

SUKKAT SHALOM

EDINBURGH PROGRESSIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY

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Shalom & Shanah Tovah!

We begin a busy month with celebrations and the **Siyyum** ceremony to welcome our new scroll on **5 September** – a fitting preparation for the new year season. Photos with the scroll outside at 1.30pm!

This is swiftly followed by the decision on RSGB or Liberal **affiliation**, the vote for which will be taken at the **members' EGM** on **12 September**. If you would like to **stand for office** or **nominate committee officers** please contact the Chairman. This is an important decision for the whole community so please do attend.

For the first time we will be holding our own services for the High Holy Days – a beautifully appropriate way to begin this exciting new phase in our community's development. Please note that Siyyum and High Holy Day services are by **ticket only** for security reasons. If you requested tickets for the siyyum but they have not yet arrived, please contact Gordon on gordon@barclaygoring.fsnet.co.uk. Children are welcome at all Services.

You are warmly invited to join community members in **breaking the fast** after Yom Kippur. Gillian is co-ordinating bookings at a vegetarian restaurant – if you would like to join us please contact her on RaabGillian@aol.com

A quick word on October: we open with Sukkot/Erev Shabbat then Simchat Torah a few days later. Volunteers are needed to help build and dismantle the sukkah, please contact Nick: the.silks@uk.gateway.net

Thanks to all who have contributed to this newsletter and helped organise all the events; there has been a huge amount of work involved in the preparations.

Ricky will be co-ordinating the October newsletter: contributions are welcomed at sukkatshalomsec@aol.com.

Regards, Hannah

Events

THURS 2 SEPT, 7.30pm

Steering Group

5 Derby Street, Edinburgh

This is the group – open to **all** members – set up at the AGM. Notes of previous meetings are available on the website: www.ssedin.org

FRI 3 SEPT, 7pm

Erev Shabbat Service

Quaker Meeting House, Victoria Terrace

Note different venue to usual

SUN 5 SEPT, 1.30pm (photos); doors 2pm

Siyyum Hatorah Ceremony

Quaker Meeting House, Victoria Terrace

Community celebration & photos! Ticketed event

SUN 12 SEPT, 5pm

General Meeting & potluck supper,

Quaker Meeting House, Victoria Terrace

Community meeting to decide affiliation, name, burial, subscription levels, constitution and officers. See breakdown, **p. 3**.

Important, please attend if you can!

WED 15 – THURS 16 SEPT, 7pm & 11am

Rosh Hashanah Services

St Columba's Church Hall, Johnston Terrace

Ticketed event. See **pp. 2 & 3** for further details

FRI 24 – SAT 25 SEPT, 7pm & 11am

Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur Services

St Columba's Church Hall, Johnston Terrace

Community meal to break fast

See **pp. 2 & 3** for further details

FRI 1 OCT, 6pm (Sukkah building from 4pm)

Sukkot Service

St Columba's Church Hall, Johnston Terrace

Sukkah construction begins at 4pm, service begins at 6pm. Bring along foliage and fruit!

WED 6 OCT, 7pm

Simchat Torah Service

Quaker Meeting House, Victoria Terrace

Bring along flags and sweets!

The Hagim – service details

As you all know, this year we are holding the 'full range' of High Holy Day services in Edinburgh. As this is a first for us, it seems appropriate to list a few points which will help the services to run smoothly. Sorry if this sounds a bit regimented, but it's the best way of letting you know!

The times of the services are shown below. All services will be held at St Columba's, with the exception of the Simchat Torah service which will be at the Quaker Meeting House. Note also that our Sukkot service is being held on Friday 1st October and not the first night of Sukkot, which is the preceding Wednesday.

High Holy Days

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wed 15 Sept: 7pm

Rosh Hashanah, Thurs 16 Sept: 11am

Kol Nidrei, Fri 24 Sept: 7pm

Yom Kippur, Sat 25:

- morning service 11am
- additional service 1pm
- break 2.30pm
- study session 3pm
- afternoon service 3.30pm
- children's service 4.30pm
- memorial service 5pm
- concluding service 5.30pm
- havdalah 6.15pm
- conclude 6.30pm

Prayer Books

The RSGB machzor will be used for the Erev Rosh Hashanah & Rosh Hashanah services. Some photocopies will be available for those who do not have their own.

A draft version of the RSGB machzor, in booklet format, will be used for the Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur morning services. There are plenty of these booklets.

