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Jewish Communities

Guide to Jewish Facilities in Scotland

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Jewish Communities

SCOTTISH COUNCIL OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES

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The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC) is the representative body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. The Council advances public understanding about the Jewish religion, culture and community, by providing information and assistance to educational, health, and welfare organisations, representing the Jewish community in Scotland to Government and other statutory and official bodies, and liaising with Ministers, MSPs, Churches, Trades Unions, and others on matters affecting the Jewish community. The Council also provides a support network for the smaller communities and individuals and families who live outwith any Jewish community, and assists organisations within the Scottish Jewish community to comply with various regulatory requirements. SCoJeC also promotes dialogue and understanding between the Jewish community and other communities in Scotland, and works in partnership with other organisations and stakeholders to promote equality, good relations, and understanding among community groups.

GLASGOW

Click here **for a map of places of Jewish interest in Glasgow**

Glasgow is home to the largest Jewish Community in Scotland. Most of the community lives in East Renfrewshire on the south side of the city, which is also where most of the religious, welfare and social organisations are based. There are five synagogues in Glasgow, four Orthodox and one Reform.

Glasgow Jewish Representative Council

222 Fenwick Rd, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 6UE
0141-577 8200
office@glasgowjewishrepcouncil.org
http://glasgowjewishrepcouncil.org

The Council was founded in 1914 to speak on behalf of the Jewish community of Glasgow. It fosters good relations between the community and other local religious and civic bodies, and provides a democratic forum for synagogues and welfare, educational, social and cultural organisations, and liaises with them to ensure that the community operates effectively.

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Garnethill Synagogue (Orthodox)

129 Hill Street, Glasgow, G3 6UB
0141 332 4151
info@garnethill.org.uk
http://garnethill.org.uk/

Garnethill Synagogue, a Grade A listed building in the city centre, is the oldest synagogue in Scotland, and was founded in 1879, at which time the community numbered around 700. The synagogue was completely refurbished in 1998 and celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2004 with a service attended by Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. Shabbat and festival morning services begin at 10.00am; there are no weekday services.
Tours can be arranged through the synagogue office.
The Synagogue is home to the Scottish Jewish Archive Centre.

Giffnock and Newlands Hebrew Congregation (Orthodox)

222 Fenwick Rd, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 6UE
0141 577 8250
admin@giffnockshul.co.uk
www.giffnockshul.co.uk
Rabbi Moshe Rubin rabbimrubin@talk21.com / 0141 577 8251

Giffnock and Newlands Synagogue is the largest synagogue in Scotland, and is the only one to hold daily morning, afternoon and evening services. The synagogue complex includes the Jewish Community Centre, mikveh, cheder, and Lubavitch restaurant. The premises are used by a wide range of organisations, including the mother and toddlers group, senior citizens friendship club and several youth groups. Shabbat and festival morning services begin at 9.30am; for times of other services please see the website or contact the synagogue office.

John K Clark's Painted Glass Windows

John Clark's painted glass windows, each of which depicts a Jewish festival, were originally commissioned for Queens Park Synagogue (now closed) as part of the Jewish community's contribution to Glasgow European City of Culture 1990. They were subsequently moved to Giffnock and Newlands Synagogue.
above: "The Giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai" and *right:* "Pesach Seder". More information about the windows is available on John Clark's website at www.glasspainter.com/synagogue/index.html

The stained glass windows from the former Clarkston shul have now also been installed in the upper foyer.

Tours can be arranged through the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council office@glasgowjewishrepcouncil.org / 0141 577 8200.

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Newton Mearns Hebrew Congregation (Orthodox)

14 Larchfield Ct, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, G77 5PL
+44 (0)141 639 4000
office@nmhc.org.uk
www.nmhc.org.uk
Rabbi Eli Woolfson rabbieli@nmhc.org.uk

Newton Mearns Synagogue is the most recently established Orthodox community in Scotland, and organises a wide range social and educational activities. Shabbat and festival morning services begin at 9.30am. For times of other services please see the website or contact the synagogue office.

