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Additional Exhibitions and Events include arts workshops, schools events and a short film programme featuring Dominic Savage's 'Love and Hate' and the Oscar winning documentary 'Anne Frank Remembered'.

Festival Closing, Sunday 28th January: a beautiful and moving candle-lit procession on the final evening of the 'Anne Frank + You' festival. We will mark our respect for the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides throughout the world and show our personal commitment to learning from and 'never forgetting' this dark time in history. The festival will close with a staged cultural event led by young people, themed around 'the dignity of difference' to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day in Scotland 2007.

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Welcome
 to the 12th issue of Four Corners.

It was good to see so many of you at the AGM and I hope to see you at our Chanukah party in Lochgilhead and/or Purim party in Dundee.

Chanukah Party

Sun 17th December 2-6pm

**ARMS Centre, Campbell St,
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**Please bring a Menorah and a
 Vegetarian Contribution to the Meal**

In last year's Four Corners questionnaire many of you said you'd like to find out more about SCoJeC online so we've been developing our website - have a look at www.j-scot.org.uk. And whilst on the subject of computers please note that our e-mail address has changed: j-scot@j-scot.org.uk

In this issue celebrate the 75th anniversary of Glasgow Reform Synagogue, read about Rosh Hashanah in Dundee and Yom Kippur in Findhorn, and discover the many services provided to Jewish people across Scotland by Jewish Care.

And do please keep sending articles for future issues - without you there wouldn't be any Four Corners!

**Please send us your comments about
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Jewish Care Scotland

Scottish, Jewish and reaching out to everyone....



DEBORAH HAASE

Some Jewish people are surprised to discover that there are Jewish people living in the rural areas of Scotland outwith Glasgow, East Renfrewshire and Edinburgh! Sometimes, they are even more surprised to find out that Jewish people, wherever they are, need help at difficult times and stages of their lives.

One man who knows a lot about this is Mike McLellan – he's Jewish Care Scotland's roving social worker! Mike is dedicated to supporting Jewish people in Scotland's parts outside of East Renfrewshire and Glasgow Districts.

Mike's been with Jewish Care Scotland since 1996. He came as a professionally registered senior social worker with years of experience working in South Ayrshire.

Jewish Care Scotland was the name adopted in 1996 by the former Glasgow Jewish Welfare Board to coincide with their move to a brand new HQ in Giffnock in Glasgow and the appointment of a chief executive and professional workers to work in partnership with the Care Agency volunteers.

Initially, with a small team, Mike set about securing welfare benefits for Jewish people living in East Renfrewshire and Glasgow who formerly received small money payments from the Jewish Welfare Board. After a very successful year the team's work had helped many to receive state welfare benefits, raising their weekly means by £50 in some cases. The team also helped to introduce the new Jewish Care Scotland to its local community in a very positive way.

Mike then assumed responsibility for those who sought social work but came from outside the areas of East Renfrewshire and Glasgow. Over the years he has clocked up thousands of miles travelling by train, bus and car (sadly for Mike no helicopter!) all over Scotland. He has been to Dundee, Methil, Echilfechen, Ayr, Falkirk, Dumfries, Edinburgh, Saltcoats, Stranraer, Huston, Kilmarnock and St Andrews amongst other places. Always this has been in response to a letter or a call from Jewish people seeking advice and help with their personal or financial issues.

Readers of Four Corners will know that by and large Jewish people still retain a sense of identity and Mike's experience bears this out. He says: Most people welcome the fact that I come from a Jewish welfare organisation and that Jewish Care Scotland is willing and able to extend out its caring to the remoter parts of Scotland. And yes, I have on occasions delivered yarzeit candles or kosher food request!

Much of Mike's work, once he has been able to assess the situation with each individual, is to link in with the relevant local Local Authority and voluntary services to put in place the support required. Mike's contact with individuals can be quite intensive over a period of weeks – it just all depends on the person's individual needs. And Jewish Care Scotland can stay in touch so that as needs alter services can be adapted to meet new needs.



ABOVE: RECEPTION AT THE WALTON COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE
Jewish Care Scotland is based in Giffnock, with the social work team, admin staff and volunteer social care agency.

