

Sukkat Shalom

Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community

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EVENTS & SERVICES

Date **Friday 1st September**
Event **Erev Shabbat Service**
Venue **Columcille Centre, Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh.**
Time **7pm**

Rabbi Mark is visiting us this weekend, so we will now be having a family supper after this service. **Please bring along a non-meat dish which we can all share.**

As Rabbi Mark is with us, we will also be holding the **Choosing Judaism** and **Talmud Reading** groups. The regular attendees will be informed of the details, but if you would like to attend either group, please contact Rabbi Mark or Nick for more details.

Date **Saturday 16th September**
Event **Shabbat Service**
Venue **St Mark's Unitarian Church, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh.**
Time **11am**

HIGH HOLYDAYS

We are delighted, and very honoured, to have **Rabbi Danny Rich, Chief Executive of Liberal Judaism** with us to lead the High Holyday Services.

Date **Friday 22 September**
Event **Erev Rosh Hashanah**
Venue **St Mark's Unitarian Church, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh**
Time **7pm**

Date **Saturday 23 September**
Event **Rosh Hashanah**
Venue **St Mark's Unitarian Church, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh**
Time **11am**

The service will be followed by lunch and Tachlis at the Raab's.

Date **Sunday 1 October**
Event **Kol Nidrei**
Venue **St Mark's**
Time **7pm**

Date **Monday 2 October**
Event **Yom Kippur**
Venue **St Mark's**

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
Conclude	6.30pm

After the service, we will break the fast together at the Point Hotel, which we know to be good. They will provide a main course and a dessert for under £15. We need to know numbers as soon as possible; to book a place, please telephone or email Gillian (0131 226 6234 or Gillian.Raab@googlemail.com)

Date **Friday 6 October**
Event **Erev Succoth**
Venue **Columcille**
Time **7pm**

We will probably start building the succah at 5pm, although we have still to confirm details with Columcille. We'll keep you updated via the newsletter!

Date **Saturday 7th October**
Event **Succoth**
Venue **Columcille**
Time **11am**

Date **Friday 13th October**
Event **Simchat Torah**
Venue **Columcille**
Time **6pm**

"He that can't endure the bad, will not live to see the good." *Jewish Proverb*

HIGH HOLYDAYS cont....

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 the Secretary for a ticket. We ask for a donation of £25 for tickets, **but it is our policy that no-one will be prevented from attending services on the grounds of cost**. We request less from anyone under 30, and we don't request anything at all from full-time students.

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, so 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'.

Kol Nidrei Appeal

We will be having a Kol Nidrei appeal and all money collected will go to charity.

Appeal - Help needed! Security

We are looking for additional help with staffing the door on Yom Kippur. Would you be free for even half an hour to offer your assistance? If so, please contact Gorgon Barclay on gordon@barclaygoring.fsnet.co.uk

ELJC Welfare Support Line
07904 813162

Yiddish Music Project

From the musical theatre of New York's lower East Side, to the tangos of the ghettos to the traditional folk song and klezmer tunes of the shetl, the **Yiddish Music Project** aims to bring the beauty of Yiddish song to new audiences, even adding some new compositions into the mix.

The beauty and drama of a whole cultural tradition is being revived and performed in this new venture to be launched in September by three Edinburgh musicians – vocalist **Stephanie Brickman** is joined by **Phil Alexander** (Moishe's Bagel, Salsa Celtica, Mr McFall's Chamber) and **Gica Loening** (Belle Star Band, Celter Shmelter).



21st September 2006

Café Cossachok, 10 King St, Glasgow G1 5QP
Booking recommended 0141 553 0733
www.cossachok.com

24th September 2006

The Lot, 4 - 6 The Grassmarket, Edin EH1 2JU
8.30pm
Tickets £7 (£5)
Advanced Booking 07739 184 7480

Welcoming Israeli students

If any members of University of Edinburgh staff, ex staff or alumni would like to help welcome an Israeli student to Edinburgh please contact Stephanie.Brickman@ed.ac.uk or **07739 184 480**. This could entail having the student over for a shabbat meal, for a festival or perhaps just helping them settle in by giving advice on the phone or by e-mail.

Launch of the Edinburgh Interfaith Association Interfaith Week.

On **Sunday 17th September**, there is a Pilgrimage starting at **South Leith Parish Church** (at 1.30 p.m. tbc). Other activities during the week - see local press for details.

Women's Interfaith Group

Wednesday 20th September at Nicolson Square Church (in the Undercroft Cafe). Please bring vegetarian finger food to share at 7.00 p.m. - meeting starts at 7.30 p.m.
TOPIC - Initiation Rites and Ceremonies and general traditions for moving from girlhood to womanhood (i.e. puberty) - short title 'Rites of Puberty'.

