



The Glasgow Jewish Representative Council Wishes the Community Shana Tova

President's Message

It is now just over 2 months since I was elected as President of the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council.

It was apparent from discussions that I had with many members of our Community, before I became President, that there was a lack of understanding of what the Representative Council does on behalf of the Community. It is my responsibility to ensure that the Community are made aware of the work that the Council does for and on its behalf. As part of that process, I approached the Jewish Telegraph and they readily agreed to publish a "President's Column" which I intend to utilise to regularly inform the Community of the wide and varied work of the Council. Early on in my Presidency, the passing of Henry Tankel, a Past President of the Council, was an extremely sad occasion. Henry and his wife Judith worked tirelessly in the service of our Community, and beyond, for all of their adult life and they have been an inspiration to me and others who work voluntarily in the service of the Community. It is my intention that a full and detailed Obituary to Henry will be given at the next Delegate Meeting of the Council.

I want to let you know about the Community Future Project which, whilst it is a Representative Council initiative, cannot succeed without the support of the whole Community and its Organisations. So far the Project has obtained widespread backing within the Community and it is my intention that this support is maintained during the course of the Project. The aim of the Project is to produce a blueprint for the future of the Community which has the support of the Community and to which Organisations sign up and agree to implement where they are in a position to do so. There is little point in producing a Report which simply gathers dust on a shelf. It is therefore imperative that there is as widespread consultation as is

possible during its course and that a plan is put in place at its conclusion to ensure implementation of whatever blueprint is produced. The elements that I consider will certainly need to be taken into account are the religious, care, educational (informal), social and leisure needs of the Community in the years ahead. There were a number of operational strands that were identified by those who attended the initial meetings the Representative Council called to discuss the Project:

- Community Opinion
- Assets (Physical) and Liabilities of the Community
- Demographics
- Other Communities
- Review of the Caplan Report (Report produced by Simon Caplan in 1990 on the Future of the Community).

Sub Groups have been formed and individuals co-opted to consider these strands. Stephen Gold, for example, is chairing the Community Opinion Group, Adam Berkley is looking at Assets and Liabilities and Stephen Kliner is reviewing the Caplan Report. We are looking at



employing professional assistance where necessary to ensure that what is eventually produced is as comprehensive as is reasonably practicable. Organisations within the Community have been approached seeking their consent to release information for the purposes of a Demographic Report which is a key element of the Project. It is my aim that information on the Project's progress will be made available to the Community as time progresses, through the President's Column in the Jewish Telegraph and the Representative Council Website. We are looking now at detailed time frames to complete the various strands of the project and produce a Final Report but I imagine that it will take a year or so to complete the process.

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Festival Times

Wed Sept 8 th	Erev Rosh Hashanah: Begins: 19:38
Thurs Sept 9 th	Rosh Hashanah 1st Day
Fri Sept 10 th	Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day – Shabbat Begins: 19:31
Shabbat Sept 11th	Shabbat Ends: 20:39
Fri Sept 18 th	Erev Yom Kippur – Kol Nidrei: Fast Begins: 19:14
Shabbat Sept 19th	Yom Kippur: Fast Ends: 20:19
Wed Sept 22 nd	Erev Sukkot: Begins: 19:01
Thurs Sept 23 rd	1st Day Sukkot
Fri Sept 24 th	2nd Day Sukkot – Shabbat Begins: 18:56
Shabbat Sept 25th	Shabbat Ends: 20:00
Wed Sept 29 th	Sminietz Aretz: Begins: 18:43
Thurs Sept 30 th	Sminietz Aretz ‘ Simchat Tirah Ends/ Begins: 19:47
Fri Oct 1 st	Simchat Torah – Shabbat Begins: 18:37
Shabbat Oct 2nd	Shabbat Ends: 19:42

President's Statement – continued...

Prior to, and subsequent to the commencement of my Presidency, I have been visiting Community Organisations. I have so far visited Maccabi, Jewish Care, Cosgrove Care, JLGB and CST. My intention is to visit all of the principal Organisations within our Community, and as many others as is possible, during the first year of my Presidency in order that I can better understand how the Community operates and hear of the successes of the Organisations and the problems they face. I have so far been encouraged but not surprised by the enormous dedication of those who run our Community Organisations.

Many of us in the Community bemoan the fact that we no longer have a Kosher Butcher. Demographics may have played the most significant part in their demise but lack of support may also have been a factor. We now have two Delis and a Kosher Restaurant and I would ask the Community, whenever possible, to support them. I know it is a cliché but “use them or lose them” is not inappropriate.

As President, I am also an ex-officio member of the Community Trust, UJIA Renewal and SCOJEC. I have so far attended meetings of the latter two Organisations and been appraised of the ongoing work of the Community Trust. This has given me an insight into the incredible and varied work that these

Organisations do on behalf of the Community.

The Representative Council are, together with The Scottish Jewish Archives, supporting the “Capturing Voices” Project which is the brainchild of Angela Shapiro and Claire Singerman. The stories of holocaust survivors are being recorded and their narratives will encompass not only their stories of survival but also their lives in Scotland and will be retained for the benefit of future generations.

