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STAR – SPOTTING

For the first time ever, the Star is looking ahead to the Fringe. Your editor has combed the programme for shows of Jewish interest – even doubtfully Jewish interest. While we cannot vouch for the quality of any of these shows, we hope that this advance notice will assist Star-gazers to support some of the performers before you miss your chance. For balance we are also including some shows of other ethnic interest, randomly selected.



The International Shalom Festival is returning to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe from Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 August 2017. Come and join us to help us build cultural bridges and celebrate coexistence and peace. The venue is Drummond Community High School, 41 Bellevue Place, Edinburgh EH7 4BS. Our Festival has three elements:

- A daily [Interactive Exhibition](#) where you can hear from and chat to people from all over Israel who come from many different backgrounds, as well as enjoy a demonstration of Israeli cooking and pop along to the film theatre to see your choice of thought-provoking films asking you to think about what peace really is;
- Your choice of 8 shows by the [Incubator Theatre](#) from Jerusalem who will be performing their acclaimed hip-hop opera The City in the drama studio. This is the show which was scheduled, but not able to be performed, at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2014. If you want to support anything, this is the one! Show how pleased we are to right the wrong by welcoming them back;
- A [Gala Concert](#) on the Thursday evening featuring Ethiopian-Israeli singer Meskie Shibru and exciting young band from Tel Aviv, Jamaya, with guest Yemenite singer.

Tickets are available from the Fringe Box Office, at the venue, or online at the links given.

Exhibition 8 and 9 August 1100-1600, 10 August 1100-1300 A daily programme will be published, with a chance to see films “Rock in the Red Zone”, “Eyeless in Gaza” and “Disturbing the Peace”, including a panel discussion.	Free but attendees must book tickets for security reasons https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on#q=%22Interactive%20Exhibition%22 Fringe programme page 222
Incubator Theatre ‘The City’, performances on 8 and 9 August at 1200, 1600, 2000 and 10 August at 1200 and 1600.	Tickets various prices – only 75 seats per show: https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/city-a-detective-hip-hop-opera Fringe programme page 316
Gala Concert with Jamaya, Meskie Shibru-Sivan and Hadar Galron on 10 August at 1900	https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/gala-concert Fringe programme page 249

For more information or to find out how you can contribute, please contact organiser Nigel Goodrich on 07787430555 or email nigel@shalomfestival.org.

Selected from the rest: for details see published Fringe programme or search by title in the online Fringe programme.

<p><i>I am Bat-El</i> One woman comedy cabaret show by Bat-El Papura, a person of short stature from Israel Fringe programme page 21</p>	<p><i>Chill Habibi</i> Cabaret by Arab and Scottish performers Fringe programme page 15</p>	<p><i>The Remains of Tom Lehrer</i> A tribute show to the great satirical songwriter and singer, performed by Adam Kay Fringe programme page 24</p>
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<p><i>When the Sky Falls in</i> Janet Gershlick Spoken word/ theatre about love and loss http://www.edfringe.com/event/2017WHENTHF_3T</p>	<p><i>A Singh in the North</i> Sid Singh Stand up Fringe programme page 168</p>	<p><i>2 Religions 1 Comedy Show – Free</i> Henry Churniavsky /Joe Baines Jewish and Sikh comics Fringe programme page 183</p>
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<p><i>The Knitted Bible Stories Exhibition</i> Salvation Army from Warrington with an exhibition of Bible Stories in knitting and a storyteller Fringe programme page 222</p>	<p><i>It's No Job for a Nice Jewish Girl</i> Rachel Creeger Black Market, 32 Market Street www.rachelcreeger.com Select Comedian tab for details</p>	<p><i>More Gefilte Fish and Chips</i> Daniel Cainer and Something for the Weekend Stories in song Fringe programme page 320</p>
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<p><i>Knock Knock</i> Niv Petel One man show by Israeli actor concerning a single mother when her only son is called up Fringe programme page 350</p>	<p><i>Mengele</i> Smokescreen Productions New writing about the Holocaust (one assumes) Fringe programme page 360</p>	<p><i>Old Stock: A Refugee Love Story</i> by Hannah Moscovitch 2b Theatre Company with Aurora Nova – darkly humorous musical tale starring Canadian Klesmer musician Ben Caplan Fringe programme page 367</p>
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JEWISH COMMUNITY INVITED TO VIEW HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DESIGNS Scottish Parliament 28 March 2017

HM Government has decided to build a new Holocaust Memorial on a prestigious site on the Thames Embankment by the Houses of Parliament. As announced on 26 January 2017, 10 designs have been shortlisted by the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation and public comments invited via the website below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-holocaust-memorial-design-competition-tell-us-what-you-think>

It was also decided to take the design exhibition on tour to the devolved Parliaments and on 28 March it was Scotland's turn. The event took the form of a reception in the entrance lobby for invited guests, mainly from the Jewish Community, including representatives of the Association of Jewish Refugees from both Edinburgh and Glasgow. The designs were on display in the form of exhibition panels and scale models in glass cases. It must have been a huge amount of effort to pack up and move around the country. Each guest was given a feedback sheet on which to rate each design. Your editor could not make up her mind amongst the various futuristic proposals but did manage to snap a number of the guests, seen below. There will be more about this topic in the Rosh Hashanah Star.