Rebekah Gronowski

EHC Community Centre

Sunday 10th September - Please join us for coffee and bagels (also specialist tea tasting, nearly new books for sale, cake stall) - price £4. If you have any books in good condition, that you wish to donate, please bring them along. We are also in need of cakes, biscuits, jams and other preserves - please let me know if you are willing to contribute items for this stall. This event is the ideal opportunity to catch up with friends and to meet new people.

Doreen Bowman

Exciting Reports from The Youth...

...didn't actually make it into this month's newsletter, unfortunately. Joe and Daniel went with RSY again this summer, Joe to a camp in Wales, and Daniel to Israel; his trip coincided almost precisely with the war! Read all about it – next month.
Maurice Naftalin

Jewish Museum London

The Jewish Museum London has recently opened two new temporary exhibitions and one on the Holocaust. (For more information see www.jewishmuseum.org.uk)

Identities 2006

Running until 12 November 2006

This new exhibition multimedia includes: Specially commissioned photographs by **Ian Lillicrapp**, **Rena Pearl** and **Arnhel de Serra** illustrating the little recognised diversity of Jewish people in Britain.

An original film, created for the exhibition, exploring what it means to be Jewish and British in today's multicultural society. This includes interviews with former MP **Oona King**, author **Rachel Lichtenstein**, a Jewish tailor of Moroccan origin, **Ben Helfgott MBE** a Holocaust survivor who represented Britain in the Olympic Games and young women from the Indian Jewish community.

Photographs from Living Faith, a project by the Wolverhampton Interfaith Group exploring the role of faith in modern society. Winning photographs from the Museum's public competition exploring minority identities in Britain today.

The Last Goodbye

The Rescue of Children from Nazi Europe

Running until 10 September 2006

The Last Goodbye is an exhibition by the Jewish Museum, Finchley, which tells the remarkable story of 10,000 unaccompanied children rescued from Nazi Europe on the Kindertransport.

The Last Goodbye records this extraordinary story through evocative photographs, documents and personal testimonies. The exhibition casts a vivid light on the experiences of these young refugees, the heart-rending decision of their parents to send them away, and their difficulties in adjusting to life in a foreign country. Tracing the rise of Nazism, the exhibition highlights core issues relating to prejudice, racism, conformity and indifference. It also demonstrates the courage and kindness

of those individuals who opened their homes to these refugee children. The exhibition is accompanied by a number of films and discussions around the issues of Jewish refugees from Nazism.

Life is Red

Running until 10 September 2006

Hackney Music Development Trust presents an exhibition of miniatures, sculptures and textiles created by students from Prague, London and Nürnberg, representing their responses to the Holocaust. The exhibition is linked to the world premiere of HEAR OUR VOICE, an international music education project, using the arts to increase awareness and understanding of the demonstrated dangers of prejudice and Holocaust.

The Friends of Progressive Judaism in Israel, Europe & the FSU

I'm pleased to be able to tell you about the successful outcome of a call for help from our friends at the Leo Baeck Education Center – Haifa who had closed its doors because it was just too dangerous for students to attend. Indeed most of the staff were unable to go to the site. Many of them were working from home in order to just keep the centre operating.

But let's not forget that the Leo Baeck Education Center runs many other projects and initiatives to further the cause of harmonious relationships between Jews and Arabs.

The Beit Yitzhak centre where the under 6 year olds are given a daily hot meal and looked after, The Mercaz Ruth centre catering for the older kids who are at risk. All of the centres also run co-existence programmes and have many Arab students attending. These centres need so much money to keep them running and your donations were and are absolutely vital.

So far the BFLBEC-H in conjunction with **FPJ** have sent over £17,000. Thank you all for your wonderful generosity. This amazing establishment couldn't run without your help.

Jane Greenfield, Chair of FPJ

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The annual Communities' **Shabbaton** (previously the Small Communities Shabbaton) will be held at Oxford Jewish Centre all day on Shabbat **December 9th**. Details will be forthcoming later in September, but do put this date in your diary now. The day is aimed at community leaders, educators or members and includes a wonderful service and lunch.

To see where it is, try this link:

<http://www.oxford-synagogue.org.uk/howtoeachtheoxfordjewishcentre.htm>

*Janet Berenson-Perkins
MA Consultant in Family and Teenage
Education
Leo Baeck College*

Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah to join Jewish Chronicle Parashat Ha Shavua Columnists

Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah will join the panel of columnists who comment each week on the parashah of the week.