ABOVE: THE AVIV DAY CENTRE
The Aviv Day Centre and a range of clubs offer hot meals, social activities and therapeutic services to older people and younger people with enduring illnesses. Jewish Care Scotland also runs a kosher meals on wheels service to individuals who are housebound and not able to shop and cook.



MIKE MCLELLAN AT JEWISH CARE SCOTLAND'S OFFICES IN GIFFNOCK, GLASGOW

Mike says: "I always derive professional and personal satisfaction from helping people, especially as we are trying to ensure people remain independent. Ideally our involvement helps people to deal with the short or long-term issue causing them distress. Hopefully then we can withdraw to allow them to continue with their daily life."

If you would like further details or to make an enquiry you can contact Jewish Care Scotland directly at:

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Please note all enquiries and all work undertaken is strictly confidential.

The website includes more details on how Jewish Care Scotland can help and ways of supporting Jewish Care Scotland's work:

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RIGHT:
MIKE MCLELLAN
Pictured after a 5k run in the 2006 Baxters' Loch Ness Marathon & Festival of Running, which raised £400 for Jewish Care Scotland and £150 for The British Heart Foundation.



Chanukah

ADAPTED FROM RABBI YISROEL RUTMAN AS PUBLISHED ON THE AISH WEBSITE

http://www.aish.com/chanukahbasics/chanukahbasicsdefault/8_Surprising_Lessons_from_the_Laws_of_Chanukah.asp

Chanukah commemorates the Jewish victory over the Selucid Greeks in the 2nd Century BCE and the miracle of the one-day supply of oil burning eight days after the rededication of the Temple. It is an annual inspiration to Jews everywhere and a closer examination of the laws and customs of Chanukah yields some interesting insights.

1) A Mitzvah Of Sharing

Even if you only just have enough oil or candles to last all 8 days you should share them with someone who doesn't have any. The idea of adding on a candle each night until we reach eight is an enhancement of the mitzvah, but the essential mitzvah is just to light one candle per night per household. Better to share and enable another Jew to fulfil the essential mitzvah, than to beautify your own while someone else has nothing.

2) A Public Mitzvah

Candle lighting should really take place in your doorway or window at sunset so that people coming home from work see the festival lights. No other Jewish custom requires such public display but Chanukah is intended to inspire all Jewish people.

3) A Unique Blessing

Most of us are familiar with the blessings we say when we light Chanukah candles but fewer people know that someone who is not lighting the candles should still say the second brachah, "who performed miracles for our ancestors."

4) Priorities

There is always a Shabbat during Chanukah, so the Talmud asks what someone should do if they do not have only enough oil or candles for both. Which takes precedence? The conclusion is that Shabbat takes precedence because whilst Chanukah candles in the doorway publicise the miracle of the oil, the Shabbat candles illuminate the home and it is more important that there should be light to enjoy the Shabbat meal.

5) Our Responsibility

The candle should contain sufficient oil (or wax) to burn until at least 30 minutes after it's fully dark. If it goes out before then, it's 'best practice' to relight it but we don't have to – we fulfilled the mitzvah the first time. The Jewish view is that it's our responsibility to make decisions and act on them – but if we don't succeed it doesn't mean we've failed. Our responsibility is to decide and to act. Success or failure is in G-d's hands.

6) Jewish Ambition

Increasing the number of Chanukah candles each night demonstrates the Jewish principle of *ma'alim bakodesh*, increasing holiness. As well as being a visible reminder of the Chanukah miracle, that symbolises the Jewish concept of striving continually to achieve greater appreciation of what G-d does for us.

7) Great And Small

On Chanukah we say two prayers: Hallel, psalms of praise of G-d for the miracles He does for the Jewish people, and Hoda'ah, an acknowledgement that we are undeserving of the great things He does for us – both things to keep in mind.

8) Souls On Fire

The Sfat Emet explains that the Hebrew word for soul, *nefesh*, is spelled using the initial letters of *Ner* (flame), *P'tilah* (wick) and *Shemen* (oil) – all of which are intrinsic to Chanukah. Even if we lose touch with our Jewish identity during the rest of the year, when we see the Chanukah candles most of us feel a connection between us and other Jewish people and with our Jewish identity.



