



SCoJeC E-news Spring 2017 - addendum

Dear all,

We are resending this 'e-news' to correct an error and add some extra Purim events!

The **Inverness Purim party**, with a Megillah reading, a kosher buffet, and a demonstration of Hamantaschen cookery, will take place on **Sunday 12th March** not Friday 10th March as in early editions of this newsletter – at 12 noon till 3 p.m. at the SHIMCA Cultural Centre, Ardconnel Terrace, Inverness IV2 3AE.

As well as other the Purim parties we're holding in **Ayr** (8 Mar) and **Dundee** (12 Mar) (see below for details) there will also be Purim events in **Aberdeen** and **Dumfries**:

In **Aberdeen**, Rabbi Rose will lead a Megillah reading at 4 p.m. on Sunday 12th March at the university chaplaincy (<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/chaplaincy/>). All welcome, especially children.

And in **Dumfries**, at 6 p.m. on Sunday 12th March, at Rugmans Hall, Whitesands, Dumfries, DG1 2RX there will be Food and Fun, Music, possibly some Scottish Country Dancing, and a performance piece on the story of Esther. With a kosher buffet provided by SCoJeC. Please book by 7th March – tel Andrew Crosbie, tel 07791540535 .

See the [Glasgow Jewish Representative Council calendar](#) for Purim events in **Glasgow**.

And read on for other news including info about our volunteer ambassador training starting on 19 March. Would you like to help us get comments like these from teachers around the country:

We wanted to thank you so much for such a wonderful visit on Friday - you helped the children learn so much more and bring the learning to life. You were fantastic and we really appreciate you giving up your time. Kirsten Lochhead, Robert Gordon's College.

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Thank you ...

Thank you for your ongoing support of the work we do at the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities. Together, we work to ensure that Judaism and Jewish traditions are included in the rich tartan of languages, traditions, religions, and cultures that form 21st century Scotland.

Since you've been involved with us before, you'll not be surprised to hear that we have a very packed calendar of events over the coming months. We really hope we'll be able to see you at something soon.

If you have any questions about our events, about our work or have any ideas for Jewish-related social or cultural events in your area, feel free to get in touch. We want to hear from you! Email: events@scojec.org or call [07724549817](tel:07724549817).

Become a SCoJeC volunteer ambassador

Are you interested in helping children and adults across Scotland find out about Judaism? Join us as a SCoJeC Volunteer Ambassador and bring Judaism to schools, youth and adult groups around the country.

To get started, you can take our bespoke accredited training course. The next course will run over four Sundays: **March 19th, April 23rd, May 21st, and June 11th**, and will discuss different aspects of Judaism and teaching. All sessions will be held at 222 Fenwick Road, Glasgow, G46 6UE, and will run from 10am – 3pm, with lunch included. (If you can't make this date, we're planning to put on another course elsewhere in Scotland, so do still get in touch to let us know you're interested.)

With the help of our experienced trainer, you will gain the skills and confidence to develop and deliver fun, interactive sessions perfect for non-Jewish and interfaith groups of all ages. The course includes supported visits to schools or youth groups between training sessions, to help you put your learning into practice.

Sound interesting? Email Joanne at education@scojec.org or call 07724 549817 to book your place or ask any questions you may have.

Thanks to the Pears Foundation for their support for this initiative.

Purim fun across Scotland

Graggers at the ready, let's make some noise for our upcoming Purim celebrations in communities across Scotland. Join our community artists, Tom Krasny and Roi Carmeli, on Wednesday 8 March (6.30 – 9pm) in Ayr and Sunday 12 March (3pm – 5.30pm) in Dundee for an upcycling extravaganza. Come in fancy dress or make your own at our costume making workshop. There are prizes for the best kids and adult costumes.

We will also be celebrating Purim, the Jewish Feast of Esther, on Sunday 12 March (12 noon – 3pm) in Inverness (*not Friday 10th March as in earlier editions of the newsletter - apologies*). Come to hear the reading of the Megillah, enjoy some fabulous storytelling as well as a delicious cookery demonstration to show you how to make hamantaschen and Oznei Haman. Come with an appetite so you can try these delicious delicacies.

As ever, all of our events are free, and everyone is welcome to join. Pass it on and share the Purim spirit with your community. For more details about all our events across Scotland, see the new [SCOJeC events page on our website](#) or email Joanne at education@scojec.org or call 07724 549817. Hope to see you there!

Thanks to the Netherlee and Clarkston Charitable Trust for their support for our outreach activity.