During my lifetime I have been a member of two congregations, South Portland Street Hebrew Congregation and Queens Park Hebrew Congregation, which have closed. I can therefore empathise with the members of Netherlee, Clarkston and Queens Park Hebrew Congregation who are facing the closure of their shul. I hope that they will retain happy memories of the Congregation after its closure and will all be comfortable in their new spiritual home, wherever that may be. I wish to thank Rabbi Bokow for his hard work on behalf of Netherlee, Clarkston and Queens Park Hebrew Congregation in recent years and wish him every success in the future.

Philip Mendelsohn, (Immediate Past President), Fiona Brodie (Honorary Secretary) and I recently met with Councillor Gordon Matheson, the Leader of Glasgow City Council, and Baillie Liz Cameron, former Lord Provost of the Council. We discussed a number of wide and varied issues including our Community

Future Project, Holocaust Memorial Day, the GJRC Centenary in 2014 and the recent Council Motion on the Gaza Flotilla. Whilst Councillor Matheson did not give any commitment in relation to future motions regarding Israel, we did gain the impression that our concerns on this particular motion were well understood.

I would like to express my thanks to David Strang and Kalman Bookman who have for a number of years managed the Jewish Community Centre on behalf of the Representative Council. They are stepping down at the end of this year and will be a hard act to follow. We are fortunate that Jeff Freeman has offered to step into their shoes and we are sure that he will do an excellent job on behalf of the Council. I would like to express my thanks to Sheryl Landman who recently left the services of the Council as Office Administrator and I welcome our new Administrator, Vicky Jackson, who has settled seamlessly into the position.

I am fortunate to have an excellent team of Office Bearers and Management Board and look forward to working with them all in the service of our Community.

Finally, I wish the whole Community Shana Tova, a happy and sweet New Year and well over the Fast.

Edward Isaacs
President

Glasgow Jewish Representative Council

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GLASGOW JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AWARDS CEREMONY



Delegates, Friends, Award Winners and Guests

The AGM of the Representative Council took place on the 14th of June in a packed function suite at Newton Mearns Synagogue. A performance from the Cosgrove Music Group led by guitarist Brian Tolland, formerly of the band Del Amitri, made for a relaxed start to the proceedings before the formal business got underway as Philip Mendelsohn, the outgoing President, drew attention to the significant events of the Council's past year. His

remarks concluded with thanks to the community for entrusting him with the role of President over the past three years as well as expressing thanks to other outgoing members of the Management Board, Caroline Judah and Bernice Gordon, and extending particular good wishes to the Treasurer Graham Sneider who, with his wife Philippa and children, was leaving our community for a new life in London.

his desire to improve communications between the Council and the community and vice versa, a theme picked up by Paul Harris, the editor of the Jewish Telegraph, who made a brief speech and participated in a Q and A session. With refreshments on hand, the evening concluded with further proof of how fortunate the community is, as presentations were made to some of its talented members of all ages. Recipients of the Yoni Jesner Youth Awards were Maurice Griffin and Jessica Cohen while the Adele and Edward Woolfson Youth Awards went to Gabrielle Gordon, Jenna Grabiner, Alex Barnes, Gilad Amzaleg and Gemma Cowan. In recognition of their significant contributions as volunteers over the years, the Philip Jacobson Awards were presented to Hayden Krasner, Barry Landman and Max Berkley. There was also a special presentation to David Strang and Kalman Bookman in appreciation of their committed service to the Council for many years through their management of the Jewish Community Centre.



The Glittering Prizes

With the official handover of the chain of office, the Presidency of the Council passed to Edward Isaacs who outlined his appreciation of the wonderful communal organisations which contribute to the continuing excellence of communal life in Glasgow, while acknowledging the undoubted challenges for the future. He emphasised

Picnic in the Park

As part of National Family Week, East Renfrewshire Faith Forum organised a Picnic in the Park at Rouken Glen on Sunday 6th June. Among the many stalls and exhibits was a tent for the various faiths represented in the area. The Representative Council manned the Jewish stall which was well visited, mainly by people looking for answers to the quiz questions! Some children came with their parents and recognised objects from studying Judaism at school. Overall, there was a fairly steady stream of visitors with people of all denominations including

visitors from the Jewish community. The stall was well laid out with Jewish objects, including a Sefer Torah, Tallis, Seder Plate, Box of Matzah, Mezuzah, Becher, Kippah, Challah Covers, Candlesticks and many other items. A box was provided by St Mungo's Museum and was well put together with individual slots for all the objects, so everything was protected. There were also laminated sheets offering explanations of the calendar, Kashrus and the festivals and there was a copy of Kenneth Collins' *History of the Jews in Glasgow*.



Thank you David and Kalman

David Strang and Kalman Bookman have voluntarily run the Jewish Community Centre at Giffnock Synagogue for 11 years.

This year we say farewell to David and Kalman and thank them kindly for all their hard work and dedication to the Centre for so many years. They will be sorely missed.