We have still to confirm whether we will be using RSGB or Liberal Judaism prayer books for the remainder of the Yom Kippur services (except for the children's service which will have a special book). As such, if you have an RSGB machzor please bring it along on Yom Kippur!

The Sukkot and Simchat Torah services will use RSGB Pilgrim Festivals prayer books.

Yom Kippur 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 have details (Hebrew name, English name and relationship).

It would be helpful if these details were given prior to Yom Kippur. the.silks@uk.gateway.net

Children

We do not plan to have an official crèche during any of the services. However, we will have some 'worksheets' relating to the High Holy Days which children will be able to complete/colour in.

For those parents wishing to take children out of the services and use the worksheets, the area outside of the hall at the bottom of the stairs at St Columba's is suitable. However, there will be no supervision provided and as such parents who wish to take children out of the service will have to provide their own supervision, since children must be supervised at all times.

Obviously 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.

Sukkot, Fri 1 Oct: 6pm (4pm)

Building and decoration of the sukkah will begin at 4pm. Please lend a hand and bring along greenery from your garden, plus fruit from your garden/allotment/bought from shop etc. The service will start at 6pm – and then we will have to take the greenery away again and be out of St Columba's by 8pm!

Simchat Torah, Wed 6 Oct: 7pm

We hope to have flags for Simchat Torah. However, in case we don't get any, it is suggested that children (of all ages) make their own and bring them along. If you can make some to share out, so much the better. Sweeties are also welcome!

SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS ON MITZVOT, SECURITY & COMMUNITY MEALS

Notices

Extraordinary General Meeting, 12 Sept, 5pm

This meeting is a continuation of the AGM at which we decided to become an independent community. There were some questions then that needed background work – a lot of that work has been done and we are ready to decide them. Please come if you can – if you can't stay for the whole evening come for the session you are most interested in.

Background papers will be sent out a week beforehand. There is also discussion on the website; follow the links at the bottom of <http://www.ssedin.org/egm.html>

Please e-mail Maurice with contributions for the discussion.

The timetable for the meeting is:

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| 5–6.30pm: | 7.15–8.45pm: |
| • affiliation | • English name |
| • burial grounds | • constitution |
| • fees | • election of officers |

6.30–7.15pm: Break for supper

Please bring a cold dish.

Kol Nidrei Appeal

There will be a Kol Nidrei appeal and all money collected will go to charity. The steering group's charity recommendations will be announced at the General Meeting on September 12th

Tickets and Security

For security reasons **ADMITTANCE TO ALL SERVICES WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY**. All members will receive a ticket by post prior to the High Holy Day services. Non-members who wish to attend services are requested to apply to the Administrator for a ticket:
sukkatshalomsec@aol.com

Tickets cost £25 to non-members, but it is our policy that no-one will be prevented from attending services on the grounds of cost.

No charge will be requested from anyone in full-time education (but you will still need a ticket).

If you have not already volunteered for helping out with security and would be prepared to help, please contact Gordon:

gordon@barclaygoring.fsnet.co.uk

Siyyum Security

Volunteers are still needed to help on the door on 5 September and also with homebaking for refreshments. If you would like to help, please contact Gordon.

Mitzvot

If you would like a mitzvah please contact Nick on **the.silks@ukgateway.net**

Nick will then be able to discuss with you what mitzvah/mitzvot you would like to do e.g., taking part of the service, reciting a blessing, holding the scroll etc.

This invitation applies equally to children and young adults as well as their parents.

Feasting & Repentance

Community members are invited to a sandwich lunch at the home of the Raabs after the Rosh Hashanah service. (Contributions of finger food would be welcome). Afterwards we will take part in *tashlich*, symbolically casting our sins into the Water of Leith.

You are also invited to break the Yom Kippur fast with other members of the community at a vegetarian restaurant.

Please contact Gillian: **RaabGillian@aol.com**

Parent/toddler morning, 10 Oct, 10am

On October 10th there will be a parent/toddler (0–6 year olds) meeting for Jewish parents at the Salisbury Road Synagogue.

There will be coffee, eats and toys. The group doesn't have specific affiliation with any community and all interested parties are welcome.

Emia

Jewish Heritage UK

Jewish Heritage UK is a new organisation to document and promote the conservation of the Jewish heritage in Britain, particularly architecture and cemeteries.

The URL is **www.jewish-heritage-uk.org** and will be formally launched on 13 September.

