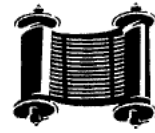


# Edinburgh Reform



## Jewish Community



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## Erev Shabbat Services

**All Services will start promptly at 7.00 p.m. (19.00 hrs.)**

(Map references in Edinburgh A – Z Street Map)

**Friday 5th January**

Venue – [REDACTED]

We are hoping, at this Service, to be able to welcome a student Rabbi from Leo Baeck College who will lead the Service for us. He is James (Jacob) Baaden and his parents live in Edinburgh. These arrangements are in process of being made & we look forward to seeing him often & getting to know him & his family well over the coming year.

**Friday 2nd February**

Venue – [REDACTED]

(to be confirmed)

**Friday 2nd March**

Venue – To be arranged

## **Forthcoming Events for December - January**

### Chanukkah

**Sunday 24th December**  
**2.30 – 4.30 p.m.**

Venue – Maurice & Ruth Naftalin's house – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Edinburgh – please telephone them if you wish to go  
[REDACTED] Rabbi Pete is coming over from Glasgow to lead the celebrations in his own inimitable way! We will all look forward to it – thank you Ruth & Maurice for offering your hospitality!

### Birthday Celebrations

Maurice, our Chairman, is celebrating his '**BIG 50**' on Saturday 6th January & invites Members of the Community to join him in his celebration – details of venue, map & directions enclosed separately.

**Please note:** **The Annual General Meeting** will be held on **17th January** - time & venue to be arranged & announced at the Service on the 5th. If anyone has any ideas for future events or any matters for discussion at the AGM, please make a note of them and pass them on to one of us before the General Meeting in January in time to be put on the Agenda, preferably by the end of December.

**Thursday 18th January**  
**7.30 p.m. (19.30 hrs.)**

**Council of Christians & Jews – Edinburgh Branch**

**Venue** – Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation Community Hall, Salisbury Road, Edinburgh  
**Subject** – ‘The Chasidic Enigma’  
**Speaker** – Rabbi A. Rubin

**Sunday 21st January**  
**8.00 p.m. (20.00 hrs.)**

**Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society**

**Venue** – Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation Community Hall, Salisbury Road, Edinburgh  
**Title** – Reflections on the occasion of the first National Holocaust Memorial Day  
**Speaker** – Rev. Ernest Levy whom I have met & warmly recommend as a speaker. Rev. Levy is a Survivor of the Holocaust and has spent many years speaking about his experiences and working for understanding & reconciliation.

**Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**8.00 p.m. (20.00 hrs.)**

**Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society**

**Venue** – Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation Community Hall, Salisbury Road, Edinburgh  
**Title** – Monotheism at the Time of the Second Temple  
**Speaker** – Professor Larry Hurtado – Faculty of Divinity, University of Edinburgh

**Thursday 22nd February**  
**7.30 p.m. (19.30 hrs.)**

**Council of Christians & Jews – Edinburgh Branch**

**Venue** – Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation Community Hall, Salisbury Road, Edinburgh  
**Subject** – ‘Interfaith Dialogue’  
**Speaker** – Rev. Malcolm Weisman, O.B.E.

**Saying for the Month**

*“I grew up among the wise and learned that nothing is better than silence”*  
Pirke Avot 1:17 – taken from the RSGB Diary

Well, the time has come to fill this space! Regretfully, due to health problems & other factors over which I have no control, I am unable to continue to act as Administrator for ERJC – so this is my last Newsletter. If anyone is willing to take on the role (there has been one offer already) or is able to assist the new Administrator, please let either Maurice, Nick or Rabbi Pete know as soon as possible. I would like to thank all of you most sincerely for your tremendous support, hospitality and much kindness shown to me over the last year – I have so much appreciated all your help & advice – I still intend to remain a Member of ERJC & act as the ‘Student Contact’ for Edinburgh University, but the body needs a rest! The spirit is willing but the rest of me can’t keep up!

***Happy Chanukkah to you All!***