

SCoJeC e-news July 2019

Dear Friends

We're pleased to say that a new Arran SCoJeC group hosted its first event earlier this month - a house concert with Lev Atlas. It was a great success, with more than 60 people present to hear Lev perform a variety of Klezmer and other music, and recount varied stories from his fascinating musical life. See a [report of the event, and photos, here](#). The group has already made plans for another musical event – see below for details of a piano recital taking place in Lamlash in September! Thanks also for supporting us in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Inverness at our various dance, book discussion and music events over the past few weeks.

We hope to see you somewhere over the summer...

Ethel Hofman, author of the fascinating memoir cum cookery book 'Mackerel at Midnight: Growing Up Jewish on a Remote Scottish Island' will be returning home to Lerwick from the USA this summer. She will be speaking at a SCoJeC event in Shetland Library on 13th August - and in a technological first, we're excited to announce that we'll be broadcasting a live video-feed of her talk from our Facebook page, all being well - so do join us one way or another!

And/or, join us for a walk around the Whittingehame Estate (home of the Balfour family) on 1st September - transport provided from Glasgow and Edinburgh. We're also finalising details of SCoJeC's 20th birthday activities on Sunday 8th September, working with Scotland Limmud to create a brilliant programme for everyone on 24 November in Edinburgh, organising a Yiddish song concert and Klezmer ceilidh the night before Limmud, and thinking about other autumn activities.

More details of all these events and more below. If there's something you'd like to see in YOUR area please let us know.

Best wishes

Fiona and Joanne

SCoJeC's event's team

Contact us at events@scojec.org or tel 07779 206522 (Fiona) or 07724 549817 (Joanne)

It's 'Jewish Book Week' in Shetland & Orkney!

Lerwick, Monday 12th August, 2 pm

Shetland Library, Lower Hillhead Lerwick Shetland ZE1 0EL

Candles, Conversions and Class:

Five generations of a Scottish Jewish Family

Fiona Frank's book "*Candles, Conversions and Class*" was published earlier this year by the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre. Rabbi Zvi David and Sophia Hoppenstein arrived in Edinburgh in the 1880s, and had nine children. Fiona tracked down and interviewed their descendants throughout Scotland, England and as far as Cape Town.

Fiona will recount some of the fascinating stories she was told when researching her book - and then you'll have a chance to share your stories.

All welcome. Free, donations appreciated. Booking helpful but not essential. **Book [here](#).**

Lerwick, Tuesday 13th August 7.00 pm (and online!)

Shetland Library, Lower Hillhead, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0EL

Growing up Jewish on Shetland: with author Ethel Hofman.

Join Ethel Hofman, author of "*Mackerel at Midnight: Growing up Jewish on a Remote Scottish Island*" to hear some personal family stories of her Shetland childhood.

As a unique blend of memoir and cookbook, "*Mackerel at Midnight*" shows how food can strengthen family and cultural bonds, and celebrates the tolerance and warmth of one Jewish family and the community that embraced them. Ethel Hofman's interest in cookery was inspired by her mother's Jewish dishes; she is now a widely syndicated Jewish American food and travel columnist, author and culinary consultant. She is a recognised authority on international Jewish foods and culture, with special emphasis on Israel and the United Kingdom.

SCoJeC is honoured to be presenting this talk in partnership with Shetland Library and Archive - and we'll have kosher snacks to share!

All welcome. Free, donations appreciated. Booking helpful but not essential. **Book [here](#).**

NEW! All being well, a live video of this talk will be broadcast from SCoJeC's facebook page, www.facebook.com/scojec Tune in from 7.15 pm

Fiona Frank will also be talking about her book in ORKNEY:

Kirkwall, Thursday 15th August, 1 pm

Orkney Library, 44 Junction Rd, Kirkwall KW15 1AG

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See above for details. All welcome. Booking helpful but not essential **Book [here](#).**

Whittingehame Walk – Sunday 1st September

The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities presents:

Whittingehame Estate Walk

Including the Balfour estate and the Whittingehame Yew



Join us on Sunday 1 September 2019, when East Lothian Countryside Ranger, Richard English, will be leading a short walk in the Whittingehame area. As part of the walk, Michael Brander, great-nephew of Lord Arthur James Balfour, will show us around the Whittingehame Estate, Balfour's childhood home (which was also a school for Jewish refugee children during the Second World War) and there'll be a chance to see the Whittingehame Yew (*Taxus baccata*), one of Scotland's Heritage Trees, with connections to Mary Queen of Scots.

Last year's participants said that this was a "unique" and "magical" event!

All welcome. Free, but donations appreciated to help cover transport and other costs.

There is very limited parking at the site so we encourage you to use our transport; a coach is provided from Glasgow and Edinburgh. Booking essential. **Book [here](#).**

SCoJeC's 20th anniversary Council meeting + roundtable discussion Sunday 8th September, Glasgow

SCoJeC's 20th birthday open Council meeting will be taking place on Sunday 8th September in Glasgow, starting with lunch.

After the Council meeting there will be an open round table discussion on issues affecting Jewish communities today, with senior figures from Scottish politics and the Jewish community, including the Presiding officer, The Rt Hon Ken Macintosh MSP. This will help to form the basis for SCoJeC's next inquiry into Being Jewish in Scotland - an overdue update to our 2012 and 2015 reports.

See our next e-news for full details.

Scotland Limmud – Sunday 24th November, Edinburgh

Scotland Limmud will be taking place on Sunday 24th November in Edinburgh, and there's lots to do over that weekend in Edinburgh too, with Shabbat services and gatherings at both Jewish communities, and a Yiddish music concert & Klezmer Ceilidh on the Saturday evening.

Limmud will have something for everyone, with a wide range of talks, discussions, and musical activities to choose from on the day.

SCoJeC will be putting on a coach from Glasgow and we'll cover up to half the travel costs of those travelling from outwith the central belt. We're also leading a session just for those people coming from outwith the main communities, called "The Only Jew in the Village"!

Booking is now open for both Limmud and the concert – [book here for Limmud](#) (early bird rates till 24th Oct.). [Book here for the concert & ceilidh](#) (£10/£8 in advance, £12/£10 on the door).

Book your place on the coach from Glasgow [here](#) and contact fiona@scojec.org to discuss travel subsidies.

House Concert, Arran: Thursday 12 September, 7 pm.

The Arran SCoJeC group presents a House Concert:



Music in the Time of Anne Frank

Featuring Deborah Nemko, pianist and professor of music at New England Conservatory, playing rediscovered works by Holocaust composers, from classical to jazz

Buffet dinner 7 pm, concert 8 pm

Lamlash, Isle of Arran (venue will be advised on booking)

To book and for more info contact arran@scojec.org. Book online: www.trybooking.co.uk/7858

For more information on all of the events featured here and more, visit: www.scojec.org/events.html

If you're organising an event of interest to the Scottish Jewish community, please send us the details for our community calendar.

If you'd like to see some of these events in YOUR area, or you have an idea for an activity you'd like to help organise, please let us know!

Fiona and Joanne
SCoJeC's events team

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