

4th International Festival of Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace

Two-Day International Conference: Spirituality and Community

Venue: University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy Centre, 1 Bristo Square, Edinburgh

Dates: Wednesday 7 – Thursday 8 March 2007

Time: 9.30am – 10am: Registration. 10am – 5.30pm: Conference Day



Chief Rabbi David Rosen



Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh



Prof Azim Nanji



Prof Ursula King



Rabbi Nancy Morris



Sister Joan Chittister



Dr Neil Douglas-Klotz

This high-level two-day international spirituality and multi-faith conference will explore the theme of spirituality and community in the context of the themes and ethos of the Middle East Festival. The conference will feature an internationally distinguished line-up of speakers, and the conference themes and the biographical details of the speakers are available with the conference registration form.

Among those expected to participate will include Dr Neil Douglas-Klotz, Prof Azim Nanji, Sister Joan Chittister, Chief Rabbi David Rosen, Rev Hieromonk Silouan, Prof Ursula King, Dr John Parris, Mandana Moavenat, Sukhbir Singh, Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh, Rabbi Nancy Morris, Karolina Prins, among others.

Cost: £20/£15 (Conc) per day, £40/£30 (Conc) for both days.

For a Registration Form and for further information see www.eicws.org:
Contact: Neill Walker, njwalk5300@hotmail.co.uk, 0131 331 4469.

The 2007 Middle East Festival,
7 February - 11 March 2007.

Festival Website: www.eicws.org

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Tent of Abraham Forum

Facilitators: Sister Joan Chittister and Saadi Shakur Chishti (Dr Neil Douglas-Klotz)

Venue: St John's Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh

Date/Time: Tuesday 6 March 2007. Doors open from 6.30pm. Forum: 7pm onwards



In last year's bestseller, *The Tent of Abraham*, three key religious thinkers wrote about the story of Abraham as a way to deepen Muslim/Christian/Jewish understanding. The book was written by: Joan Chittister, OSB, a lecturer and best-selling author of numerous books, including *Called to Question*. She lives in Erie, Pennsylvania; Rabbi Arthur Waskow, the Director of The Shalom Center in Philadelphia and author of numerous books, including *Seasons of Our Joy*, and *Down-to-Earth Judaism*; and Saadi Shakur Chishti (Neil Douglas-Klotz), an internationally known Sufi Scholar and writer, who lives in Edinburgh, author of *The Sufi Book of Life and Blessings of the Cosmos*.

In association with Creative Space. Cost: £5, on the door, on the night.

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2007 Middle East Festival Conference Lecture Religion and Peacemaking in the Middle East

Speaker: Chief Rabbi David Rosen. Chair: Rev Prof Frank Whaling

Venue: Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation, 4 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh

Date/Time: Wednesday 7 March 2007, 7.30pm for 8pm-10pm



Rabbi David Rosen is the President of IJIC, the International Jewish Committee that represents World Jewry in its relations with other world Religions. He is Director of the Department for Interreligious Affairs and Director of the Heilbrunn Institute for International Interreligious Understanding of the American Jewish Committee.

The evening will consist of an hour-long lecture, followed by thirty minutes of panel response, followed of thirty minutes of audience questions and discussion.

Cost: £6. For tickets in advance: Contact: 0131 220 3234, Tickets Scotland LTD, 127 Rose Street, Edinburgh. Open 9am-6pm (8pm Thursday), 11am-6pm Sundays.

Multi Faith and Spiritual Forum on Spirituality and Community

Speakers: High-level speakers from the Spirituality and Community conference.

Chair: Rev Prof Frank Whaling

Venue: Sanctuary, St George's West Church, 58 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh

Date/Time: Thursday 8 March 2007, 7.30pm for 8pm-10pm

This Multi Faith and Spiritual Forum on Spirituality and Community will include participation from high-level speakers from the associated Spirituality and Community conference, and the forum will explore the theme of spirituality and community in the context of the themes and ethos of the Middle East Festival.

Cost: £5, on the door, on the night. Contact: Neill Walker, njwalk5300@hotmail.co.uk, 0131 331 4469.