

SUKKAT SHALOM

EDINBURGH LIBERAL JEWISH COMMUNITY

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EVENTS & SERVICES

Date Friday 2nd September
Event Erev Shabbat Service
Venue Columcille Centre
2 Newbattle Terrace
Morningside
Time 7pm

Led by Janet Berensen-Perkins

Date Saturday 3rd September
Event Shabbat Service
Venue Columcille Centre
2 Newbattle Terrace
Morningside
Time 11am

Led by Janet Berensen-Perkins.

Janet is employed at Leo Baeck College Centre for Jewish Education and her speciality is helping smaller communities like ours develop educational programmes. She will be discussing with us ideas for our cheder. After the Shabbat service, we will have a lunch and then a study session to discuss cheder activities and also other educational possibilities. Please bring a cold vegetarian dish to share.

Date Saturday 17th September
Event Shabbat Service
Venue St Mark's Unitarian Church
Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
Time 11am

High Holydays

This year the **Rosh Hashanah** and **Yom Kippur** services will be taken by **Eli Freedman**, a student at the Leo Baeck College, and we will again be holding full services, as follows.....

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 followed by lunch and Tachlis and 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

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.

EVENTS & SERVICES cont...

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!)

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

Tickets and Security

For reasons of security, **ADMITTANCE TO ALL SERVICES WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY.** All members will receive a ticket by post prior to the High Holyday services. All visitors, including friends and relatives, who wish to attend services are requested to apply to Nick Silk or tel : 07891 439 646 for a ticket. There is a charge of £25 for tickets, **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.

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.

Mitzvot

All members will receive a 'mitzvah invitation'. If you do not receive one, or if you would like to discuss any aspects of the mitzvot, please speak to Nick Silk.

Children

We do not plan to have a crèche during any of the services. However, we will have some 'worksheets' relating to the High Holydays which children will be able to complete/colour in. For those parents wishing to take children out of the services and use the worksheets, there will be a separate room at St Marks. However, there will be no supervision provided and as such parents who do 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.

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 from your garden, plus fruit from your garden, your allotment, bought from a shop etc. 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 along some appropriate 'nibbles'! Help will also be required to dismantle the succah afterwards.

Simchat Torah

We are starting (and finishing!) the service early this year, so we hope as many children as possible will be able to attend. Last year those that did attend nearly got tooth decay from eating all the sweets. Please help to stop this by bringing along as many children as possible 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

On behalf of the Daiches family, I am writing to say that a memorial to celebrate the life and work of David Daiches will take place at The Playfair Library, Old College, University of Edinburgh on Sunday 2 October at 4pm. For those wishing to attend, it would be appreciated if you might confirm this by emailing either Jenni Calder, daughter of David Daiches, at jenni.calder@which.net to help establish numbers. Thank you, Michael Lister

Edinburgh WIZO - Mailing List

If there is anyone in our Community who would be interested in any of the WIZO events, would you please let me know, so that I may contact Kate Goodwin to put you on the Mailing List. Upcoming events will include a Theatre and Supper Evening in the Autumn. Rebekah

Lulav & Etrog for Sukkoth



The Torah says: "*You shall take... the beautiful fruit (Esrog), a palm frond (Lulav), myrtle twigs and willow branches of the stream -- and rejoice for seven days before the Lord your God.*" (Leviticus 23:40)

On Sukkot, we bind all the branches together -- two willows on the left, one palm branch in the center, and three myrtles on the right. We hold this bundle in our right hand, and then lift them together with the Esrog. We then shake them all together, three times in each direction: front, right, back, left, up and down. (Sefardim and Chassidim have a different custom for the

order.) This mitzvah should be performed during the daytime, each of the seven days of Sukkot (except for Shabbat). Before waving the four species, we say the following blessing: "*Baruch ata Adonoy, Elo-heinu Melech ha'olam, asher kid'shanu bi'mitzvo-sav, vi'tzivanu al ni-tilas lulav.*"

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who sanctified us with His mitzvot, and instructed us to raise up the Lulav.

To be valid for the mitzvah, the four species must meet certain requirements. Since the details are many and technical, it is not recommended to search through the forest on your own for these species! (Particularly the Esrog, which can easily be confused with a lemon.) A better idea is to purchase a complete set from a reliable distributor.

