



SCoJeC Enews for May 2019

Dear friends

We're busy organising lots of activities for this summer, all over the country – in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Whittingehame, Inverness, and Shetland so far.

Our most ambitious project is working with the Scottish Refugee Council to bring a contemporary dance performance about the refugee experience to Scotland for Refugee Festival Scotland. The dancers are three Syrian refugee dancers, who are part of a Berlin-based dance troupe run by an Israeli director, and the performance is very moving.

We hope that you'll be able to join us somewhere in Scotland this summer. Please get in touch with ideas for activities in your area – we'd love to work with local people to help to make things happen around the country.

We're working with some local residents who are setting up a local Jewish group in Arran – get in touch if you'd like us to pass your details to the organisers and hear about their plans.

Fiona and Joanne

SCoJeC's event's team

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

In this Enews:

[Candles, Conversions and Class: Five Generations of a Scottish Jewish Family. Family stories based around Fiona Frank's new book, in Glasgow \(Tuesday May 14th\) and Inverness \(Sunday June 23rd\)](#)

[SCoJeC's AGM, Aberdeen \(Sunday June 2nd\)](#)

["Come as you are #Berlin" A contemporary dance performance followed by a Klezmer Ceilidh, in Edinburgh \(Thursday June 27th\) and Glasgow \(Sunday June 30th\)](#)

[Open Dance Workshop: Contemporary, Syrian, Klezmer and Israeli. Glasgow \(Sunday June 30th\)](#)

[A talk with Ethel Hofman, Shetland, August \(date tbc\)](#)

[Whittingehame walk. \(Sunday September 1st\)](#)

[Scotland Limmud, Edinburgh \(Sunday November 24th\)](#)

SCoJeC and the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre present:
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. At these sessions, she will recount some of the fascinating stories she was told when researching her book - and then it will be your turn to share your stories. A kosher buffet will be provided by SCoJeC.

GLASGOW Tuesday 14th May 2019, 6 to 7.30 p.m.

The Mitchell Library, North St, Glasgow G3 7DN

A Mitchell Library event in partnership with SCoJeC and the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre. Free, all welcome – booking essential via eventbrite at [this link](#).

INVERNESS Sunday 23 June 2019, 3 to 5.30 p.m.

SIMCHA Centre, 1 Ardconnel Terrace, Inverness, IV2 3AQ.

With Ellen Galford. Part of Refugee Festival Scotland. Join Fiona & Ellen to hear family stories of Jewish migration over the last 100 years and share your own stories over a delicious kosher buffet. Free but donations appreciated. All welcome. [Book here](#).

BOOK SIGNING: GLASGOW Tuesday 14th May 2019, 12.30 – 2 p.m. in Marks Deli, 6 Burnfield Rd, Giffnock, Glasgow G46 7QB - with refreshments. Free, all welcome.

SCoJeC AGM - Sunday 2nd June, 1pm

74 Dee St, Aberdeen, AB11 6DS

Bagel lunch 12.30 p.m.; AGM 1 – 3 p.m.

followed by discussion with the local community.

All welcome, please rsvp for catering purposes by emailing events@scojec.org

**The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC),
in partnership with the Scottish Refugee Council, presents**

**“Come as you are #Berlin” A contemporary dance performance
followed by a Klezmer Ceilidh**

What happens when three refugees from Syria try to find their way into the Berlin art landscape: their hopes, dreams and nightmares.

From Berlin based dance company TOTAL BRUTAL.

EDINBURGH: Thursday 27th June, 7 to 8 p.m.

Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 138/140 The Pleasance, Edinburgh EH8 9RR

Followed by a Klezmer Ceilidh, 8.30–10.30 pm, with band Kleyne Klezmer and caller Fiona Frank

GLASGOW: Sunday 30th June, 7 to 8 p.m.

Glasgow University Chapel, The Square, Glasgow University, Glasgow G12 8QQ

Followed by a Klezmer and Scottish Ceilidh with band Celter Schmelter and callers Conrad Molleson and Fiona Frank

Tickets for the Glasgow and Edinburgh events:

Performance £15 (£10 concessions)

Ceilidh £15 (£10 concessions)

Discounted ticket for the performance AND Ceilidh £25 (£15 concessions).

VIP Patron ticket: £100 for a double ticket: gives you two seats in the front rows for the performance, and a special ‘meet the dancers’ drinks reception after the performance. Please consider supporting this venture by signing up to be one of our VIP Patrons or placing an advert in our commemorative brochure.

More info and to book: <https://www.scojec.org/events.html>

Open Dance Workshop:

GLASGOW: Sunday 30 June, 10.00 – 16.00

Glasgow University Chapel, The Square, Glasgow University, Glasgow G12 8QQ

Have a go at Contemporary, Syrian, Klezmer and Israeli dancing.

All welcome – For beginners and experienced dancers alike.

Free - donations welcome (we ask those who can to donate around £20 to help to cover costs of this workshop).

Booking essential; more info and to book at <https://www.scojec.org/events.html>

Part of Refugee Festival Scotland and supported by the Scottish Refugee Council New Scots Integration: Rights and Communities project, funded by the EU Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF). You can read more about Refugee Festival Scotland [here](#)

We are very grateful to the Greyfriars Charteris Centre and Glasgow University Memorial Chapel for supporting this project by kindly waiving their charges, and to the Netherlee and Clarkston Charitable Trust for their generous support.

**SHETLAND: August (date to be arranged).
A talk with Ethel Hofman.**

Ethel Hofman is the author of 'Mackerel at Midnight: Growing up Jewish on a Remote Scottish Island' and is a widely syndicated Jewish American food and travel columnist, author and culinary consultant. She is a recognized authority on international Jewish foods and culture, with special emphasis on Israel and the United Kingdom. She will be in Shetland in the first half of August and we are very pleased to be working with her to arrange a speaking engagement.

Dates and details will be on <https://www.scojec.org/events.html> very soon.

Whittingehame Walk – Sunday 1st September

Join us on Sunday 1 September 2019, when East Lothian Park 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!

Transport will be arranged from Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Booking info and full details will be on <https://www.scojec.org/events.html> shortly.

Scotland Limmud – Sunday 24th November, Edinburgh

Scotland Limmud will be taking place on Sunday 24th November in Edinburgh, with a music event on the evening of Saturday 23rd November. There'll be something for everyone, with a wide range of talks, discussions, crafts, and music and dance activities to choose from on the day. SCoJeC will cover half the travel costs of those travelling from outwith the central belt, and we'll also be putting on a coach from Glasgow. We'll be keeping you in touch with the plans in our Enews, but for the latest info from the organising committee, send your contact details to scotlandlimmud@gmail.com.

For more information on all of the events featured here and more, visit:

<https://scojec.org/whats-on/whats-on.html>

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

We're currently planning activities around the country for the rest of 2019, so if there's anything you'd like to see in your area, please let us know!

That's all for now - Best wishes from our Events team

Fiona and Joanne

Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)
222 Fenwick Road, Glasgow, G46 6UE
email fiona@scojec.org Office 0141-638 6411

The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC) is Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation no. SC029438

www.scojec.org