Lockdown E-news no. 18: Wednesday 16th September

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

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

TOMORROW

➢ Thursday 17 September 10 a.m. Creative Thursdays – The Art of Baking: Bagels with Barb Taub (Arran); and Challah with Linda Martin (Highlands)

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. Please join us!

➢ Tuesday 29th September, 7.30 p.m.: the first meeting of a new Climate Network for the Scottish Jewish Community

➢ Sunday 4th 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.

Our incoming Projects and Outreach manager Ruby Katz says: 'Expect to see programmes for Sukkot, EU Green Week, Black History Month, and a Harpist Concert for some fun - all in October! Looking forward to meeting everyone on 24th September at the open house.'

See our Lockdown Website at www.scojec.org/lockdown.html including information on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 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.

SCoJeC’s events team, Fiona, Joanne and Gean (with Ruby in the wings ready to take on Fiona’s mantle on 1st October) wish you a happy, sweet and safe new year.

Contact us at events@scojec.org or tel 07779 206522  www.scojec.org
The Giffnock Synagogue  Yoni Jesner Memorial Parochet –
see Creative Thursdays, below
September 17 and 24th from 10 a.m.
Creative Thursday Mornings – free, all welcome
Registration link: tinyurl.com/scojecreativethursdays

Thursday 17th September:
The Art of Baking: Bagels with Barb Taub (Arran); Challah with Linda Martin (Highlands)

Barb Taub, writer and self-defense bagel baker, invites you to bake your own authentic bagels along with her, using an extra-quick method.
Linda Martin has had a varied career and more recently has run a kosher Bed and Breakfast business at her retirement home in the Highlands. In contrast to Barb’s extra-quick method, she will be sharing why she is now exploring “autolysing” and the “slow rise”, and sharing some ideas for shaping your Rosh Hashana Challah.
A list of ingredients will be sent to all who register – you’re welcome to bake along with Barb and Linda, or just watch!

Thursday 24th September:
The Giffnock Synagogue Memorial Parochet (Curtain) with Malcolm Lochhead, textile artist and designer. Emeritus Professor of Visual Design, Glasgow Caledonian University – in conversation with Marsha Gladstone: a glimpse at a creative career and a creative process.
Yoni Jesner was killed in a suicide bombing in Jerusalem in 2002 and Marsha Gladstone, his mother, wanted a way to remember him in the synagogue that had a special place in his heart.
Also: Lockdown Quilting, and the Aberdeen Mantles - with Debby Taylor (Aberdeen Hebrew Congregation)

After the presentations from 10 a.m. to 12 noon there'll be a chance to stay online till 1 p.m. to meet Malcolm, hear about the rest of his career, chat to Marsha and Debby, and exchange your own embroidery and quilting stories.
Donations will be invited in aid of the Yoni Jesner Foundation
The Lockdown Quilt will be raffled at an event during Interfaith Scotland week, November 2020, in aid of the Aberdeen Synagogue roof appeal.
**Thursday 24th 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 to take up her retirement at the end of September after nine years at SCoJeC, 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](https://www.trybooking.co.uk/TXL).

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**Tuesday 29th September 7.30 p.m.**

A new Climate Network for the Scottish Jewish Community
Hosted by SCoJeC in partnership with Jewish communities from around Scotland

Rabbi Moshe Rubin (Giffnock & Newlands Hebrew Congregation),
Rabbi Mark Solomon (Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community)
and Rabbi Mark Goldsmith, (Senior Rabbi at Edgware and Hendon Reform Synagogue and Steering Group member, Ecosynagogue.org).

on the Jewish imperative to keep the planet safe

Rolf Schmidt (Inverness Interfaith) in conversation with Fiona Frank:
“What’s the climate crisis got to do with me”

And – yourselves! A chance to share ideas on actions and plans

Registration link: [www.tinyurl.com/scojecclimate1](http://www.tinyurl.com/scojecclimate1)

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.

At our first meeting after short introductions from our three Rabbis 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 as above.
Sunday 4th October, 3 – 5 p.m.

Yiddish Café in partnership with SCoJeC presents

The 30th 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 not later than Thursday 1st October.

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

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Sunday 18th 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

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, vymann@gmail.com or jane@janetobias.com

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

TECHNOLOGY & TRAINING
Tuesdays 22nd and 29th September
5pm – 5.30pm ZOOM training sessions
Want to practise using Zoom? The last two weeks when Fiona Frank will be sharing her Zoom technical and facilitation skills by running half hour practice sessions at 5pm on Tuesdays.
On demand - Email Fiona@scojec.org if you’d like to take part.

Best wishes for a shanah tovah
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