Yom HaShoah 5770/2010 – Chapter 18



This year's event in memory of the Shoah focused on Chapter 18 from the book "Life and Fate" by Vasily Grossman, which tells of a mother in a Ukrainian ghetto writing her last letter to the son whom she has sent to safety. The story is semi-autobiographical as Grossman's mother was murdered in the Berdichev ghetto. "Life and Fate" was considered anti-Soviet and was not officially published until 1964, after Grossman himself had died in obscurity on the 23rd anniversary of the Berdichev massacre. It

had the dubious honour of being one of only two books "arrested" by the Soviet authorities. The award winning writer Bernard MacLaverty wrote the libretto for a short opera, based on Grossman's tale, "The Letter", which was premiered by Scottish Opera this year and Mr MacLaverty attended the Yom HaShoah event to share his insights into Chapter 18 with the 200 strong audience. We were also fortunate to have with us the opera's composer, Professor Vitaly Khodosh, and Mrs Julia Cherner Atlas of the Celtic Cossack Connections Project.

moving musical moments of the evening. Sponsorship for the event was received from UJIA, Jewish Youth Fund (Scotland) and East Renfrewshire Council. In charge of lighting was Marc Cowen, the drama coach was Melissa Sabba and the compère was Mark Kingsley. The whole event was organised by the Yom HaShoah Committee of the GJRC and helpers :

Paula Cowan (Co Chair), Jane Tobias (Co Chair), Hilary Anson, Steven Anson, Fiona Brodie, Gemma Cowan, Ben Freedman, Cheryl Gold, Karen Levy, Philippa Sneider, Michael Tobias and Dianna Wolfson.

Thanks are due, too, to the young members of our community, some of whom performed in a dramatisation of Vasily Grossman's life and some of whom lit the memorial candles with either their mother or their grandmother. Professor Lev Atlas, Ian Leifer and the Glasgow Jewish Singers all contributed to the

Planning for next year's event will soon be underway – if you would like to be involved please contact Vicky at the Rep Council's office.



Rabbi Bergson's Induction March 2010 – Newton Mearns Synagogue



Glasgow Jewish Community Diary

Monday 6th September	Jewish Heritage Fundraising Trek to Latvia and Lithuania May 2011 information evening. 7.00pm -8.30pm	Jewish Care, Scotland - please contact 0141 620 1800	Jewish Community Centre - Giffnock
Thursday 9th September	Chavura Luncheon - after Rosh Hashanah Service	Glasgow Reform Synagogue - please call 0141 639 4083 to book	
Sunday 12th September	Open day for the European Day of Jewish Culture. Doors open 10am-1pm.	Garnethill Synagogue	Garnethill Synagogue
Sunday 19th September	10am-4pm Doors Open Day, a Glasgow event. All welcome.	Garnethill Synagogue	Garnethill Synagogue
Sunday 19th September	Scottish Jewish Archives' Open Day - part of Doors Open Day	Scottish Jewish Archive Centre Contact Dianna Wolfson for further details 0141 620 0650	Garnethill Synagogue
Sunday 26th September	Family Succos Supper Party 5.00pm-7.30pm	Lubavitch & Giffnock Shul	Giffnock Shul Succa
Wednesday 6th October	Maccabi Annual Prize giving	Maccabi	TBC
Thursday 7th October	Jewish Values: Past, Present & Future. An interactive session by Rabbi Shoshanna Boyd Gelfand, Chief Executive of the Movement of Reform Judaism—7.30pm	Glasgow Reform Synagogue	Glasgow Reform Synagogue
Saturday 9th October	Maccabi 40th Anniversary Party	Maccabi	May Terrace
Sunday 10th October	Scottish Jewish Archives' Open Day 2-4 pm	Scottish Jewish Archives Centre Contact Dianna Wolfson for further details 0141 620 0650	Garnethill Synagogue
Wednesday 20th October	UJIA - Israel Evening	UJIA - Israel Experience	JCC, Giffnock
Friday 22nd October	Annual Friday night dinner	Newton Mearns Hebrew Congregation	NMHC
Sunday 24th October	Beatles Tribute act 7.30pm	Giffnock & Newlands Hebrew Congregation	TBC
Friday 29th October	Calderwood Friday Night Dinner	Calderwood Lodge	
Sunday 7th November	Scottish Jewish Archives' Open Day	Scottish Jewish Archives Centre Contact Dianna Wolfson for further details 0141 620 0650	Garnethill Synagogue
Wednesday 17th November	Management Board Meeting	Glasgow Jewish Rep Council	
Sunday 21st November - Monday 22nd November	Central & Edith Eder 45th Annual Clothing Sale	Deirdre Bernard 0141 639 1708	
Saturday 4th December	Cosgrove's Golden Oldie Night 8pm	Cosgrove Care - contact Marcia – 638 9967 or Lindy – 638 0418 for details	Maccabi
Sunday 5th December	1-4.30pm Jewish Care Scotland Chanukah Party	Agnes Logue 0141 620 1800	Jewish Care
Sunday 5th December	Chanukah Bowling Bash 3.30-5.30pm	Lubavitch	The Quay, Glasgow
Sunday 5th December	Youth Chanukah Party Details to follow	Maccabi	Maccabi
Sunday 5th December	Film Night		Newton Mearns Synagogue
Sunday 12th December	Scottish Jewish Archives' Open Day	Scottish Jewish Archives Centre Contact Dianna Wolfson for further details 0141 620 0650	Garnethill Synagogue
Sunday 12th December	Beetle Drive	Maccabi	Maccabi
Sunday 12th December	Big Band Night - 19 piece band playing everything from Sinatra to Stevie Wonder Tickets £20 with Supper	Glasgow Reform Synagogue - contact GRS Office - 0141 639 4083 to book tickets	Carmichael Hall
Sunday 13th February	Quiz Night		Newton Mearns Synagogue
Sunday 20th March	Purim Banquet Brunch	Lubavitch	Clarkston Hall
Sunday 8th May– Sunday 15th May	Jewish Heritage Walk in Latvia and Lithuania in aid of Jewish Care Scotland. Walk 10 miles per day. Guided visits to sites of Jewish interest. Travel by coach to next overnight stop	Contact George Hecht - 07889 274 346 or David Bishop - 0141 620 1800	
Sunday 22nd May	Lag B'Omer Family Barbeque	Lubavitch	Outside L'Chaim's Restaurant
Sunday 12th June	Cantor Ernest Levy OBE Tribute Concert	TBC	TBC