Meetings

RSGB Northern Weekend

*Human rights, Inhuman Wrongs: Reform
Jewish Attitudes to Human Rights Issues*

Fri 19 – Sun 21 Nov 2004

Craiglands Hotel, Cowpasture Rd, Ilkley

Keynote speaker: Rabbi Tony Bayfield

- workshops
- debate
- discussion
- children's programme
- gourmet food
- prayer
- community spirit
- fun

For more information on the RSGB Northern Weekend, please contact:

RSGB Northern Office
Manchester Reform Synagogue
Jackson's Row
Manchester M2 5NH

north@reformjudaism.org.uk

tel: 0161 831 7092

fax: 0161 839 4865

Festival for Middle Eastern Spirituality & Peace, Feb 05 – March 05, Scotland

Affirming the diversity contained within the religious and spiritual traditions of the Middle East, as well as those in here in Scotland.

The Festival takes no fixed position on any political, ethical or cultural question. The intention is rather to create a forum in which we can listen to each other more deeply and learn with a more open mind and heart. The emphasis is on spirituality and on spiritual approaches to peace.

There are opportunities for members of our Sukkat Shalom community to take part in this if they so wish. Festival volunteers would also be welcome to help out with, e.g. hospitality, evaluation & contacts, photography, day of spiritual practice, conference & workshops, book display, brochure distribution, transportation etc.

Please contact Neill Walker:

njwalk3300@hotmail.com, 0131 331 4469.

My mum's delicious Lekach

A particularly moist honey cake whose flavour is enhanced with ginger preserve as well as the usual powdered spice. The cake rises at least 1 inch/2.5cm in the oven so to prevent the mixture bubbling over the sides it is important to use the specified size of tin. As it does not need maturing for more than a day you can make it at any time up to the eve of the festival, storing it well wrapped in foil. It can be easily mixed by hand or with a food processor.

9oz (250g/2 1/4 cups) self-raising **flour** OR
9 oz (250g/2 1/4 cups) plain flour plus 2
teaspoons baking powder

2 teaspoons each ground **ginger & cinnamon**

1/2lb (225g/3/4 cup) **clear honey**

4oz (125ml/1/2 cup) **sunflower oil**

3 oz (75g/1/2 cup) **soft dark brown sugar**

1 **egg**

4 oz (125g/1/2 cup) **ginger preserve**

6 fl oz (175ml/3/4 cup) **hot water** mixed with 1/4
level teaspoon **bicarbonate of soda**

Preheat oven to gas mark 2.

Grease a 2lb (1kg) loaf tin measuring approx 9 x 5 x 3 inches (about 22 x 12 x 7cm) and line the bottom and the two ends with one long strip of silicone paper.

Sift together the flour and spices into a bowl. Put the honey into another bowl, then add the oil, sugar, egg, preserve and half the flour mixture.

Stir until smooth, then add the remaining flour mixture and the hot water mixed with the bicarbonate of soda, stirring until the batter is thoroughly blended – it will be very thin.

Pour carefully into the tin. Bake for 1 1/2–1 3/4 hours or until the top is springy to gentle touch and a skewer comes out clean from the centre. Place on a cooling tray and leave until cool.

To serve, cut it into slices 1/2 inch/1cm thick and then into fingers. Eat and enjoy!

Hannah

Holy Ho-ho

Jews traditionally go to the ocean or a stream or river to pray and throw bread crumbs into the water (**see p. 3**). Symbolically, the fish devour their sins. Occasionally people ask what kind of bread crumbs should be thrown. Here are suggestions for breads which may be most appropriate for specific sins and misbehaviours:

For ordinary sins.....	White Bread
For erotic sins.....	French Bread
For particularly dark sins.....	Pumpnickel
For complex sins.....	Multigrain
For twisted sins.....	Pretzels
For tasteless sins.....	Rice Cakes
For sins of indecision.....	Waffles
For sins committed in haste.....	Matzoh
For sins of chutzpah.....	Fresh Bread
For substance abuse.....	Stoned Wheat
For use of heavy drugs.....	Poppy Seed
For petty larceny.....	Stollen
For committing auto theft.....	Caraway
For timidity/cowardice.....	Milk Toast
For ill-temperedness.....	Sourdough
For silliness, eccentricity.....	Nut Bread
For not giving full value.....	Shortbread
For excessive irony.....	Rye Bread
For unnecessary chances.....	Hero Bread
For war-mongering.....	Kaiser Rolls
For dressing immodestly.....	Tarts
For causing injury to others.....	Tortes
For lechery and promiscuity.....	Hot buns
For racist attitudes.....	Crackers
For sophisticated racism.....	Ritz Crackers
For being holier than thou.....	Bagels
For abrasiveness.....	Grits
For dropping in without notice.....	Popovers
For overeating.....	Stuffing
For impetuosity.....	Quick Bread
For indecent photography.....	Cheesecake
For raising your voice too often....	Chollah
For pride and egotism.....	Puff Pastry
For sycophancy, ass-kissing.....	Brownies
For being overly smothering.....	Angel Cake
For laziness.....	Any long loaf
For trashing the environment.....	Dumplings

And...