Chanukah Diary : Kislev 25th – Tevet 2nd

This year Chanukah begins with the lighting of the 1st candle before Shabbat on the evening of Friday 15th December and continues until the evening of Friday 22th December when all 8 candles are lit before Shabbat.



'Jewish and Scottish ...the threads and the tartan'



In November SCoJeC Director, Ephraim Borowski, became the first person from a non-Christian background to deliver the Baillie Lecture at Edinburgh University's Centre for Theology and Public Issues (CTPI) when he gave a Jewish view of the challenges facing Scottish Society...

A Jewish view, not *the* Jewish view, because Jews are naturally disputatious (indeed, have been educated to be so since Talmud times), and there is no single 'Jewish view' on anything! SCoJeC, tasked with representing the Scottish Jewish community to Scottish society, has to present this diversity of views rather than giving the impression of unanimity or even consensus.

Whilst he welcomed the efforts in Scotland and elsewhere to further interfaith dialogue and understanding, Ephraim confessed himself sceptical about the way in which that dialogue often takes place. There is value in interfaith activities even if they go no further than breaking down barriers and forming friendships, or staging symbolic or ceremonial public events to bring religious leaders together, but Ephraim challenged the audience to take the next step and admit that true dialogue requires people to share and probe their disagreements, not merely their superficial agreements. "That means accepting each other's scepticism, antagonism and incomprehension," he said, "because if they do not they are being dishonest to themselves, as well as disrespectful to others."

Ephraim discussed the response to offences involving religious hatred, and, whilst praising the many valuable projects that seek to address and eradicate

what the First Minister has called "Scotland's shame", he expressed concern that they should not be at the expense of a more general

strategy addressing religious intolerance. "That implicitly devalues the interests of others and conveys the message that the suffering of one group of people is less severe, or less significant, than the suffering of another group".

He also praised the good intentions of the Scottish Executive's One Scotland – Many Cultures campaign as "an indication not of what Scotland is today – else there would be no need of a campaign – but of what Scotland aspires to become".

He concluded, "A cloth of parallel threads readily falls apart; it is divergence, difference, even disagreement, that holds society together. Strength lies not in uniformity, but in pattern, which is to say the coexistence of difference. I see this Scotland of many cultures as a society in which each community makes a valuable contribution to the whole, while still retaining its own unique identity. It is our diverse identities that are the weave that holds the fabric of Scotland together."

The full text of Ephraim's lecture is on SCoJeC's website:

<http://www.j-scot.org.uk/Misc/Baillie.pdf>

Mazeltov!

Dundee Full to Overflowing

We told you about our plans in the last Four Corners and thought a little update was in order ... due mainly to our excitement!!

We had a meeting prior to Rosh Hashanah to plan our shared meal and the times of services and everything was coming along nicely with a few expected visitors as well as our own congregation including Dr Avraham Avi-hai from Jerusalem who kindly offered to help lead our services.

Shofar practice got underway too and we discovered a new young talent in our congregation too!!

Erev Rosh Hashanah and Rosh Hashanah services at Shul were excellent with each and every one of us taking part in some way and rejoicing in each others company and delicious shared food. Avraham proved to be a very learned leader and he made a special effort to welcome the students who attended from Dundee and St Andrews Universities. His story telling was engaging and fun and we were all sorry to see him leave us ... A very special THANKS must go to Dr Avi-hai.

We enjoyed apples, honey, latkes, kugel, salmon, pomegranate flans, beetroot salads, potato salads, pasta dishes, home grown vegetables and fruits as well as beautifully baked breads ... its seems we are a shul congregation of Nigella standards!!

It was actually difficult to leave Shul and each other after these special days to wend our ways home. We were a far flung group with visitors from USA, Europe and Israel and our prayers were indeed sent world wide and we became each others family as we prepared for the passing of one year and welcomed the new year.

Tired and happy we all wished for each other that the coming year was a good one bringing health and happiness, spiritual richness and a resolution to treat each other as we would like to be treated ourselves.

Oops!! I nearly forgot to mention ... we were in fact full to overflowing – our small but perfectly formed little congregation swelled to 32 people over Rosh Hashanah and it was commented that we had not seen a congregation of these numbers for the last 30 years!

