

Representing, connecting, and supporting Jewish people in Scotland

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SCoJeC is seeking a part time

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARKETING ASSISTANT

for approx 20 hours per month (which may increase by mutual agreement at busy times)

This role could be undertaken mainly from home, on a flexible basis.

For further information, a job description and details of how to apply contact Fiona Frank, email fiona@scojec.org, tel 07779 206522.

Closing date 12 noon Tuesday 20th March

Scottish Council of Jewish Communities, 222 Fenwick Road, Giffnock, Glasgow G46 6UE SCoJeC is Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation no SCO29438

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- contact Joanne, email joanne@scojec.org or tel 07724 549 817 for details.

Sunday 25th Feb (and monthly): online video meetups REVIVED – the last Sunday of each month.

Feel like you don't have enough Scottish Jewish contact? Live miles from the nearest Challah? Pull up your Skype, pour a cup of coffee and join Fiona, and our volunteer ambassador Diane Kay, from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m on the last Sunday of the month. Check in, discuss the issues of the day, tell us about your family, what you're reading, what's going on in your town... and meet other Jewish people around Scotland. [Technical instructions – download Skype to your phone, tablet, laptop or desktop, email me on fiona@scojec.org to say you're joining in, and let me have your skype name – and we'll invite you to the call!]

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Wednesday 28th Feb: Purim in Inverness - last minute invitation!*

We're sending hamentaschen to an Inverness megillah reading, so – please join in! 7 p.m. at the SHIMCA Centre, 1 Ardconnel Terrace, Inverness IV2 3AE.

RSVP to fiona@scojec.org or call me on 07779 206522

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Sunday, 4th March: Scottish Jewish Archives Centre Bagel Brunch at Eastwood House, Giffnock

with ex-Glaswegian Alan Fell, former manager of the London Jewish Cultural Centre, who has recently completed a MA researching the Church of Scotland and Israel and is currently directing a large WW1 digital history project. Tickets £17.50 each or £15 for Friends of the Archives. 12 noon for 12.30 start. For tickets, email Jane at jane@janetobias.com, or the Archives at info@sjac.org.uk

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Sunday 4th March: Jewish Arts Family Book Day

1.30pm - 4pm, Calderwood Lodge Primary School, Waterfoot Road, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, G77 5GU

Fun for the whole family!

Join Jewish Arts for an afternoon of Jewish literature, culture and tradition, in memory of Naomi Livingstone.

Young children (aged 0 - 8 years) will be enthralled by a storyteller, bringing a Jewish themed story from the PJ Library alive. They will then have the chance to explore the story through arts and crafts.

Young adults and young people (ages 9+) will be working with Sarah Lightman, a Jewish artist, curator and writer, who will share how her Jewish identity helps her to create her works and then lead a hands-on workshop where youth can create their own illustrations and comics.

Adults are welcome to join J. David Simons, a well-known Scottish author, during his intimate Question and Answer session.

Israeli community artists Tom Krasni and Roi Carmeli are also joining us to lead a literature-based art session using vintage books.

Light refreshments will be available.

Cost: £5 per person (children under 1 year, free) Family Ticket (4 people or more) £20. Payment on the day.

For details, or to book your place, call Shayna <u>07986 602154</u>, email <u>shayna.conn@gmail.com</u> or visit the Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/events/183926069034740/

This is also the formal community launch of the PJ Library in Glasgow. Children not already receiving FREE PJ Library books will be registered to receiving books of Jewish interest and values directly to their home. (www.pjlibrary.org.uk)

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Sunday, 11th March: SCoJeC Council Meeting

1 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre, 222 Fenwick Road, Giffnock, Glasgow G46 6UE. Come and hear about SCoJeC's activity and meet our council members.

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Sunday, 18th March: Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation in association with Classical Musicians Scotland presents **An Evening of Opera Classics** at The Grand Synagogue, Edinburgh, 4a Salisbury Road, Edinburgh EH16 5AB, 7.30 p.m. Orchestra and Singers directed by Jonathon Swinard.

Get a taste of what's to come: hear <u>soprano Catriona Clark here</u>, and <u>tenor Roger</u> Paterson here!

Book at <u>tinyurl.com/ehcopera</u> or call Queens Hall Box Office <u>0131 668 2019</u> (Mon-Sat 10 am - 5.15 p.m.)

Prices - **Early bird to Feb 28th £25**: Standard £30: Student £15 Interval prosecco and pralines included in the ticket price. Group of 10? 1 goes free!

Plus 6 p.m. optional pre opera light supper of kosher chicken soup and hot salt beef sandwich with all the trimmings (or a vegetarian option).

For enquiries about weekend accommodation discounts, etc, email ehc.enquiry@gmail.com

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And more opera - in Glasgow....

Sunday, 25th March: Opera with a Twist 7.45 p.m., Garnethill Synagogue

A spectacular gala evening of opera and musical classics. Produced by Daisy Henderson. In the magnificent and unique setting of Garnethill Synagogue. £30 including cocktail interval. Tickets from Martin, 0141 638 6695 or Roy 07974 813 105 or info@garnethill.org.uk

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Job Vacancy

Job vacancy – as noted at the top of this newsletter, SCoJeC is seeking a freelance Social Media and Marketing assistant, for around 20 hours a month. For further information please contact Fiona Frank, fiona@scojec.org.uk, tel 07779 206522 – closing date 12 noon on Tuesday 20 March.

Please pass to anyone you think may be interested!

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Volunteer Ambassador training programme

Let us know if you'd be interested in joining our next training programme to give you the skills, knowledge and confidence to run positive, memorable and educational sessions about Judaism for schools and with community groups. Contact Joanne, joanne@scojec.org.

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Plans for future SCoJeC events

As well as supporting the events mentioned above, we're currently putting together our own programme for the year. This will include author events (readings and workshops); a tour of the new documentary about the last Jewish families in Iraq "Remember Baghdad", and other events relating to Jewish food, art, music, festivals and culture. This includes, hopefully, the return of 'Klezmerduo', who did a fantastic storytelling and Klezmer event, retelling the story of the rescue of the Danish Jews to Sweden in 1943, as part of the Scottish Storytelling Festival in 2017 at Newton Mearns Shul. You can see the account of this (including some short videos) on our website here. If we are successful in obtaining funding for this, they would be coming back for a four-town tour, taking in schools and community performance, in April.

Would YOU like to see Klezmerduo, or any of the other events mentioned above, in

your town or your area? And if so, are you able to help us to promote them and organise them?	
Please get back to us if you are!	

Best wishes from our Events team

Fiona and Joanne

That's all for now

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