



CHANUKAH EDITION



SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR RABBI OF SCOTLAND, RABBI MOSHE RUBIN

"Chanukah is here and once again we all gather around these few tiny flames and celebrate with latkes, doughnuts, dreidels and parties.

How can small flames generate so much fun and celebration? The same could be asked about the reason for the celebration, the finding of a small jug of pure untainted olive oil in the temple. How could such a small jug of oil create a festival that's been celebrated since then, for more than 2000 years? The answer is that the finding of the jug of oil was the spark of hope, and so it is with the small flames we light every night of Chanukah; they are small flames of hope which inspires us to celebrate. Bringing hope to someone in need does not require a massive gesture of kindness and friendship, it takes a smile, a phone call, a few minutes of your time to give others hope.

We are desperate for hope.

Last week we all celebrated the release of some of the hostages held by Hamas. Each release was a flame of hope and we pray that all this hope will bring a greater hope, the release of all the hostages and the end of the war and ultimately peace in Israel, which will be a beacon of hope for it's neighbours and the world."

SCOJEC Director Ephraim Borowski delivered some tasty sufganiyot to Scottish Parliament to welcome in Chanukah. First Minister Humza Yousaf was clearly ecstatic with the tasty delivery!



NEW ISSUE OF FOUR CORNERS!



If you have a project, a proposition or even an early idea for an event that you think would interest the Jewish Community here in Scotland, we want to hear from you!
Please get in touch with Demi – demi@scojec.org now!

This week our Community Engagement and Events Manager Demi, visited the Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre about an exciting collaboration coming up in January 2024 to mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2024.

Demi said "This place is amazing and to have this resource here in Scotland is a wonderful thing. I am really excited about collaborating with the Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre to connect different parts of the community for this special event to mark HMD 2024. It will involve baking, food, and stories of and from our wonderful community. WATCH THIS SPACE!"

Details to be announced in the new year. To register interest and for more information please email Demi- demi@scojec.org



JEWISH JOKE OF THE WEEK:

A Jewish guy's mother gives him two sweaters for Chanukah. The next time he visits her, he makes sure to wear one. As he walks into the house, his mother frowns and asks

"What - you didn't like the other one?"

Thanks to Barry Benning from Glasgow for emailing in this joke this week. Got a funny Jewish-related joke? Email demi@scojec.org for a chance to appear in our next e-newsletter!

COMING UP IN THE COMMUNITY...

Chanukah Party
FOR TEENS IN S4-6 AND RECENT SCHOOL LEAVERS

-Movie Night
-Chanukah Surprises
-Doughnuts, Latkes & More

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
6:00 - 8:00 PM
AT MACCABI

RSVP TO SYDNEY.SWITZER@UJIA.ORG

young adults

CHANUKAH FORAGE + BRUNCH

-foraging walk guided by professional instructor
-chanukah snacks and tasty brunch
-get outside and celebrate with friends

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10:30 AM
at eastwood park
limited spots, please rsvp to sydney.switzer@ujia.org
sponsored by Moishe House

youth lounge
FOR TEENS IN S1-3. WEDNESDAYS 6:00-7:30
in the youth lounge at maccabi

**DEC. 13
CHANUKAH PARTY!**

join us for doughnuts, menorah lighting, chanukah fun and more!
next up: january 24 tu b'shvat fun

£2/SESSION

RSVP TO SYDNEY.SWITZER@UJIA.ORG

PEACE, LOVE & LIGHT

CHANUKAH
Menorah Lighting
Tuesday
12th December
6.15pm

Waitrose
2 Greenlaw Place
Newton Mearns
G77 6GW

Delicious Chanukah
Latkes, donuts
Refreshments snacks.
Free Chanukah gifts

For security purposes we ask you to let us know you will be coming.
Call Rabbi Mendel or Channa Jacobs 07966 303 292

Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society

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John Lahr
Drama Critic and Author
in conversation with Elaine Samuel on his recent biography
Arthur Miller: American Witness

Online meeting by Zoom on Sunday 17th December at 7.30pm

For those interested who do not reside in the UK, please email: ujia@ujia.org

WISHING YOU A HAPPY CHANUKAH FROM ALL AT SCOJEC!

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Current circumstances and the present conflict has resulted in additional demands being placed on us, on top of our usual work of 'Representing, Connecting, and Supporting Jewish people in Scotland.' Please help if you can by making a donation today!

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