**for
your
diary!**

Sun 4th March

MEGILLAH READING
& fancy dress

Purim Party

AT DUNDEE SHUL

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the 5th corner

JUDITH LIPMAN

How to make a packet of Marshall's Scottish macaroni go a long way ... first you take it from Aberdeen to London, then, as you head for the airport, you grab the end of the packet and shove it in your hand luggage.

In my aunt's house food is bought pre-cooked; even the rice and vegetables are pre-cooked and leftovers are microwaved daily.

The Israeli news is much the same. A story, incident, corruption trial or Knesset goings-on is presented fresh on Sunday and reheated – ok, re-presented – all week, punctuated by a macabre note of accidents on the highway in wet weather or of flooded residents from Rosh Haniqra saying "first the war, now the floods".

But basically the news is old and repeated all day every day in both English and Ivrit. Palestinians wail their grief and scream their anger in Arabic with Hebrew subtitles; then distraught women who had been shopping in Ashkelon's mall or in Sderot's streets are taken to hospital. We sit and watch mutely.

But my aunt went out to lunch, so I've just cooked and eaten three small fresh courgettes, a tin of tuna and some Scottish macaroni - not in cheese but in garlic sauce.

And the 5th corner, like the macaroni, is hopeful of going far. Maybe a fresh start in a small community of English-speaking people in a town called Arad far from civilisation (another Stranraer?) in the middle of the barren desert hills. And maybe next Pesach will be truly in Jerusalem? The future, like aunt's microwave door, is unclear. Let's see what cooks up.

Creative High Holyday Services

IN THE HIGHLANDS

ESTHER ARONSFELD

Question: What do you do if you want to attend Yom Kippur services but the nearest shul is over three hours drive away?

Answer: you create your own.

Earlier this year, Esther, an ex-Londoner and member of Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue, was ordained as an interfaith minister, by completing a 'Davenen Leadership Training' in New York. "The training helped to strengthen my roots and my passion for Judaism."

She lives in Findhorn (Moray) and this year led Yom Kippur services for the handful of Jews living in the area, most of whom have little or no formal Jewish background. She compiled a special machzor with traditional and contemporary prayers and with most of the Hebrew transliterated so that everyone could join in.

The services were designed to help people engage with the process of T'shuvah (repentance) at a deep personal level. "Reciting prayers by rote can be boring and meaningless and I wanted to offer something that would touch the heart and nourish the soul."

The emphasis was on personal and collective prayer which took many forms, from chanting and guided meditation, to ritual, and self reflection. There was also space for sharing... "on Kol Nidre we talked about what had brought us there, given that most of us never set foot inside a synagogue from one year to the next.

"Other sharings included personal vidui (confession) during which we owned up to areas where we had fallen short of the mark in relation to ourself, family and friends, our community, the environment and God. We used the Jonah story to look at how Jonah plays out in our own lives. In particular, where we avoid responsibility, isolate ourselves, and hold anger and grudges. And as part of Yizkor (remembering the dead) we brought photos of loved ones no longer alive and talked about the legacy they had left us."

During the concluding service people were invited to share their experience of the day. Marji Greenhut, a visitor from the US, said that it was the most inspiring Yom Kippur she had ever experienced in her life, and Noa Yerushalmi agreed that she had never had such a meaningful Yom Kippur before.



Glasgow Reform Synagogue

75 Years Young

BY CAROLINE JUDAH

LEFT: RABBI TONY BAYFIELD AND RABBI NANCY MORRIS

Glasgow Reform Synagogue celebrates the 75th anniversary this year of Progressive Judaism taking root in Scotland, thanks to the efforts of Samuel Ginsburg, his wife Bessie and a few other like-minded people. The synagogue recently changed its name from Glasgow New Synagogue, to demonstrate its pride in being identified with the Movement for Reform Judaism, and also to celebrate the fact that the synagogue is now a mature vibrant and confident community – and no longer the newest synagogue in Scotland!

The year-long celebrations kicked off in October with a civic service addressed by Rabbi Tony Bayfield, Head of the Movement for Reform Judaism. He began his speech with a reference to the shul's inauspicious beginnings, when Mr Ginsburg suffered severe financial hardship as a result of a boycott imposed on his printing business because of his radical views.