Community Diary Regular Events

Day	Time	Event	Organiser / Contact	Location
Shabbat	11am	Youth Events Children's Services for Under 5's and primary school children. Creche all morning Football	Giffnock Synagogue 0141 577 8250 Call Maccabi for details	Giffnock Synagogue
Sunday	10.30am	Cheder Classes	0141 639 4083	Glasgow Reform Synagogue
	10.15am	Yeshivah classes for boys	0141 577 8260	Beth Hamidrash
	10.15am	Yeshivah classes for girls	0141 577 8260	Beth Hamidrash
	12pm-2pm	School of Rock (age 9+)	Maccabi	Function Suite, Maccabi
	2pm-3pm	Abi's pottery class (age 5+ and 8+)	Maccabi	Youth Room, Maccabi
	2pm-3pm	Street dance (beginners)	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	3pm-4pm	Street Dance (advanced)	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	3pm-5pm	Arts and crafts (P1-P7)	Youth Room, Maccabi	
	8pm	FZY	Maccabi	
	5.30pm-7pm tbc	Fortnightly Habonim meeting		Habo-Dror Bayit, Barrhead road (opposite Asda)
Weekdays	2.45pm-6.00pm	Fun Lodge After School Care	Calderwood Lodge	
Monday	1pm-1.45pm	Little Creators, Abi's Art Academy (age 3-5)	Maccabi	Youth Room, Maccabi
	2pm-2.45pm	Little Creators, Abi's Art Academy (age 3-5)	Maccabi	Youth Room, Maccabi
	5pm-6.30pm	Drama Club (P3+) 'Acting Crazy'	Maccabi	Youth Room, Maccabi
	6.30pm	Glasgow Yeshivah classes	0141 577 8260	Giffnock Beth Hamidrash
	6.30pm	5th Giffnock Brownies & Rainbows	0141 638 0040	Giffnock Synagogue Hall
	7.30pm	5th Giffnock Guides	0141 638 0040	Giffnock Synagogue Hall
Tuesday	4pm-4.40pm	Childrens Yoga (P1-P7) - 'Relax Kids'	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	5pm-6pm	Under 12's Badminton	Maccabi	Main Gym, Maccabi
	6pm-7pm	Over 12's Badminton	Maccabi	Main Gym, Maccabi
	7pm-9pm	All groups, JLGB	0141 577 7345	Hillpark Secondary School
	7pm-8pm	Team Coaching (Badminton)	Maccabi	Main Gym, Maccabi
Wednesday	11am-11.40am	Caterpillar music (age 2-5)	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	5.15pm-6.45pm	Junior Football Team (age 8-12)	Maccabi	Gym, Maccabi
	7pm-8.30pm	Chess and games (P4+)	Maccabi	Youth Room, Maccabi
Thursday	9.30am-10.15am	Mother/Toddler Group, Abi's Art Academy (age 1+)	Maccabi	Youth Room, Maccabi
	1.15pm-2pm	Boogie Tots (age 3-5)	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	2pm-2.45pm	Little Creators, Abi's Art Academy (age 3-5)	Maccabi	Youth Room, Maccabi
	3.45pm-6.15pm	NEW—Upstage Dance School P1-P7	Maccabi	Studio—Various Classes
	5pm-6pm	Badminton (under 12s)	Maccabi	Main Gym, Maccabi
	6pm-7.30pm	Badminton (over 12s)	Maccabi	Main Gym, Maccabi
Sunday	4pm	Other Groups Friends of Yiddish, Readings	Contact 0141 423 6083	Various locations
	5.15pm	Glasgow Jewish Singers (We are always looking for new male members!)	Harold Woldman, 0141 639 4204	Newton Mearns
Monday	9.30am-10.30am	Moe's Fitness Class (body conditioning)	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	10.30am	Thistle Carpet Bowls Club	0141 620 1800	Maccabi
	10.45 – 11.45am	Moe's Fitness Class (aeroblast)	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	2pm	Meeting of Central Edith Eder WIZO	Flora Gleckin, 0141 639 6788	Maccabi
	7.00pm-8.00pm	Ladies Keep Fit All Levels	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	7.30pm-10pm	Badminton (all levels)	Maccabi	Main Gym, Maccabi
	8.15pm-10.15pm	Krav Maga (18+)	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
Tuesday	9.30am-10.30am	Moe's Fitness Class (over 50s)	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	12noon-4pm	Thistle Club Scotland	Contact Agnes Logue 0141 620 1800	Jewish Care, May Terrace
	1pm-3pm	Senior Table Tennis (practice)	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	1.45pm-3.45pm	Giffnock Friendship Club	0141 638 4350	Giffnock Synagogue Reception
	7pm-10pm	Senior Table Tennis (match)	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	7.30pm	Table tennis. All standard of players New members especially welcome		
	7.30pm-10.30pm	Bridge	Maccabi	Clarkston Synagogue Hall
	8.15pm-9.45pm	Adult Rollerblading	Maccabi	Function Suite, Maccabi
Wednesday	10am-11.30am	Mother & Toddlers Group	0141 577 8250	Main Gym, Maccabi
	12pm-3.30pm	Bridge		Giffnock Synagogue Reception
	1.15pm-2.45pm	Rosemary Conley Club	Maccabi	Function Suite, Maccabi
	2.00pm-4.00pm	Robert Epstein Senior Citizens Club/Leage of Jewish Women	0141 638 1740	Studio
	7pm-7.45pm	Zumba (all levels)	Maccabi	Barrland Court
	7pm-7.45pm	Hebrew classes	0141 639 4083	Main Gym, Maccabi
	7pm-8pm	Moe's Aerotone	Maccabi	Glasgow Reform Synagogue
	7.30pm-10pm	Bridge lessons (beginners)	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	8pm-9pm	Moe's Body Conditioning	Maccabi	Function Suite, Maccabi
	8pm-9pm	GNS Basic Judaism Class	0141 639 4083	Studio, Maccabi
	8pm-9pm	Israeli Dancing	0141 639 4083 Contact Diana Epstein thu GRS 0141 639 4083 Mr B Sabba 0141 577 8260	Glasgow Reform Synagogue
Thursday	8.30pm	Weekly Shiur		
	9.15am	Second Minyan, followed by discussion	0141 577 8250	Giffnock Synagogue Reception
	9.30am-10.30am	Pilates (all levels)	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	12noon-4pm	Thistle Club Scotland	Contact Agnes Logue 0141 620 1800	Jewish Care, May Terrace
	6pm-7pm	Badminton (Over 12s)	Maccabi	Main Gym, Maccabi
	7pm	SEED - Adult Education (Men)	0141 577 8260	Giffnock Beth HaMidrash
	7.15pm-8pm	Zumba (all levels)	Maccabi	Gym, Maccabi
	7.30pm-10.30pm	Bridge	Maccabi	Function Suite Maccabi
	8.30pm-10pm	Senior table tennis	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
Friday	9.30am-10.30am	Moe's Body Conditioning	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	10.45am-11.45am	Moe's Aerobics	Maccabi	Studio, Maccabi
	12noon-12.45pm	Zumba (all levels)	Maccabi	Main Gym, Maccabi

