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Welcome to our latest e-news update!

You should by now have received a copy of our Pesach issue of *Four Corners*, but if not, you can see an electronic copy at <http://www.scojec.org/4cs/4cs.html> or send us your address if you'd like us to post you a copy.

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### **‘Klezmatize’: Scotland-wide Klezmer Ceilidh Tour**

SCoJeC is delighted to bring the band *Klezmatize* to Scotland for the first time. Klezmer is the dance music of the Jews of Eastern Europe, traditionally played at weddings and other celebrations. *Klezmatize* – Emma Stiman (clarinet) and John Sikorski (accordion) – will be playing in six venues in April 2013.

Each event is preceded by a free kosher buffet and discussion, when you will be able to meet the band, and hear both about Klezmer music, and the findings of SCoJeC's *Being Jewish in Scotland* project.

<b>Dunoon</b> , Braes Hotel	3 pm Sunday 7th April (buffet/discussion at 2 pm)
<b>Inverness</b> , Bogbain Farm	7.30 pm Monday 8th April (buffet/discussion at 6 pm)
<b>Findhorn</b> , Universal Hall	7.30 pm Tuesday 9th April (buffet/discussion at 6 pm)
<b>Glasgow</b> , Sikorski Polish Club	7.30 pm Wednesday 10th April (buffet/discussion at 6 pm)
<b>Maybole</b> , Gordon Cockburn Gallery	7.30 pm Thursday 11th April (buffet/discussion 6 pm)
<b>Dundee</b> Synagogue	3.00 pm Sunday 14th April (buffet/discussion 2 pm)

All are welcome, whether accomplished dancers or with two left feet!

## Travel Arrangements

We hope that these events will enable people from different Jewish communities, large and small, to meet up, and are happy to help co-ordinate car-sharing. We may also be able to contribute to travel costs for people from outwith the local area.

**For more information about travel arrangements, and the tour more generally, please see <http://www.scojec.org/noticeboard/noticeboard.html> (where you can also download posters to help us publicise the events locally) or get in touch with Fiona (contact details below).**

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## Glasgow Jewish Representative Council Community Futures project

SCoJeC has been assisting the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council with the research phase of their “Glasgow Jewish Community Futures” project, which is encouraging people to contribute to thinking about the future of Glasgow’s Jewish community. This has been a very exciting process. Fiona Frank, assisted by interns Shani Zour and Conrad Cohen, have conducted surveys, focus groups, open meetings, Jewish school assemblies, youth and student events and ‘parlour conversations’ and over 350 people have been involved in the consultation process, which included two Hebrew language focus groups for Israelis. The Representative Council is determined to make the process as transparent as possible – keep an eye on their [website](#) to find out about the next phase of the project!

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## ROOTS KITCHEN: Jewish Food and Memory project

As you may have read in *Four Corners*, SCoJeC is supporting a new project run by Sharon and Susan Levy of the Tayside and Fife Jewish Community to look at Jewish food and memory in Scotland. *Grow Tatzmiach* is a new food justice project launched by the Social Action group of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who are collaborating with Oxfam to make a difference to what we eat, and how we think about the food. See Oxfam’s [website](#) for more information on their GROW project and ‘food heroes’ campaign.

Your recipes and reminiscences about food will be published on the *Roots Kitchen* website, and will include contributions from Ethel Hofman, who grew up on Shetland, and is now a cookery writer in America. She has written about her experiences of being the only Jewish family on Shetland in her book *Mackerel at Midnight*, a short extract from which can be read in [Four Corners 5 \(Feb 2005\)](#).

**If you’d like to take part in the project, please complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/rootskitchen>, or contact Fiona if you would prefer us to send you a paper copy.**

The project is also collecting food-related photos, so if you would like to share your pictures and memories of family celebrations, cooking sessions, or dishes that you have made, please send these to Susan and Sharon together with any questions about or suggestions for the project:

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## Scottish Refugee Week

Scottish Refugee Week, which this year has a theme of “Heritage”, will be from June 17th to 23rd, when refugee groups throughout Scotland will put on a wide range of arts, cultural, sporting and heritage events. Many people in the Jewish community have family members who arrived in the UK as refugees, and SCoJeC is working with the Scottish Refugee Council to help identify volunteers who would like to get involved. We are looking for people with experience of organising events, research and evaluation, or willing to help out with general admin. All expenses will be paid, so if you're interested in taking part, please contact Fiona (details below).

There are many similarities between the Jewish and other refugee communities, as illustrated in the beautiful short film, [Courage](#), featuring a Jewish refugee from the Nazis and a young refugee who arrived more recently from the Congo.

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If you have any news, events, or activities that you'd like us to include on our online noticeboard, or in the next newsletter, or issue of *Four Corners*, please send information and photos (high res please!) to us at [scojec@scojec.org](mailto:scojec@scojec.org) or by post to the address below.

Chag Pesach Sameach!

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