

Sukkat Shalom Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community (SCIO)
Scottish Charity No. SC035678

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts, 1st September 2022 – 31st August 2023

The period September 2022 – August 2023 saw the consolidation of what could be called our 'new ways of working'. Towards the end of the year, we started planning the move to having our cheder (religion school) meet on a Saturday morning. The hope and indeed expectation is that this will better integrate the cheder children and their families into the wider community.

As in previous years, our general activities remained broadly similar:

- We held at least one Shabbat service each week, and quite often we held services on both a Friday evening and Saturday morning. Sometimes these were Zoom services, sometimes in-person and, for services led by our Rabbi, Mark Solomon, they were often hybrid i.e., in-person but also broadcast on Zoom. Indeed, given that we have a fairly fixed number of in-person services, it was sometimes the case that we offered in-person services, led by lay readers in Edinburgh, and Zoom services (from elsewhere) led by Rabbi Mark, at the same time. While many of our services are led by Rabbi Mark, we have had more lay readers volunteer to lead services in this last period
- We also held services for Jewish festivals, again mostly led by Rabbi Mark. Our Rosh Hashanah (New Year) and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) services in September were held in-person, with Zoom options also being available
- Rabbi Mark continued to lead weekly on-line Talmud study and Philosophy discussion groups. For those interested in converting, Exploring Judaism classes were held by Rabbi Mark, also every week and also on-line
- As has always been the case, in addition to his regular activities, Rabbi Mark continues to provide support to us both as a community and to individual members
- Our religion school (cheder) met on average every other week on a Saturday afternoon. The classes have now reverted back to being in-person and, as already noted, they will be moving to Saturday mornings as from September 2023. The number of children in our cheder remained broadly unchanged during the period

- We have continued to send out, electronically, our 'weekly reminders' to members and other interested parties who have asked to receive our communications, although our bi-monthly newsletter, Etrog, had what we hope will be a suspension from July, primarily due to the workload of those involved with its production

More details about our activities are available in the reports that were presented to members at the AGM on 3rd March 2024 and are available on our website at <http://eljc.org/index.php/organisation>.

Trustees as at 31st August 2023

Sue Bard, Jonathan Broadie, Marjory Broadie, Michael Elam, Helen Ford, Barrie Levine, Maurice Naftalin, Gillian Raab, Nick Silk, Hannah Smith, Andrea Torres-Trapero

Signed on behalf of the trustees by:



Nick Silk (co-chair)

Date 19/3/2024



Gillian Raab (secretary)

Date 20/3/2024

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