Maccabi GB Scotland

by Sue Faber

This year Glasgow Maccabi celebrates 40 years at May Terrace in Giffnock. There will be two special functions: a Prize Giving on Wednesday 6th October and then a Reunion Party on Saturday 9th October. All will be welcome especially those Glaswegians who have moved away and anyone who has had a connection to Glasgow Maccabi, with very special guests coming from London for the occasion. Our Life President, Allan Kay and his wife Barbara, whose father Leslie Diamond laid the Foundation Stone on 27th September 1970, will be presenting prizes and staying on for the celebrations. Tickets will be available after the summer.

Our activities are diverse and there is still room on the timetable for more. Thanks to the introduction of "Lessons for Beginners" by Joyce Benson, the Bridge Club has been rejuvenated with 24 people taking up the popular "mind sport" and it is hoped to run "Monday Nights Beginners Tournaments" as more classes start in October.



Another section which has flourished this year is our U13s Football Team. A group of 10 – 12 boys used to meet on Sunday afternoons with an employed coach but now we have a 20 strong team playing in a friendly league every Sunday afternoon with training on Wednesdays. This is managed by a Dad, Charles Collins, and 4 dedicated Coaches/Volunteers: Nick Jackson, David Goodman, Ben Susskind (currently in Australia) and Sean Devine. The passion the whole team display is reflected by their unbeaten record this season and Maccabi is very proud of them. The enthusiasm has rubbed off onto the U8s Team and next season they hope to play in a league too. This team is also run by Dads, Neville Barmack and Brian Caplan, who are doing a superb job. Not to be outdone, the Badminton Section, coached by Ian McAllister, is also developing well. Attended by 35-40 children every week, we are seeing individuals coming through with real potential and, with the Maccabi European Games in Vienna next summer, this is a fantastic incentive for them to continuously improve their skills. There's also a chance of developing a Senior/Master Team for future European and Maccabiah Games building on the popularity of the Men's Badminton played on Monday evenings. Up to 10 meet each week, allowing them the chance to play various opponents and improve their own game.

