



## **Lockdown E-news no. 17: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Virtual talks, events, and activities for Rosh Hashanah and beyond**

**In this E-news (full details and registration links for all activities below).**

#### **TONIGHT**

- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September: Limmud Tour of Britain** – tonight (and 3 more Tuesday evenings) – more details below

#### **THIS WEEK**

- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 'Online Creative Thursdays no 2: Self Portraits** with Scottish Portrait Award nominee Randy Klinger. Full details below of this and two more Creative Thursday Mornings to come. Free, all welcome!

#### **COMING SOON**

- **Thursday 24 September 5 – 6 p.m. A Farewell Fiona and Welcome Ruby Open House**, with live music from Gica Loening on fiddle.
- **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 p.m.:** the first meeting of a new **Climate Network for the Scottish Jewish Community**
- **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 3 – 5 pm: Yiddish Open Mic** in partnership with the Yiddish Open Mic Café
- **Sunday 18th October, 8 p.m. Jeff Kaye: My search for Samuel Jacobs.** Scottish Jewish Archives Centre in partnership with SCoJeC.

#### **FOR CHILDREN ALL OVER SCOTLAND**

##### **THE MATANA CLUB - SURPRISE IN A BOX– September to December 2020**

The Matana Club is a joint project of Glasgow Reform Synagogue, Enjoy, Newton Mearns Hebrew Congregation, Sukkat Shalom Edinburgh, UJIA, SCoJeC, Giffnock Shul, Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation, Garnethill Hebrew Congregation, Glasgow Israel Committee, 5th Giffnock Guides and Glasgow JLGB

Children in nursery to P7 are invited to receive a free monthly box with recipes, crafts, activities and surprises reflecting Jewish holidays taking place over the upcoming month. We will also join together for a short monthly online session to celebrate and share! Register at [bit.ly/matanascotland](https://bit.ly/matanascotland).

Contact Sydney at [glasgow.youthworker@ujia.org](mailto:glasgow.youthworker@ujia.org) with any questions.

## **“Five Minute Judaism” – new teaching resources published**

We're pleased to announce the launch of a new teaching resource – short videos on aspects of Jewish life, produced by some of our Volunteer Ambassadors, accompanied by worksheets, activity packs and supplementary materials for teachers. Info and links to the first three videos is [here](#). Let us know what you think!

See our Lockdown Website at [www.scojec.org/lockdown.html](http://www.scojec.org/lockdown.html) including services from all the Jewish communities and other Jewish cultural activities happening around the UK including the Edinburgh Jewish Cultural Centre activities, weekly coffee mornings with the Jewish Small Community Network and more.

**See below for how to register for all the activities listed above.**

**Brought to you by SCoJeC's events team, Fiona, Joanne and Gean (with Ruby in the wings ready to take on Fiona's mantle on 1<sup>st</sup> October)**

Contact us at [events@scojec.org](mailto:events@scojec.org) or tel 07779 206522 [www.scojec.org](http://www.scojec.org)

## **Tuesdays 8th and 15th September, 20th and 28th October, 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. Limmud Tour of Britain**

**Brought to you by Limmud committees from outwith the large Jewish communities**

**Registration and info link <https://limmud.org/event/limmud-tour-of-britain/2020-09-08/>**

Come and explore local Jewish communities and history as well as the usual Limmud mix of topics of national and global interest. Each evening will be at least three sessions running in parallel over two time slots, so in true Limmud fashion – you will have plenty of choice!

Tonight's presenters:

Nathan Abrams – Midrashic, Talmudic and Kabbalistic Themes in Stanley Kubrick's 'The Shining' (Bangor, North Wales – formerly Aberdeen!)

Fiona Frank (SCoJeC) – The Only Jew in the Village

Michael Rowe – Michael Rowe Sings Seasonal Jewish Favourites (Birmingham)

Bill Shackman – Taking the Knee: Gestures of Protest in Biblical and Rabbinic Sources (St Andrews)

Ruth Drapkin – Reflections on Forgiveness (Redditch, Worcestershire)

Nigel Grizzard – From Clothing to Corona – the life and legacy of Sir Montague Burton of Leeds (Leeds)

Isaac Ansell Forsyth – Understanding God (From Scotland, now living in Israel)

£5 per evening, or 10 per cent discount for booking all four evenings.