For telling bad jokes/puns.....Corn Bread

With thanks to Maurice

(Ed's note: I hope these are not ALL from personal experience Maurice?!)

Chutzpah Alert: Jewish Culture Gets Hip

Lately, Jewish culture is being put on the map with features in recent editions of *Time* and *Time Out New York*. Both magazines spotlight clothing that proclaims Jewish pride, or as one company seasonally puts it: "Chanukah Chutzpah".

Web sites, including **rabbisdaughters.com** and **jewcy.com**, are targeting Jewish youth with pride T-shirts bearing mottos like "Jewcy" – a play on the popular designer brand, Juicy – which celebrates "kosher-style fabulousity".

Rabbi's Daughters sells T-shirts that say "Oy Vey" which means woe is me, and "Shiksa" which refers to a non-Jewish female. The Rabbi's Daughter line is now in more than 100 stores and non-Jewish people are buying too.

Then there is *The Hebrew Hammer*, a new film modeled on the "Blaxspoitiation" films of the '70s like *Shaft*. It features an orthodox "stud" who is a "sexy and powerful Jewish action hero". It's all for laughs.

But why all the attention now?

Julia Lowstein, who put a Jewish spin on J. Lo with her company **Jewlo.com**, says it is a way for Jews to show off their identities.

"Younger Jews are accepting their Jewish identity and looking for ways to represent it," she told *Time* magazine. "With the alarming rise in anti-Semitism on college campuses, as well as in the national consciousness, young Jews are feeling that now is an especially important time to be forthright and proud of who they are".

Even fashionistas and non-Jewish celebrities are getting into the act. Christina Aguilera and Kelly Osbourne have been spotted with Jewish pride T-shirts.

New York Dictionary – Part 2

ROCK HASHANANA n. A rock 'n roll band from Brooklyn

GOYFER n. A Gentile messenger

MEINSTEIN slang. "My son, the genius"



Symposium on Jewish Settlement, Development and Identities in Scotland 1879-2004

Organised by the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre and the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies to mark the 125th anniversary of Garnethill Synagogue, Scotland's oldest synagogue

Sunday 17th October 2004
9.45 am - 5 pm
Garnethill Synagogue, 127 Hill Street, Glasgow

Programme includes:

Professor Aubrey Newman, Department of History, University of Leicester.
Comparing Jewish Settlement and Development in England and Scotland

Nicholas J Evans, AHRB Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies, University of Aberdeen.
Scottish Attitudes to Transience: European Transmigration Through Scotland, 1879-1923

Dr William Kenefick, Department of History, University of Dundee.
Comparing Jewish and Irish Immigrants in Scotland

Dr Ben Braber, Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies, University of Aberdeen.
Migration and Modern Scotland

Dr Sharman Kadish, Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Manchester.
The Architecture of Synagogues and Jewish Burial Grounds in Scotland

Henry Maitles, Department of Social Studies, University of Strathclyde.
Confronting Fascism: Attitudes of the Glasgow Jewish Community in the 1930s

Dr Avram Taylor, School of Arts and Social Sciences, Northumbria University.
Remembering Spring through Gorbals Voices: Autobiography and the Memory of a Community

Bill Williams and Fiona Frank, Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Manchester.
The Voice of the Jewish Past

Michael Tobias, JewishGen.
Reconnecting with Eastern Europe: Online Databases and their use in Researching Ancestral Origins

Deborah Haase, Glasgow Museums
Remembering for the Future

To attend the symposium, please send a cheque for £10 (£15 after 1/9/2004) made payable to Scottish Jewish Archives Centre, to:

Mrs R. Sacharin, SJAC Symposium Registration, 22 Vennard Gardens, Glasgow G41 2DA Tel: 0141 423 3296, Fax: 0141 423 4523, Email: archives@sjac.fsbusiness.co.uk

Please enclose your contact details.
Registration details will be sent out after receipt of payment.