Plans are actively in place to build a strong Team Scotland to take to Vienna. It is an experience not to be missed so we are trying to



make sure that as many competitors as possible travel to Austria, as well as Youth to take part in the Cultural Programme which runs along side the Games.

Our Youth and Children continue to have fun in many different ways. June 28th saw the start of the 2010 Summer Scheme with record numbers this year. 39 Youth Leaders and 75 children took part over the week. We have welcomed 10 new Youth leaders with a special "Hadracha Training Programme" and we hope that a number of them will attend Maccabi GB Leadership National Training Programmes when they are old enough. There are also many talented musicians and singers amongst our young people. "Maccabi School of Rock" began 8 months ago and we now have 3 bands forming. This is a unique opportunity for playing together and, hopefully, performing at the Prize Giving in October.

We still have Maccabi Ladies Fitness, Table Tennis, Children's Streetdance Club and the Art Club as well as private lets that run their businesses from Maccabi. These include Keep Fit Classes every day, Zumba, Pilates, Adult Inline Roller Blading, Krav Maga, Drama Club, Abi's Art Academy, Toddler Music Club and Dance School and Children's Yoga. In August a Clinic for Massage and Physio opened as well as Children's Zumba!

August 22nd saw the launch of a new Web Site and there was a Registration/Open Day to promote all our classes and clubs. We are delighted that three new Trustees recently took up their positions on Maccabi's Board. Neville Barmack, Michael Bishop and Wendy Cohen are showing great enthusiasm and dedication and it is hoped that, under their influence, more young people and families will make use of Maccabi's facilities. My top priority is our Youth and I look forward to having more connections with Maccabi GB and holding "Intervisits" - just like the old days!



Calderwood Lodge Primary Seven Visit to Amsterdam



Primary Seven, Calderwood Lodge, stand proudly beside their model of the 'Secret Annexe' which was made by the class during the recent study of the Holocaust and World War 2.



After months and months of waiting the trip finally arrived and with much anticipation we set off for Amsterdam. On arrival our facilitator, Ariane, who works for the UJIA greeted us with breakfast at the airport. Born and raised in Amsterdam and currently living in Israel, she had come to share her knowledge and lead our group.

We visited the beautiful Portuguese synagogue and the Jewish History Museum where we learned lots about the history of Dutch Jewry. A canal boat tour let us

explore Amsterdam's beautiful scenery and architecture before we walked around the Jewish quarter of Amsterdam where we saw many memorials including Anne Frank's which was in the area where she lived before going into hiding. We also had time to visit Marken Island and the quaint fishing village of Volendam. At Zaansche Schans we had the chance to watch wooden clogs being made, explore inside a working windmill and buy souvenirs to remind us of our trip.

However the highlight for everyone was our visit to the Anne Frank House. After

learning about this in class the visit made everything so real for us, to think that were walking in Anne's footsteps. We did not enter the house straight away but first met with our guide Huib who talked about events in Anne's life. Huib taught us all more about the topic and told us facts which we didn't know before. He then let us go into the house to see the rooms, pictures and the diary itself. Everyone felt moved by seeing all that the diary talks about. We finished off by asking Huib questions that we had thought of during our time in the house. It was a very memorable day.

The whole trip was a wonderful opportunity which was only possible with the financial support given by The Queen's Park Charitable Trust, UJIA, Jewish Youth Fund (Scotland), Glasgow Jewish Community Trust, Glasgow Jewish Educational Trust and the Maurice & Joseph Bloch Trust to whom we are very grateful.

By Bethany Nesbitt



The Jewish Representative Council in conjunction with Giffnock Shul are delighted to announce they have secured the first ever Scottish visit of JWOLE, the Jewish Way of Life Exhibition. The exhibition is designed for visits by schools and consists of full length posters (visual) and Jewish artifacts (interactive). It is designed to give an all round view of what it means to be Jewish, including our heritage, culture, festivals and kashrut. The

exhibition is planned to take place in Giffnock Shul during the last week of November and the first week of December and will be available to schools during the day and interfaith groups in the evening. All education boards in the West of Scotland are being invited to arrange school visits. The Exhibition will also be available for viewing by the Jewish Community at Kiddush after the Shabbat morning services.