Glasgow Reform Synagogue

147 Ayr Rd, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, G77 6RE
0141 639 4083
shul@grs.org.uk
www.grs.org.uk
Rabbi Kate Briggs 07956 233 356

Glasgow Reform Synagogue was established more than 80 years ago and the building was completely refurbished in 2002. Services are held on Friday evening at 6:30pm, and Shabbat morning at 11am. For details of services please see the website or contact the synagogue office.

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EDINBURGH *Click here* for a map of places of Jewish interest in Edinburgh

Edinburgh is home to the second largest Jewish community in Scotland, a lively community with a wide range of social and cultural societies and clubs that include the Literary Society, Junior and Senior Maccabi Youth Clubs, Maccabi Cricket Club, Association of Jewish Refuges, WIZO, and community welfare.

Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation (Orthodox)

4 Salisbury Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 5AB
0131 667 3144 / 07734 291 836
secretary@ehcong.com
www.ehcong.com
Rabbi David Rose:
0131 668 1279 / david.rose39@btinternet.com

The synagogue premises are also home to the community centre, the city's mikveh, a resource centre and the Cosgrove Library. There are regular Friday night services, and the Shabbat and festival morning services begin (at "Nishmat") at 10.00am. There are also occasional weekday services. For times of services please see the website or contact Rabbi Rose.

Sukkat Shalom: Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community

0131 777 8024
info@eljc.org
www.eljc.org
Rabbi Mark Solomon

Sukkat Shalom does not have its own premises, but holds one Shabbat morning service each month and Friday night servies on other weekends. For details of services please see the website. Communal meals are organised regularly following services. Sukkat Shalom runs a cheder, and holds regular educational and social events.

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ABERDEEN *Click here* for a map of places of Jewish interest in Aberdeen

Aberdeen Hebrew Congregation

74 Dee Street, Aberdeen, AB11 6DS
+44 (0)7810 024 456
aberdeenhebrew@gmail.com
www.aberdeenhebrew.org.uk

Aberdeen has a small Orthodox Synagogue, and the community conducts a variety of religious, educational, and social events. Friday night services are held every week at 6pm and a Shabbat morning service is held at 10am on the first Saturday morning of every month. Visitors are always welcome and advance notice of arrival is much appreciated.

DUNDEE *Click here* for a map of places of Jewish interest in Dundee

Tayside and Fife Jewish Community

9 St Mary Place, Dundee, DD1 5RB
0141 638 6411
taysideandfife@scojec.org
http://www.scojec.org/communities/tfjc

Tayside and Fife is a small community that holds monthly services, and social and educational events at Dundee Synagogue. The community is delighted to welcome visitors, but please contact the synagogue in advance.

Jewish Network of Argyll and the Highlands

There is no synagogue or formal Jewish community in other cities or in rural areas of Scotland, but people living in these areas have formed an informal network that meets for occasional social events.

Regional Liaison: Frank 01445 712 151 / house.frank@gmail.com
Linda linda@scojec.org

For information about kosher food in Aberdeen, Dundee, and the Highlands see p7

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Students

There are significant numbers of Jewish students studying in Scottish universities and colleges, many of whom participate in religious, cultural and social events organised by the Jewish student chaplain and the various student Jewish Societies.

Chaplains: Yossi and Sarah Bodenheim

59 Orchard Drive, Glasgow, G46 7AG
http://mychaplaincy.co.uk/?q=regions/scotland
07791 292 790
yossi@mychaplaincy.co.uk
sarah@mychaplaincy.co.uk

Student J-Socs

Edinburgh edinburghjsoc@gmail.com
Glasgow glasgowjsoc@gmail.com
St Andrews jewishsociety@st-andrews.ac.uk

Union of Jewish Students

www.ujs.org.uk/

Kosher Food

The only kosher grocery shops and restaurants in Scotland are in Glasgow and Edinburgh, but a number of supermarkets have small kosher departments. In addition, some food on the general shelves of supermarkets and mini-markets throughout the country has a *hechsher* [label of rabbinic approval]. The most commonly found are:

Kosher bread and rolls approved by the Sephardi Kashrut Authority, and bearing their logo, can be found in most supermarkets throughout the country. Approved brands supervised include Kingsmill, Mr. Bagels, Allinson, Burgen, Sunblest (bread & crumpets only), Day O Fresh and Mighty White.

