

## **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities**

**AGM 28th October 2007**

### **Treasurer's Report**

I have pleasure in presenting the 2006 annual accounts which are attached. These have been inspected by our Honorary Auditor, Mr Lewis Osborne LLB CA, who has given them a clean financial bill of health. I am grateful for his timeous efforts and I will gladly propose his re-nomination.

The SCJC needs regular funding in order to operate effectively and I would like to publicly record my appreciation of the Glasgow Jewish Community Trust, as well as various other Trusts; the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council, the Scottish Council of Synagogues, the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation and the Glasgow Reform Synagogue; as well as all the other individuals who have given their financial backing. The UK Board of Deputies realise that the SCJC perform the activities of the Board in Scotland and therefore they also provide some considerable funding for our operations. This was particularly so during this financial year, when the Council had a temporary cash flow problem.

Over the last few years we have had considerable financial support from both the Ethnic Minority Fund and BEMIS (the Scottish Ethnic Minority Infrastructure body). I am grateful to the BEMIS Board and their Director, Mr Rami Ousta for encouraging us to develop this relationship into one now of mutual partnership, and hopefully this will continue to prove beneficial for the SCJC.

The importance of the work of the Council can never be undervalued, and the Council in 2007, has benefited from external funding from the Scottish Government and the Clore Foundation who are actively supporting the development of two additional projects.

Finally, I would like to publicly express my appreciation of the work of our voluntary Director, Mr Ephraim Borowski and our employed Public Affair Officer, Mrs Leah Granat. Without their skills and on-going endeavours the successes of the SCJC would have been negligible. The SCJC Chair, John Cosgrove, and his successor Dr Kenneth Collins, and the other members of the Management Team also deserve to be congratulated for their continued dedication.

**Daniel H. Clapham**

Honorary Treasurer