A Message from CST

The situation concerning anti-Semitism is mixed and complex, but the most important fact of all is that we can lead whatever sort of Jewish life we wish to: be it religious, cultural, educational, charitable or in any other way. Nevertheless, anti-Semitic trends in Britain and many other countries over the last decade have been distinctly negative. We have seen the threat of terrorism; relatively high levels of anti-Semitic incidents; and a growing anti-Israel extremism, which includes old and new anti-Semitic influences and impacts. CST exists to ensure that any member of our community is able to lead the Jewish life that they choose. We do our work because we take pride in our community and its achievements: and we are determined that

none of this should be lost in the face of anti-Semitism and extremism. CST is part of our community, so it can only succeed if our community takes its share of responsibility. Sharing responsibility means a whole range of things. It means contacting the CST and asking what role you can play with our security teams. It means understanding why we do security and co-operating with our teams whether at shul services or communal functions.

Crucially, sharing responsibility also means keeping a sense of perspective about the many opportunities for leading a full and positive Jewish life, despite the fact that problems and threats do obviously exist. In recent years the threat of terrorism is something that all our society has come to

understand and find a way of living with. The fact that these terrorists have also targeted Jews is what underpins all of the CST's work. We want to deter those who wish to harm our community and we work with politicians, police and others in ensuring that our community's concerns are understood, heard and acted upon. CST, however, can only be as strong as the community that we serve. We rely upon the community for our volunteer personnel and for cooperation with our work: whether that is in schools and synagogues, at community events and rallies or anywhere else. We want you to join us in that partnership. Thank you. Community Security Trust registered charity number: 1042391

Northern Region Jewish Students – Exciting Preparations For The New Year

By Hayden Krasner

After an extremely successful year last year, the Northern Region Jewish Students and Jewish Society (JSoc) Committees have been working hard to try and ensure that from September the new Academic year will kick-off with even greater excitement. In return, this has resulted in major developments for both new and returning Jewish students within all the Scottish campuses.

For new students, starting university in September, there will be a welcome at their campus Jewish "Fresher" event or, if there is no JSoc on campus, our Chaplain, Rabbi Garry Wayland, will be warm and welcoming. Information for new Jewish students can be found from most university campuses Fresher's Fairs or by contacting either Rabbi Wayland (garry@ujc.org.uk) or the Northern Region of Jewish Students (nrjewishstudents@yahoo.co.uk). Hopefully, in this way, all prospective students will feel comfortable and enjoy becoming involved with other

Jewish students, no matter their beliefs or traditional values. For returning students, there is expected to be an increased demand for activities within all the JSocs, particularly the large JSocs of St Andrews, Edinburgh and Glasgow. All 3 centres will provide the necessary facilities and support for the start of year Festivals, before organizing the regular programme of Shabbat dinners, social events and a Regional Weekend Getaway in November.

Overall, this should all lead to a very exciting period for all students within Scotland and I wish much success to both JSoc committees and their members over their First Semesters. On a personal level, I wish to thank the Scottish Jewish Community and all the students for their support over the past few years. From September I shall take a less active role as a student advisor as I shall be commencing a 5 month internship programme with the Likkud Party in Tel Aviv - 1 of only 3 participants worldwide!



It is the end of an era at UJIA as **Anthea Masson, Community Programmes Director, and Ben Freeman, Community Youth Worker, are leaving. After 9 years holding both titles of Events Coordinator and Community Programmes Director respectively, Anthea is starting a new chapter in her life, working as an events consultant. Ben, who spent 5 years as Community Programmes Youth Worker, is moving to London to begin an internship with Tom Ford. Their replacements, however, are set not only to continue their excellent contribution to the community but to steer UJIA in new and exciting directions. Joanna Hyman will take on Anthea's role as Community Programmes Director whilst Jared Ross succeeds Ben as Youth Worker.**

Joanna, a design graduate from the Royal College of Art in London has spent many years working across a variety of areas from education to the textile industry. Before her appointment as Programme Director,

she worked closely with UJIA, volunteering her time to coordinate the 'button project' at Calderwood Lodge, launched by Paperclips director, Linda Hooper. Joanna also volunteered at a variety of UJIA led communal events such as Yom Ha'atzmaut, where she worked creatively with the youth. She is passionate about using her creative skills to invigorate and inform the youth of the community.

Jared Ross recently returned from a 5 month UJIA programme in Israel which focussed on hadracha (leadership training) and Israel advocacy. Jared only became involved in the community last June, where he led with Maccabi Summer Scheme, and now his ambitions for the community include maintaining and supporting the youth movements and running programmes which demonstrate Israel's positive side.

Both Jared and Joanna are excited about making their mark on the community in new and dynamic ways. They are currently preparing to launch UJIA's Myfund project,



which teaches young people the importance of tzedakah (charity). They are also continuing the highly successful Ethiopian Bar/Bat Mitzvah club and hadracha training seminars. In October 2011 they will be lead UJIA's now legendary Poland trip.

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Welcome Back To Rabbi Morris

After a memorable six month Sabbatical, Rabbi Nancy Morris of Glasgow Reform Synagogue is back with her congregation, reflecting on her life changing experiences.