Additional information can be found on the websites of the
London Beth Din www.kosher.org.uk and
Sephardi Kashrut Authority www.sephardikashrut.org

Click on the relevant link for information about the availability of kosher food in

Glasgow Edinburgh Aberdeen Order Online

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Kosher food in Glasgow

Click here **for a map of where to buy kosher food in Glasgow**

Restaurants and Cafés

- **L'Chaim's Restaurant & Sora's Café**
  222 Fenwick Road, Glasgow, G46 6UE
  0141 638 6116 / lubofscot@aol.com
  Advance booking is essential as the restaurant is not open every day.

- **Mark's Deli (Deli/ Café/ Caterer)**
  6 Burnfield Road, Glasgow, G46 7QB
  0141 638 8947 / info@marksdeli.co.uk
  www.marksdeli.co.uk/cafe.html
  Opening hours: **Monday–Thursday:** 8am-6pm, **Friday:** 8am-2pm, **Saturday:** Closed, **Sunday:** 8am-2pm

Caterers

- **Kosher Kitchens**
  0141 638 7212
  www.kosherkitchensglasgow.co.uk/en-us/home.aspx
  Take away menu and catering for functions.
- **En Croute Kosher Catering**
  0141 440 0114 / catering@encroute.co.uk
  Catering for functions.
- **Mark's Deli (Deli/ Café/ Caterer)**
  0141 638 8947 / info@marksdeli.co.uk
  www.marksdeli.co.uk/catering.html
  Catering for functions and dinner parties.
- **L'Chaim's Glatt Kosher Catering**
  0141 638 6116 / lubofscot@aol.com

Grocery Shop

- **Mark's Deli**
  6 Burnfield Road, Glasgow, G46 7QB
  0141 638 8947 / info@marksdeli.co.uk
  www.marksdeli.co.uk/deli.html
  Deliveries throughout Scotland.

Supermarkets with a kosher department

- **Tesco**
  Silverburn Shopping Centre, Barrhead Road, Glasgow, G53 6QR
  0141 435 1400

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- **Sainsbury's**
  10 Darnley Mains Road, Glasgow, G53 7RH
  0141 638 6495
- **Asda**
  1 The Avenue, Glasgow, G77 6EY
  0141 639 1333
- **Morrisons**
  38 Fenwick Road, Glasgow, G46 6AA
  0141 633 5510
- **Waitrose**
  2 Greenlaw Place, Glasgow, G77 6GW
  0141 616 3144

Kosher food in Edinburgh

Click here **for a map of where to buy kosher food in Edinburgh**

Supermarkets with a kosher department

- **Sainsbury's**
  Cameron Toll Shopping Centre, 6 Lady Road, Edinburgh, EH16 4TH
  0131 666 5200
- **Waitrose**
  Kosher challah and rye bread can be bought at the following branches:
  38 Comely Bank Road, Edinburgh, EH4 1AW
  0131 332 6312 and
  145 Morningside Road, Edinburgh, EH10 4AX
  0131 447 6899
- **Morrisons**
  3 Waterfront Broadway, Granton, Edinburgh, EH5 1SA
  0131 551 2742

Kosher food in Aberdeen

Supermarket with a kosher department

- **Sainsbury's**
  45-47 Garthdee Road, Aberdeen, AB10 7AY
  01224 209821

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Kosher food Online

Titanics, based in Manchester, delivers kosher food to most areas of mainland UK.
0161 792 1888 / info@titanics.co.uk
www.titanics.co.uk

Wiltshire Farm Foods delivers kosher ready meals throughout mainland UK.
NB: Note that only the meals listed in the "kosher" section of the World Foods Brochure have kosher certification.
0800 678 3060 / website@customers.wiltshirefarmfoods.com
www.wiltshirefarmfoods.com/

Stained glass window at Edinburgh mikveh

Mikveh

Glasgow mikveh
contact Margalit Borowski 07831 104 110

Edinburgh mikveh
contact Jackie Taylor 07734 291 836

Circumcision

Scotland
Contact Rabbi M Rubin of the Glasgow Beth Din
07803 038 500

National Representative Organisations

The Initiation Society (Orthodox) http://www.initiationsociety.net/
020 8455 5059

