha!!!"

You Are Warmly Invited To A Multi-Faith Public Forum

**The Sacredness of Human Relations:
perspectives from across the faiths.**

St George's West Church, 58 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh,

Wednesday 17 September 2003,

Public Refreshments: 6.45pm-7.30pm,

Speakers Arrive by 7pm,

Talks and Discussion: 7.30pm-9.30pm.

Admission Free, All Welcome.

**Handouts Will Be Given Out On The Evening –
Historic, Legislative, Scottish, and European Aspects.**

Jointly Organised By

Creative Space – spirituality & creativity centre,

St George's West Church, Edinburgh;

Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre;

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Chair

Rosemary Burnett, Amnesty International's Programme Director for Scotland.

Multi-Faith Forum Speakers

Baha'i: Dr John Parris, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the UK;

Buddhist: Frank Tait, Western Ch'an Fellowship, Scotland;

Christian: Rev Kathy Galloway, Leader, Iona Community;

Professor Donald Macleod, The Free Church of Scotland;

The Right Reverend Ed Hone SJ, St Patrick's Church, Cowgate;

Hindu: Deven Kainthola, Glasgow Hindu Mandir;

Humanist: Ivan Middleton, Secretary, Humanist Society of Scotland;

Jewish: Dr Ephraim Borowski, Secretary, Scottish Council of Jewish Communities;

Muslim: Sohaib Said, Edinburgh Central Mosque;

Sikh: Dr Serjinder Singh, Central Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Glasgow.

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