"I was determined to make my sabbatical a memorable, meaningful and fulfilling journey. Being privileged to have the opportunity for a break from the usual routine and the hard work of being a rabbi, I wanted to experience something that could prove meaningful for my congregation as well. I have always believed that travel is the best education. My overarching plan was to travel to, and experience, some of the countries currently having the most impact on the world and its future – so the journey had to include China and India. I wanted to experience the culture, people and everyday life of these countries as more than a tourist and, most importantly, I wanted to gain some understanding about how Jews live in these places as the tiniest minority in the

largest majorities a person can imagine. There are over a billion people in each of India and China! In India, I found an amazing, warm and welcoming Jewish community in Mumbai. Said to be one of the first foreign religions to arrive in India in recorded history, the Jews of India are indeed proud of their long history, their almost unblemished experience of welcome and the absence of anti-Semitism. I said "almost unblemished" because there is still a painful memory of the terrorist attacks of 2008 – perhaps most remarkable for the aberration the incident seems to present in the history of Indian Jewry. I personally had a fantastic Purim experience with the Reform community of Mumbai, being given the honour of reading the Megillah. In China,

I was overwhelmed by the welcome I was given over Pesach. In a city as overwhelming as Beijing, it was like an oasis to find a friendly, warm, open Jewish community. From the first Seder to the end of Pesach, the duration of my stay, I was inundated with dinner invitations and offers of help to get around the city from the Chinese speaking Jews. I certainly never expected to eat matzah ball soup in China three times in one week! I now look forward to recounting and reliving these experiences with my community. In this way, I hope that we will become even more aware of how important it is to truly welcome people and ensure that all our members and visitors feel that our GRS community is their home."



A busy summer season at the Archives Centre!

All roads have led to the Archives Centre at Garnethill Synagogue this summer.

Glasgow Women's Library included the centre in a recent tour of the Garnethill area, while other groups included pupils and teachers from Govan High School, members of the Social Work Department of North Lanarkshire Council, tour guides, tour groups from Toronto and the USA, as well as researchers from Greenock, London, California and Melbourne.

Over 60 visitors heard Herald journalist Mark S Smith speak about his new book on Treblinka survivor Hershl Sperling, while members of the new Family History Network had a hands-on demonstration of sources for Scottish Jewish family history research.

At the August Open Day, a group of visitors was brought by coach from Giffnock to Garnethill, where they enjoyed a tour of the centre and the synagogue, as well as refreshments. They enjoyed reminiscing about topics such as Jewish life in the Gorbals, the Jewish Institute Players, Habonim and friendly societies such as the Odessa Lodge.

Garnethill Synagogue and the Archives Centre will be open on Doors Open Sunday, 19 September and for an Open Day on Sunday 10 October. For further details, see the Archives website at: www.sjac.org.uk. If you would like to know more about the centre or volunteer to help with the centre's activities, ring **0141 332 4911** or email: info@sjac.org.uk



Jewish Care Scotland – New Chief Executive and Jewish Heritage Trek

Suzanne Neville took up the post of Chief Executive at Jewish Care Scotland, Scotland's largest Jewish welfare charity, in April 2010, following the retirement of Ethne Woldman. Suzanne has been busy familiarising herself with the wide range of Jewish Care Scotland's social work and social care services, with the Social Care Agency and the support given by their- now 128 - dedicated volunteers, with the staff of Jewish Care Scotland and with the East Renfrewshire Council team of social care staff all based at the Walton Community Care Centre. Communication and financial management are key issues for Suzanne and she is hoping the Yom Tov Annual Appeal will be as well supported by the community as it has in the past. Suzanne said:

"The Annual Appeal is fundamental to Jewish Care Scotland's ability to deliver the vital services we will be asked for in the year ahead. I am also looking forward to next year's Jewish Heritage Trek to Latvia and

Lithuania in May – it will be a unique and amazing adventure as well as an important fundraiser. The idea was developed by members of the Board and I am delighted to be working for an organisation with such committed and active Board members who are constantly working to ensure the charity continues to meet the needs of our community."

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Suzanne Neville



Jewish Heritage Trek to Latvia and Lithuania

Canine Capers at Westacres Care Home Dog Show.

£460 was raised by the Westacres Care home at their first Dog Show in which 30 Dogs competed in 6 categories including Best in Show, Waggiest Tail and Owner/Dog Look-alike.



The Royal Garden Party

Several members of the Glasgow Jewish community were honoured with an invitation to the Queen's Garden Party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in July.

Howard Brodie is here seen resplendent in full Shalom tartan outfit on the day.



Son of Chavruta!

As an offshoot of the team preparations for the last Scotland Day Limmud, a small group began to meet monthly using Limmud's Chavruta books as a focal point for furthering their knowledge of Jewish texts, classic and modern. Now that the big day is over, the group has renamed itself "Son of Chavruta" and is getting together fortnightly in each other's homes to continue learning together, with the Book of Judges as the focal text. The participants come from a wide variety of backgrounds and have varying levels of knowledge and experience, but everyone's contribution is valued. We can all learn and we can all teach! If you'd like to know more or would like to come along and be part of the group please get in touch.



Limmud Conference 2010!

The 30th Limmud Conference will take place from 26 to 30 December 2010 with Shabbat Limmud from 24 to 25 December 2010. Bursaries are available for people who would like to attend from Scotland – you can let us know, in confidence, if you are interested.

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