*If there is anyone who would like a Lulav & Etrog - either as individuals or as a group of families who may be considering making a Sukkah in the garden - please let me know, as Rabbi David Rose at EHC has very kindly agreed to get these for us - but he does need to know how many are needed. As far as I know the cost would be £30 each (set - I think).
Rebekah*

Albert Einstein Man of the Century

15 September 2005 – 8 January 2006

A major exhibition at the Jewish Museum, Camden Town, In association with the Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The exhibition is accompanied by a wide-ranging programme of talks and discussions, as well as creative workshops for children.

Venue	The Jewish Museum, 129-131 Albert Street Camden Town, London NW1 7NB
Tel	020 7284 1997
Hours	Mon to Thur 10am-4pm, Sun 10am-5pm
Closed	4-5 Oct, 13 Oct, 18-19 Oct 25-26 Oct, 25-26 Dec, 1 Jan
Admission	Adults £3.50 Senior Citizens £2.50 Child/Students/Disabled £1.50 Family ticket £8.

FESTIVAL OF SPIRITUALITY AND PEACE

'Tomorrow's World'

6 August - 4 September 2005

The Festival of Spirituality and Peace continues with many events that may be of interest. The Festival is organised by Creative Space, Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association, Edinburgh International Centre for World Spiritualities. Festival Brochures are available from St John's Church or you can visit www.stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk/festival.shtml for full show details.

Scotland Day Limmud 'Windows of Opportunity'

**at Hutchesons' Grammar School in
Pollokshields, Glasgow
on Sunday November 6th 2005.**

Do you like meeting new people and trying new things? Do you like to participate in debates, contribute to panel discussions, listen to lectures, take part in workshops, watch a film, learn through text study, dance, sing or just 'hang out'? All this can be yours if you enter into the spirit of Limmud! Limmud offers a unique blend of formal and informal education for you to explore, drawing on resources from all sections of the community. A broad choice of subjects is on offer in programmes designed for all ages. This year about 45 sessions, lasting an hour each, will be running throughout the day, with 6 or 7 sessions running concurrently at any given time. Topics will cover areas such as Jewish History, Identity, Literature & the Arts, Contemporary Issues and Text Study. The opportunities to recharge your Jewish batteries are endless. Application forms are now available. If you have never been to a Limmud Day before and want to find out more, please look at <http://www.limmud.org> where you can learn about the wider Limmud organisation and see details of the Scotland Day Limmud which was held in 2003. Information on this year's Day Limmud will be updated regularly: presenters and sessions will appear as they are confirmed and the whole programme will be available in advance of the 6 November event. *Full contact details are attached.*

**Remember the ELJC
Welfare Support Line is
07904 813162**

CINNAMON APPLE SPONGE

Makes one 9 - 9-1/2-inch (22.5-24 cm) torte.
Cuts into 12 generous portions.
Will keep 3 days in the fridge.

3 eggs
7 oz. (200g) caster [superfine] sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 fl. oz (175ml) oil
6 oz. (175 g) self-raising flour
For the filling:
3 very large baking apples
3 Tablespoons granulated sugar mixed with 1
teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat the oven to gas no. 4 (350° F, 180° C).
Grease a 9 - 9-1/2-inch (22.5-24 cm) spring
form or round loose-bottomed
tin at least 1-1/2 inches (4 cm) deep.

First prepare the filling. Core and peel the
apples and grate them coarsely into a mixing
bowl, then add the cinnamon sugar and mix
well together. To make the sponge by electric
whisk: whisk the eggs and sugar until thick and
lemon-coloured, then whisk in the oil and
vanilla extract followed by the flour.

By large-capacity food processor: Process the
eggs and sugar for 2 minutes. Pour in the oil
and vanilla extract and process until it
disappears, then pulse in the flour until the
mixture is smooth and even.

Pour half the sponge mixture into the prepared
tin, smoothing it level. Spoon the apple filling on
top, patting it into an even layer, then cover
with the remainder of the sponge mixture.

Sprinkle the top of the batter with demerara
sugar. Bake for 55 minutes or until well risen
and firm to gentle touch in the centre. Leave on
a cooling tray until cold, then carefully remove
from the tin.

Evelyn Rose - Jewish Chronicle, UK

Danny Maseng Concert

Saturday 5 November 2005 at 8:00pm

The Liberal Jewish Synagogue

8 St John's Wood Rd, London NW8 7HA

Born in Israel to American parents, Danny first came to the USA to star on Broadway. As a playwright, actor, singer and composer, he has quickly become one of the most popular and respected composers of Liturgical and Synagogue music. He has been the invited guest of the American Conference of Cantors, the Cantors' Assembly, as well as the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra. For tickets, please call **020 7580 1663** or email m.blake@liberaljudaism.org