Association of Reform and Liberal Mohalim
020 8349 2568
beitdin@reformjudaism.org.uk

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Bookshops

- **J & E Levingstone**
  In addition to books, J & E Levingstone sells a small range of religious items such as chanukiot and mezzuzot.
  47-55 Sinclair Drive, Glasgow, G42 9PT
  0141 649 2962

- **Lubavitch**
  This small bookshop is situated within L'Chaim's Restaurant (see above), and is open by appointment only.
  222 Fenwick Rd, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 6UE
  0141 638 6116 / lubofscot@aol.com

Education

Glasgow

- **Calderwood Lodge Jewish Primary School and Nursery**
  Scotland's only Jewish school, run by East Renfrewshire Council. The curriculum includes Hebrew and Jewish studies, and the school works to foster a sense of pride and identity in pupils' heritage within a strong Jewish ethos.
  28 Calderwood Road, Glasgow, G43 2RU
  www.ea.e-renfrew.sch.uk/calderwoodlodge/
  0141 570 7060

- **UJIA**
  UJIA provides resources and funding for the wide range of youth groups in Scotland, including Habonim Dror, JLGB, FZY, and RSY.
  222 Fenwick Road, Glasgow, G46 6UE
  0141 530 5343 / Joanna.Hyman@ujia.org

- **Lubavitch**
  Lubavitch runs cheder classes, an explanatory Shabbat service: "Shul in the Park", and L'Chaim's Restaurant & Soro Café.
  222 Fenwick Road, Glasgow, G46 6UE
  www.lubofscot.co.uk/
  0141 638 6116 / lubofscot@aol.com

- **Maccabi**
  Maccabi organises sports training and other activities for children and adults.
  May Terrace, Glasgow, G46 6LD
  0141 638 6177 / info@maccabigbscotland.org

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- **Limmud**
  Limmud organises occasional lectures, workshops and discussions on topics of Jewish interest.
  222 Fenwick Road, Glasgow, G46 6UE
  www.limmud.org/day/scotland
  scotland@limmud.org

Edinburgh

- **Edinburgh Literary Society**
  The "Lit", founded in 1888, holds regular lectures on a wide range of historical and cultural topics.
  www.ejls.org/
  ejls@xemaps.com

- **Cheder Classes**
  Orthodox
  4 Salisbury Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 5AB
  0131 668 1279

  Liberal
  info@eljc.org
  0131 777 8024

- **Adult Education Classes**
  4 Salisbury Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 5AB
  0131 668 1279

- **Maccabi**
  Youth group that meets weekly in members' houses for discussion, and programmes of Jewish interest.
  07938 582 830 / bonaly2@tiscali.co.uk

Aberdeen and Tayside & Fife

- Rabbi Rose (Edinburgh Synagogue) visits occasionally to give shiurim and lead discussion groups.

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Welfare Organisations

Jewish Care Scotland

The Walton Community Care Centre, May Terrace, Giffnock, G46 6LD
0141 620 1800 / admin@jcarescot.org.uk
www.jcarescot.org.uk

Jewish Care Scotland, which has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, is Scotland's largest welfare charity dedicated to providing an extensive range of care support services for Jewish people in need throughout Scotland. Professional staff and volunteers working in partnership offer Social Work support, specialist help for people with mental health problems, Welfare Rights advice, Registered Day Care, Meals on Wheels, Befriending and Social Clubs for older people and those with long term physical illnesses and disabilities.

Cosgrove Care

The Walton Community Care Centre, May Terrace, Giffnock, G46 6LD
0141 620 2500 / care@cosgrove.co.uk
www.cosgrovecare.org.uk

Cosgrove Care supports people with learning disabilities and their families within the Jewish community. It offers a comprehensive range of support, including supported independent living for adults, holiday playschemes for children, and daily and weekly group activities. One of its two charity shops offers supported employment and volunteering opportunities to service users.

Newark Care

32 Burnfield Road, Glasgow, G46 7PZ
Burnfield Care Home: 34 Burnfield Road, Glasgow, G46 7PZ
Westacres Care Home: 3 Westacres Road, Glasgow G77 6WW
0141 621 2560 / info@newarkcare.org.uk
www.newarkcare.org.uk

Newark Care provides residential and nursing care within a Jewish environment for people who are no longer able to continue living in their own home.