RABBIS, LOCAL CLERGY, POLITICIANS AND POLICE

By 1942 the synagogue had become one of the six founder members of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain, now the Movement for Reform Judaism. In his book, *Tradition and Change*, Rabbi Jonathan Romain writes that that the other communities worried most about Glasgow New Synagogue because local opposition

was so great. Rabbi Bayfield went on to say "I don't want to dwell on past difficulties. For what united virtually all members of the Glasgow community throughout the 20th century was a desire to maintain Jewish identity (whether Orthodox, Reform, Zionist or purely ethnic) whilst living wholly within the broader community of citizens of Glasgow. Glasgow Jews didn't separate themselves from their fellow citizens. Nor did they seek to assimilate and lose their identity. They opted to remain Jews and make a distinctive Jewish contribution to what would gradually become a truly multi-cultural society."

The theme adopted for Glasgow Reform Synagogue's 75th anniversary is "Honouring the Past – Celebrating the Future". During the civic service Stephen Anson reminisced about growing up in the shul and paid tribute in a humorous way to some of the stalwarts who helped to keep things going during the lean years, especially the Women's Guild. He also highlighted the effort put in by shul members taking services and teaching cheder when the shul had no Rabbi. Today's shul members now have the benefit of Rabbi Nancy Morris whose beautiful singing voice makes attending services a pleasure.



CHEDER PARTY

Birthday Party enjoyed by the cheder children. Future events will include a Burns Supper, a Black Tie Dinner Dance and an interfaith event early in 2007.

Glasgow Reform Synagogue has become part of the Jewish landscape in Glasgow and is preparing for the challenges of the next 75 years.

New faces in SCoJeC

There are some new faces in SCoJeC since the last 'Who's Who' (Four Corners 5, April 2005) and we'd like to introduce...



Frank House is one of SCoJeC's three Vice Chairs. He was born and raised in London and his wife, Valerie comes from Northampton; shortly after they married at Brixton Synagogue it closed!

They spent their early married life in Aberdeen which gave them experience of small community life. They then moved to London

(Catford), and on to Marlow, where they were part of the High Wycombe Community (another small, self-run group) with which they retain links.

On Frank's retirement from a career in Pharmacology and Statistics, and Valerie's from teaching, they moved to Gairloch, where they are all the community within walking distance, but their involvement with JNAH and SCoJeC keeps them in touch with Jewish life.

Hilary Rifkind is one of SCoJeC's three Vice Chairs by virtue of being Chairman of the Board of Management of Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation – the first woman to lead the Synagogue.



She was born and educated in Newcastle upon Tyne and came to Edinburgh in 1968 after her marriage to Arnold Rifkind, an optometrist. She has spent most of her professional life teaching Mathematics at George Watson's College and has always been involved in communal work, ranging from Maccabi leadership in her teens, to Jewish Students,

then WIZO, the Communal Centre Committee, Edinburgh Hillel Committee, the Ladies Guild, of which she has been Chairman for many years, and, since her retirement, convenor of the Shul Events Committee. Hilary and Arnold have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren who live in America.

Paul Spicker is Secretary of SCoJeC. He was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, where, he says, he failed to absorb any useful information in 7 years of cheder, and came to Dundee in 1989. Dundee is a small community, and for many years the shul was kept going by one person, Harold Gillis. Shortly before he died, Harold asked Paul to help with looking after the building, and in the absence of other active members Paul became Chair of the Dundee Community in 2001. Since then, Dundee has grown from being moribund to simply being unsustainable! Paul stepped down as Chair in 2006 and is now Vice-Chair.



As a researcher and academic, Professor Spicker has done a range of work about poverty, disadvantage, minority ethnic groups and welfare provision, including charity organisation; but when it comes to Judaism, he reckons that he has to be the most profoundly ignorant office holder in any Jewish community.



The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities AGM

What has SCoJeC been doing during the last year? Here are just a couple of the issues discussed at the AGM in Edinburgh synagogue in November.