In the coming year Elli will cover **Vayera** (10 November), **Vayeshev** (15 December), **Va era** (19 January), **T rumah** (23 February) **Tzav [Hagadol]** (30 March), **Emor** (4 May), **Sh lach L cha** (8 June), **Mattot-Massei** (13 July), **Shof tim** (17 August), and **Yom Kippur** (21 September).

Rabbi Danny Rich, Chief Executive, commented, "I am thrilled that Elli who is both such an articulate proponent of Liberal Jewish values and an erudite teacher of Torah, should be given a wide audience in the Anglo-Jewish community. Under its new Editor, David Rowan, and with the continuing support of Senior Reporter, Simon Rocker, Liberal Judaism is receiving its fair and appropriate share of coverage.

International Sufism Symposium Sufism's Ancient Wisdom and Present Day Expressions

14-16 September 2006, Edinburgh

For more details visit : www.ias.org,
www.taneen.org, www.rumi-wayoftheheart.com

Edinburgh International Centre for World Spiritualities, 4, William Black Place, South Queensferry, EH30 9PZ.

T: 44 131 331 4469

njwalk4300@hotmail.co.uk

Niall Walker, Co-Director of the Middle East Festival. The Edinburgh International Festival of Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace February 7 - March 11, 2007: www.mesp.org.uk

Liberal Judaism New Year Greetings Card

Liberal Judaism introduces a New Year Card.



The design is based on the winning entry in the Craft Competition, which was arranged by the LJ Generations Committee at the Biennial Weekend in May. Cards are available in packs of five, with envelopes. Each pack is priced at £3, plus 60p postage. Please order from :

**Alan Lester
18 Winchester Road
Northwood
Middlesex
HA6 1JF**

generations@liberaljudaism.org

and make your cheque payable to Liberal Judaism



Mocha Ginger Biscotti

Makes about 10 biscotti

Biscotti are very hard Italian biscuits which are lovely dipped into coffee for breakfast or a mid-morning snack.

100g plain flour
 30g Fairtrade cocoa powder
 ½ teaspoon baking powder
 Pinch of salt
 120g unrefined (golden) Fairtrade sugar
 ½ tablespoon Fairtrade ground coffee
 30g dark Fairtrade chocolate, roughly broken up
 2 eggs, beaten
 2 balls of stem ginger, finely chopped

Heat oven to 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4. Sieve flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt into the bowl of a food processor. Add sugar, coffee and chocolate. Process until finely ground. Slowly pour in the beaten eggs and continue to process until mixture binds together into a firm dough. Carefully add milk by the teaspoonful if dough is too dry. Fold in the stem ginger. On a floured surface, roll dough into a log and place on a baking sheet lined with baking parchment. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and turn down to 150°C/300°F/gas mark 2. Allow log to cool, then, using a serrated knife, cut into 1cm wide slices. Lie slices flat on baking sheet and return to oven for 15 minutes or until firm. Allow to cool completely on a wire rack.

Actual Personals From Jewish Newspaper

Jewish male, 34. Very successful, smart, independent, self-made. Looking for girl whose father will hire me.

Single Jewish woman, 29, into disco, mountain climbing, skiing, track and field. Has slight limp.

Letters

I read with interest Rabbi Mark's Parashah Pinchas and Maurice's D'var Torah for Mattot-Massey. Both sensitive and thoughtful pieces, from different standpoints. I think those who feel deeply about the values of peace must be encouraged to preach peace, forbearance and understanding not only to Jews and Israel, but also to Hizbollah and its supporters, Iran, Syria, other Arab states.

I'd love to see Maurice given space in an Arab paper- not to apologise for Israel, but to point out to Muslims the error of their ways of war, and their targeting of Israeli and Lebanese and other civilians and how much better Middle East life could be when Israel's existence and positive role and beneficial model for the Middle East is accepted by Arab countries (as it certainly has been by some) and even by the Hizbollah and allied terrorist organizations who are more destructive to the whole Middle East than Israel has ever been.

Media coverage here has been very propagandizing and misleading. Hizbollah do site missiles in civilian Christian housing estates, hospitals, schools etc. with complete disregard of human life (they have an ideology that allows and applauds human sacrifice) precisely so they can then claim to be outraged when the missiles are targeted. the blame is theirs and Maurice should direct his outrage to the correct quarter -Hizbollahs party in Lebanon, or their TV channel. If he contacts Israel's embassy public affairs body he might like to hear some real facts re situation, and examples of the truth more favourable to Israel than propaganda he seems to rely on for info. his compassion does him credit, his information does not. Rabbi Mark reminds us correctly in my view of our duty, and of the right way to approach the situation.

Anat Kamenka

Many thanks to all who contributed this month. Items for publication are welcomed as are responses to items published. The deadline for the next newsletter will be Wednesday 27thSept. Please email any contributions to newsletter@eljc.org