JMind

222 Fenwick Road, Glasgow, G46 6UE
0141 577 8246 / jwatters@cosgrovecare.org.uk

Jmind is mental health service within Cosgrove Care and provides support to adults with mental health issues. It offers a comprehensive range of person-centred support, including talking therapy, and individual support at home to enable people to manage their long term conditions more effectively.

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Burial

Glasgow Hebrew Burial Society
0141 577 8226 / hebrewburialsociety@gmail.com

Queen's Park Charitable Trust
0141 577 8241 / trust@qpct.co.uk

Glasgow Reform Synagogue
0141 639 4083 / shul@grs.org.uk

Edinburgh Jewish Friendly Burial Society
0773 429 1836 / gershon.mendick@uk.pkf.com

Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community
0131 777 8024 / burials@eljc.org

Aberdeen Hebrew Congregation
07810 024 456 / e.reiter@abdn.ac.uk

Dundee Hebrew Congregation
0141 638 6411 / sands.levy@btinternet.com

For a list of disused cemeteries please contact the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre (see below).

Israel

Hon Consul for Israel in Scotland

P.O. Box 5596, Glasgow, G77 9DG
07590 050 960 / info@israelconsulscotland.co.uk

Israel Information Office in Scotland

222 Fenwick Road, Glasgow, G46 6UE
0141 639 3294 / ezra@isrinfo.demon.co.uk
www.isrinfo.demon.co.uk
The Israel Information Office provides an online news service about Israel.

JNF KKL Scotland

222 Fenwick Road, Glasgow, G46 6UE
0141 577 8323 / info@jnfkklscotland.co.uk
JNF KKL Scotland raises funds for land reclamation, planting trees, and water resources in Israel.

Media

Jewish Telegraph

May Terrace, Glasgow, G46 6LD
0141 621 4433 (news) / 0141 621 4455 (classified)
www.jewishtelegraph.com
Regional weekly Jewish newspaper covering Scotland and Northern England.

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Jewish Chronicle

28 St. Albans Lane, London, NW11 7QE
020 7415 1639 (news) / 020 7415 1515 (classified)
www.thejc.com
UK-wide weekly Jewish newspaper.

History and Genealogy

Scottish Jewish Archives Centre

129 Hill Street, Glasgow, G3 6UB
www.sjac.org.uk/
0141 332 4911
Founded in 1987 and based in Garnethill Synagogue in Glasgow, the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre aims to document and illustrate the religious, organisational, social, economic, political, cultural and family life of Jews in Scotland since the eighteenth century. It provides a research facility and an educational resource for the Jewish, and also the wider community, in order to heighten awareness of the Jewish heritage in Scotland and to stimulate study of the history of the Jews in this country.

Jewish Cemeteries in Scotland

For cemeteries in current use contact the local Burial Society (see above for details). Historical records of burials in Jewish cemeteries in Scotland are held by the Scottish Jewish Archive Centre and the relevant Jewish Burial Societies. For information about other Jewish cemeteries in Scotland see the International Jewish Cemetery Project website at
http://www.iajgsjewishcemeteryproject.org/scotland/index.html

The Necropolis

70 Cathedral Square, Glasgow, G4 0UZ
www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/Parks_Outdoors/HeritageTrails/GlasgowNecropolis/
The first burial in Glasgow Necropolis in 1832 was of a Jewish man, Joseph Levi. The Necropolis has been described as “a unique representation of Victorian Glasgow”. It is a memorial to the merchant patriarchs of the City and contains the remains of almost every eminent Glaswegian of its day, with monuments designed by leading Glaswegian architects including Alexander ‘Greek’ Thompson, Bryce, Hamilton and Mackintosh. The Jewish section is in the northernmost corner (to the far left on entering the main gates).

St Mungo Museum Of Religious Life And Art

2 Castle Street, Glasgow, G4 0RH
www.glasgowmuseums.com/venue/index.cfm?venueid=13
0141 553 2557
St Mungo Museum explores the importance of religion in people's lives across the world and across time, with the aim of promoting understanding and respect between people of different faiths and none.

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