

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

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts, 1st September 2023 – 31st August 2024

The period September 2023 – August 2024 saw the continuation of our 'standard' activities, with our cheder (religion school) now fully established in terms of meeting on a Saturday morning. Our activities remain broadly unchanged:

- 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 once again continued to have 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. We have also established a weekly torah-study group, led by one of our members. 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 morning and, as already noted, now meet on a Saturday morning. 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, and plans were set up towards the end of the period to start our newsletter, Etrog, on a quarterly basis.
- We recruited our first paid employee, a part-time administrator, during the period. This reflects the increasing workload that accompanies our increasing membership, and has been a great success and a welcome addition to those of us who help run our community

More details about our activities are available in the reports that were presented to members at the AGM on 23rd February 2025 and are available on our website at [AGM – Sukkat Shalom](#)

Trustees as at 23rd February 2025

Jennifer Andreacchi, Sue Bard, Jonathan Broadie, Marjory Broadie, Oliver Davidson-Richards, Helen Ford, Samara Leibner, Barrie Levine, Daniel Naftalin, Maurice Naftalin, Gillian Raab, Nick Silk, Hannah Smith, Andrea Torres, Philip Wiltshire

Signed on behalf of the trustees by:

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Andrea Torres (chair) **Date: 29/4/2025**

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Gillian Raab (secretary) **Date: 28/4/2025**