JOHN COSGROVE, FLANKED BY PROF. PAUL SPICKER & DANIEL CLAPHAM LEFT, EPHRAIM BOROWSKI & DR. KENNETH COLLINS RIGHT

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT AND EXECUTIVE

Whilst Acts of Parliament lay out principles, putting policy into practice relies on secondary legislation. So we have been working with the Scottish Executive to ensure that everything is in place for the religious divorce legislation to work as intended by the Family Law Act.

We have also responded to a range of consultations on subjects affecting the Jewish community, such as Adoption, Charity law, Antisemitism, the Equalities Review, and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Bill, as well as continuing to meet with the Church of Scotland, the STUC, and others.

THE CHARITY REGISTER

We are particularly pleased that we were able to prevent five communal charities being removed from the Charities Register thanks to our regular monitoring of organisations such as the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Whilst we will continue to alert communal organisations to any immediate risk we strongly recommend that they ensure that OSCR has their up-to-date contact details to avoid any future difficulties.

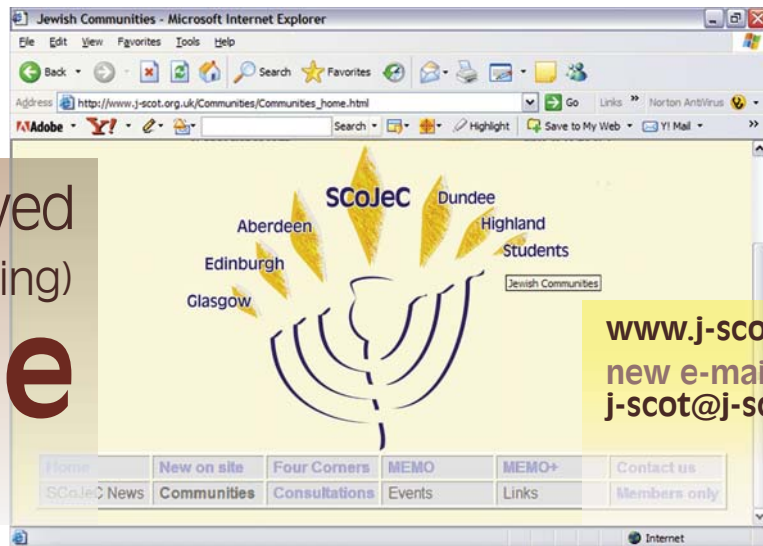


GUEST SPEAKER, THE VERY REVEREND FINLAY MACDONALD WITH JOHN COSGROVE (CHAIRMAN)

The guest speaker following the business of the AGM was the Very Reverend Finlay Macdonald, Principal Clerk (i.e. top civil servant) of the Church of Scotland, who discussed his experience of interfaith dialogue. He recalled that when he was Moderator in 2003 he led an interfaith delegation including Ephraim Borowski and Stephen Kliner on a visit to European Community institutions in Brussels, and how valuable he had found their contribution regarding European Community issues and the formation of friendships.

The meeting was followed by lunch during which we heard reports of the many activities in each of the communities around Scotland. Many thanks to SCoJeC Chair, John Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove for sponsoring the lunch to mark their retirement later this year, and to Irene Mason, Jackie Taylor and Lesley Danzig for preparing such a lovely meal.

The new & improved
(and still improving)
website



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Until now SCoJeC's website only included basic info. However you told us in last year's questionnaire that you'd like to be able to find out more about us online. Your wish has been our command and we now invite you to see the results of your requests...

Here you can read all the consultation responses submitted by SCoJeC on subjects as diverse as adoption, the census, EU divorce regulations, organ donation and charity law. You'll be able to catch up with news and with activity in the Scottish and Westminster Parliaments in the weekly MEMO bulletin, and read the new series of MEMO+ briefings. These are a joint project with BEMIS and are now sponsored by the Scottish Executive; they are circulated to several hundred organisations and individuals throughout Scotland.

Browse back issues of Four Corners and find out more about Scotland's Jewish communities by clicking on links to their websites. And soon (but not yet I'm afraid) you'll be able to look through a photo gallery of SCoJeC events from around Scotland. And if you'd like to tell us what you think (or send an article for the next Four Corners) just click on 'contact us' and let us know.