**September 10, 17 and 24th from 10 a.m.**

**Creative Thursday Mornings – free, all welcome**

Registration link: [tinyurl.com/scojeccreativethursdays](https://tinyurl.com/scojeccreativethursdays)

**Thursday 10th September:**

**Self Portraits: Know Yourself - with Randy Klinger (Findhorn)**

*How do you see yourself? Beyond all subjective critical thoughts, is reflective observation. We all are beautiful, we all can reveal aspects of our beauty, but how many of us would freely say so? Adventure, curiosity, and attraction. No experience necessary – a list of what you need will be provided on registration. Class 10-12, master class 12-1.*

**Thursday 17th September:**

**The Art of Baking: Bagels with Barb Taub (Arran); and Challah with Linda Martin (Highlands)**

*More info next week*

**Thursday 24th September:**

**Jews and Textiles: Malcolm Lochhead, Marsha Gladstone, Debby Taylor.**

*The Giffnock Yoni Jesner Memorial Parochet (Curtain) with Malcolm Lochhead, textile artist and designer. Emeritus Professor of Visual Design, Glasgow Caledonian University – in conversation with Marsha Gladstone, Yoni's mother: a glimpse at a creative career and a creative process.*

*And Lockdown Quilting; and the Aberdeen Mantles - with Debby Taylor (Aberdeen) (and more!)*

*You're welcome to draw, bake and sew to your hearts' content alongside our sessions!*

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**“Goodbye Fiona and Hello Ruby”**

**open house with fiddle music from Gica Loening**



Come for an informal chat with Fiona Frank as she prepares for her last week of work at SCoJeC after nine years, and meet Ruby Katz, as she takes up the reins of her new role as SCoJeC's Projects and Outreach Manager.

All welcome - donations gratefully accepted to help SCoJeC fund our next nine years of activities and events! Book, and make your donation, at <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/TXL>

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 p.m.**

## **A Climate network for the Scottish Jewish Community**

**Registration link:** [www.tinyurl.com/scotlandsjewishclimatenetwork1](http://www.tinyurl.com/scotlandsjewishclimatenetwork1)

COP26, the United Nations Climate Summit, was planned to take place in Glasgow in November 2020. Although it has now been postponed to 2021 because of the global pandemic, there will still be a lot of online activity around the original dates of the summit, 9th to 20th November, and we plan to be involved!

Some of us are already working hard to reduce our own and our community's carbon footprint and energy use, but others don't yet know much about the issues involved.

SCoJeC is planning a series of events to help Jewish people and organisations here in Scotland think about what we can do to change how we travel, shop, heat and light our synagogues and our homes, and how we relate to the world as Jews.

We'll start with the basics: what are 'carbon emissions' and what harm do they do? What is the 'greenhouse effect'? Why is the melting of the polar icecap a problem? We'll give you a chance to ask the questions that you might not have been able to ask before – then we'll have some discussion time to think about actions we could make on our own, in our communities, and in our neighbourhoods.

Whether you're a climate expert or a climate newbie, if this excites you, please get in touch to help us plan the process and develop this work.

Email [fiona@scojec.org](mailto:fiona@scojec.org) or register at the link above.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 3 – 5 p.m.**

**Yiddish Café in partnership with SCoJeC presents**

## **The 30<sup>th</sup> Yiddish Open Mic Café – Online!**

**registration link** <http://www.tinyurl.com/yiddishopenmicoctober>

Come along to be a part of the audience, or to present something.

Each presentation (poetry, stories, jokes, a bit of theatre, songs, sketches, etc) should not last longer than 6 minutes. The written version of the presentation (written in Yiddish letters or in transliteration, with an English translation as well, if possible) should be sent to [yiddishcafe@gmail.com](mailto:yiddishcafe@gmail.com) not later than Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Free, all welcome, but donations to a chosen charity will be invited on the day.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 8 p.m.**

The Scottish Jewish Archives Centre supported by SCoJeC presents

**By Zoom from Israel: Jeff Kaye**

**Gathering Grains of Sand: My search for Samuel Jacobs**

Booking link at : [www.trybooking.co.uk/TXR](http://www.trybooking.co.uk/TXR)

Jeff Kaye was born in Glasgow, grew up in Newton Mearns, attended Calderwood Lodge School and Hutchesons Grammar School, was active in the Habonim movement and studied Psychology at Strathclyde University. He moved to Israel in 1981 and worked as a teacher and school principal. He is currently a Vice President at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Jeff has just published a book, *Gathering Grains of Sand*, telling the story of his quest to investigate the life of his great grandfather, Samuel Jacobs, a Lithuanian Jewish immigrant to Scotland. Samuel was a kosher butcher in the Gorbals, as well an active member of the Chevra Kadisha, South Portland Street and Langside Synagogues and heavily involved in Jewish education in the city. He will describe his research, including sources made available by the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre and his journey back to Lithuania.

For further information please contact [info@sjac.org.uk](mailto:info@sjac.org.uk), [vyman@gmail.com](mailto:vyman@gmail.com) or [jane@janetobias.com](mailto:jane@janetobias.com)

Tickets include one raffle entry: **Friends of SJAC £13; Others £15.**

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### TECHNOLOGY & TRAINING

**Tuesdays 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September**

**5pm – 5.30pm ZOOM training sessions**

Want to practise using Zoom? Fiona Frank is sharing her Zoom technical and facilitation skills by running half hour practice sessions at 5pm on Tuesdays.

On demand - Email [Fiona@scojec.org](mailto:Fiona@scojec.org) if you'd like to take part.

Best wishes

SCoJeC's Events Team

Fiona, Joanne and Geanina (with Ruby in the wings)

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