Françoise Robertson
and Vivien Andersen



Jackson Carlaw MSP
and Maryla Green



Ken MacIntosh MSP, Evy Yedd
and Agnes Isaacs

LAG BE'OMER CELEBRATED WITH FUN AND FIRE IN FALKIRK

On Sunday 14 May, the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC) held a giant barbecue to mark Lag Be'Omer at Callendar Park, Falkirk. This was advertised to Jewish people living all across Scotland and was attended by at least 150 participants, travelling from far and wide, including Israelis who have not previously affiliated to any community. Edinburgh was well represented at the event, at which there was continuous sunshine until 1600, the official end time, when the rain began to fall. Talk about divine intervention..... It was a highly successful outing, and thanks are due to Fiona Frank and Joanne Gabbay of SCoJeC's outreach team for organising it, along with the Forestry Commission for hosting, and the Netherlee and Clarkston Charitable Trust for subsidising the event.



Janet Mundy and Joanne Gabbay welcome Daniel Clapham and his son to the event.



Susie Shenkin and Jonathan Adler, along with Sharon Ogilvie, and other friends, as well as Sharon's dog, relaxing on the grass.



That's a very big didgeridoo!



Ruth Adler listens pensively to the storyteller, as he entertains the lunch queue.



Jackie and Raymond Taylor under the Forestry Commission's 'welcome' sign.



Trying out home made bows and arrows.



"Don't try this at home!" the fire juggler says.



Gidona Henderson with one of her twins spots my camera pointing at her in the distance.



Starting up the bonfire for roasting marshmallows.

THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR AT THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

Israel's 69th anniversary – Yom Ha'Atzmaut



On 18 May, His Excellency the Ambassador of Israel, Mark Regev, visited the Scottish Parliament for the first time for a reception to mark Israel's 69th anniversary. Jackson Carlaw MSP hosted the event. Ruth Kennedy of the Centre for Scotland Israel relations, introduced the speakers and praised Israel's innovation and advanced technological gifts. The Ambassador spoke about the potential for strengthened relations between Israel and Scotland as two small but outward-looking nations. Several MSPs attended the reception, including Kezia Dugdale, leader of the Labour Party in Scotland. A number of members of the Edinburgh Jewish Community were among the guests. The Glasgow Jewish Singers gave a performance,

ending with Hava Nagila, which had everyone clapping in delight.



The Glasgow Jewish Singers on the left, with conductor Eddie Binnie on far left, and Country member of EHC, Ian Leifer, on the far right.



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EHC AGM



After 4 years, Raymond Taylor stepped down as Chair of EHC's Board of Management, handing over the gavel to John Danzig. The AGM thanked Raymond for his many years of service to

EHC. Harriet Lyall and Gershon Mendick have joined the reconstituted Board, while Hilary Rifkind remains as Treasurer and Jackie Taylor remains as secretary.



Above left, Harriet (centre) presents a copy of 'Two Worlds' by David Daiches, to Morningside Library. She has presented copies to every library in Edinburgh.

Above right, Gershon (left) with Steven Hyams at the latest Community Centre Coffee morning book stall.



SUKKAT SHALOM AGM

Norman Crane stepped down as chairman of Sukkat Shalom at the AGM after 4 years. His place is taken by Nick Silk. Nick is originally from Nottingham where his family are, and continue to be, very active members of the Liberal community and he is a former chairman of Glasgow New Synagogue. He and his family live in Linlithgow. Phil Wadler remains Treasurer, while Gillian Raab becomes Secretary.

Right: Nick and Kate Silk



200TH ANNIVERSARY OF EDINBURGH JEWISH COMMUNITY



"Among Others", an extraordinary program of music, verse and reminiscences, created by Phil Alexander and Ellen Galford to celebrate 200 years of the Edinburgh Jewish community, the first Jewish community in Scotland, was staged at the Scottish Storytelling

Centre on Sunday 11 June. The suitcase belongs to Gica Loening, who joined the performers to talk about her parents arriving from Austria before the War and how they settled in to Edinburgh life, keeping so much of the past to themselves. The readers were Gowan Calder, Michael Adler and Ellen Galford while the music was provided by Phil Alexander (keyboard), Martin Fell (sax / clarinet), Emma Smith (bass) and Gica herself (fiddle). Micha Cooper, son of Gica Loening, read some of the reminiscences off-stage.

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