Ayr: Wednesday 8 March 2017, 6.30pm – 9pm at:
Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Estate, Monument Road Ayr, KA7 4NQ

Dundee: Sunday 12 March 2017, 3 – 6pm
Dundee Synagogue, 9 St Mary Pl, Dundee, DD1 5RB

Inverness: Friday 10 March 2017, 12noon – 3pm
SHIMCA Cultural Centre, 1 Ardconnel Terrace, Inverness, IV2 3AE

Volunteers needed to help at events

We love bringing our events to communities across Scotland but we need your help to make them even better. If you have access to transport and want to help us at our events, whether to bring things to the venue or helping out at on the day, get in touch! Expenses will be paid so you won't ever be out of pocket! Fill in the volunteer application form at <http://www.scojec.org/support/support.html> .

Upcoming activities

Pens at the ready and mark these dates in your calendar.

Passover in the Borders – We are looking to host a pre-seder meal in the Borders in early April. Get in touch if you'd be interested in attending.

Fiery Forestry Lag B'Omer – You may remember the amazing Lag B'Omer event we held in conjunction with Forestry Scotland where more than 150 people from Glasgow, Edinburgh and around the country, came together for a tremendous celebration. Well, we're hoping that this year's reprise will be just as exciting and well attended. So keep 14 May free for an amazing day out!

Summer of Klezmer – Award winning Klezmer musician and Yiddish singer, Michael Alpert, is planning to tour Scotland with the amazing Edinburgh fiddle player Gica Loening. These two extraordinary musicians evoke a feeling of *Der Heim* like no other. Don't miss out! (Dates and venues are still to be announced. If you would like your town to be added to the tour, email us at events@scojec.org).

Shavuot Shabbaton in Shetland – What can be more exciting than celebrating Shavuot in one of the most northerly communities in the world? Join us for a trip to explore the beauty of Shetland and share Jewish tradition close to the Arctic Circle. Stay in self-catering apartments, enjoy organised activities with the local inter-faith group as well as activities for the whole community. Don't worry, there will be plenty of time to do your own exploring. We would hope to be able to offer this Shabbaton in late May, to coincide with Shavuot. We hope to be holding it at the end of May/early June. If you'd be interested in joining us, please get in touch by email: events@scojec.org.uk

Something to think about ... Since we don't make kiddush on Shavuot until after dark, and in Shetland the sun won't set until very late, if at all, will it ever be Shavuot in Shetland in midsummer?

Scottish Jewry turns 200 years old

2017 is a special year. Not only is it the year of History, Heritage and Archaeology across Scotland, but it is also 200 years of an established and organised Jewish community in our beautiful country.



To mark this significant anniversary, a new book has been published that takes an in-depth look at our many communities across Scotland. *The Jewish Experience in Scotland: from immigration to integration* by Kenneth Collins (SJAC, Glasgow, 2016), being sent to all libraries across Scotland for addition to their lending stock, so look for it in your local branch. You can also purchase your own copy at £10 plus £2 postage, from the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre (email info@sjac.org.uk for your copy).

Linked to the book is a set of illustrated banners marking the bicentenary that we would love to display at local events, schools, community centres and public libraries. Email [Joanne events@scojec.org](mailto:events@scojec.org) to discuss having the banners sent to your venue or event.

There is more than just a books to mark the bicentenary. We are hoping to host a series of talks on the history of Scottish Jewry at venues across Scotland. If your group or community would like to host one of these talks please get in touch with Joanne to discuss. You can either email events@scojec.org or call 07724 549817.

Are you organising a Jewish event this year? Remember to add the Bicentenary logo to your publicity and help us promote this amazing milestone. Don't forget to include #ScotsJews200 in all your social media posts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc) so we can share our events and discussions. Together let's get 200 years of Jews in Scotland trending! Email events@scojec.org to get a copy of the logo.



Whilst there is plenty of information available about the history of the Scottish Jewish Community, there is always more to learn. Get in touch with the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre by email (info@sjac.org.uk), visit their website (www.sjac.org) or visit in person during their forthcoming open days 2nd April, and 21st May to learn more about Scottish Jewish community or to share your own stories.

We are pleased to be working with [Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation](#), the [International Institute of Jewish Genealogy](#), the [Scottish Jewish Archives Centre](#), the [University Jewish Chaplaincy](#), the [Glasgow Jewish Representative Council](#), [Sukkat Shalom](#), the [Edinburgh Jewish Dialogue](#), and all the other organised and emerging Jewish communities in Scotland to mark this important year.

We hope to see you at an event or a training programme near you over the next few months. Again, let us know if there's anything you'd like to see in your area in the future – we may not be able to do it straight away, but we'll do our best!

Best wishes

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Events and Education team.

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