

The Scottish Jewish Archives Centre presents, by Zoom, E.Randol Schoenberg *Woman in Gold*

Tickets £15 (13 for Friends of SJAC) on sale now!
An SJAC fundraising event. Please note bookings are online at:
<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/VZY>

Join us and hear a fascinating talk by US award-winning lawyer E. Randol Schoenberg, who won the legal case to successfully return five Gustav Klimt paintings to Maria Altmann- as depicted in the film *Woman in Gold*.

For ten years, Mr. Schoenberg served as President of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust. An expert genealogy researcher and a director of JewishGen., he volunteers for Geni.com, researching the family trees of Holocaust survivors and their families.

Randy holds close personal ties to the Holocaust and his grandfathers composed pieces in response to the tragedy - Arnold Schoenberg, *A Survivor from Warsaw* (1947), and Eric Zeisl, *Requiem Ebraico* (Hebrew Requiem) (1945).

Not to be missed!



E.Randol Schoenberg

**Sunday
6th December 2020
8.00pm GMT**

**From Los Angeles,
by Zoom**



Scottish Jewish Archives Centre Newsletter

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Despite Covid-19 restrictions The Archives Centre continues to be active in a number of areas. We have become proficient in Zoom. Our hardworking fundraising committee has organised speaker events on this platform. SJAC speakers have participated in Limmud Tour of Britain, the Scojec Remembrance event and an AJR Scotland members gathering.

Fascinating new material is being added to the collections including a Glasgow Hebrew Benevolent Loan Society document from 1942 and papers of the Edinburgh Community Players. We are hard at work with our partners GSPT in the delivery phase of the new Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre. Enquiries are being answered on a regular basis, our online shop is open again and we have been able to provide limited safe access for on-site research visits.

Thanks to the Archives Committee colleagues, volunteers and to you, our Friends, for your support.
Harvey Kaplan, Director

Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre - later than planned but coming soon!

COVID-19 restrictions since March have adversely affected the Heritage Centre project timetable. Works on site were interrupted, recruitment and training of volunteers was halted. The appointment of the Heritage Centre Manager and implementation of the marketing plan were also delayed.

However, building works are now complete and new interpretative displays are installed in the synagogue foyer and in the Succah. The kitchen and office have been relocated and together with the function room have been repaired and redecorated, with new furnishings installed.

We are also installing digital resources, such as new learning resources for schools and the first temporary exhibition, exploring the founding of Garnethill in 1879, is in production.

We are resuming recruitment for the SJHC Manager and looking towards restarting volunteer recruitment for the new Weekday Guiding Service, Weekend Events and Activities programme and the School Visit Service - adapting as necessary to be COVID-19 safe.

We look forward to welcoming you....fairly soon! Watch out for details on our website.

The Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre is a partnership project by SJAC and Garnethill Synagogue Preservation Trust, funded by grants from: The National Lottery Heritage Fund, The Association of Jewish Refugees, The Wolfson Family Charitable Trust, The Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Edinburgh, The Architectural Heritage Fund, William Grant Foundation and the Community Security Trust.

A team is raising funds for the first five years operating costs. If you wish to donate, or would like further information on the project, please email Deborah at info@sjac.org.uk.



SJHC Welcome Panel



New entrance



New displays

200 Club 2021- Club tickets on sale now!

Help the SJAC and you can win in our monthly draw.

See our website at: <https://www.sjac.org.uk/2020/11/10/200-club-2021-2/>
or email the Archives Centre at info@sjac.org.uk

Last year's 200 Club paid out £750 in prizes!

Recent winners include:

June: Alan Fell (£25); Arthur Segal (£100), **July:** Len Levin (£25);

August: Martin and Avril Levy (£25); **September:** Geoffrey Ognall (£25);

October: Bryan Jackson (£25); **November:** Derek Livingston (£25), Philippa Tenby (£100).

Friends of the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre

Please support the Archives Centre
by becoming our Friend!
Membership is £15 per year,
couples £25, 11 years for the price
of 10 (£150). You will receive a
newsletter twice yearly.

Contact Howard Brodie
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The Scottish Jewish Archives Centre

is housed in Garnethill Synagogue,
Scotland's oldest, opened in 1879
at 129 Hill Street, Glasgow G3 6UB

The Archives Centre is currently open by
appointment only (telephone 0141 332 4911)
Check out the Archives website at
www.sjac.org.uk - e-mail: info@sjac.org.uk

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Israeli visitor

Deputy Israeli Ambassador, Sharon Bar-Li, visited the Archives Centre and Garnethill Synagogue on 7th October. She left the following comments in our visitors' book:

'An emotional and fascinating visit to the synagogue and Jewish Archives. Learnt even more about the connections between our peoples and Jewish history in Scotland. What a vibrant and contributing community the Jews were to the entire Scottish society. Great to connect the past to the present.'



Christina Jones, Director, Centre for Scotland and Israel Relations; Sharon Bar-Li, Harvey Kaplan, Dr Susan Siegel, Chairman, Garnethill Hebrew Congregation

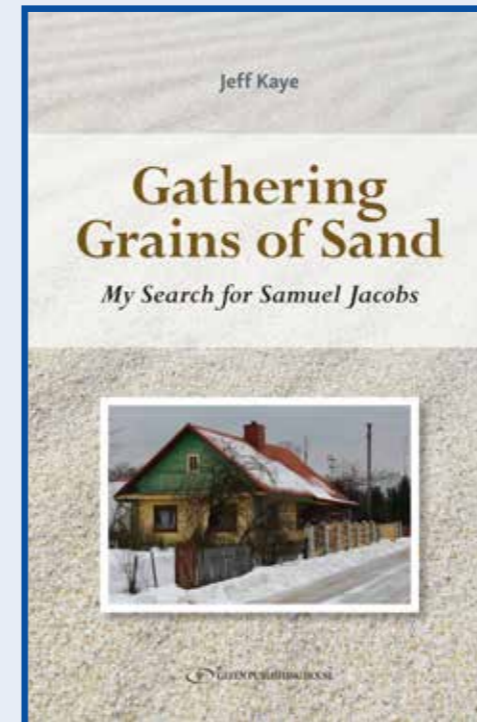
Mark Mann

In August, SJAC's fundraising team led by Jane Tobias welcomed Mark Mann, celebrity and advertising photographer - our first online speaker event. Mark spoke from New York and SJAC friends viewed worldwide. A successful event. Thank you Mark!



Gathering Grains of Sand

SJAC's online fundraising event on 18th October featured Glasgow-born Jeff Kaye, who lives in Israel.



He spoke about his new book, telling the story of his great grandfather, Samuel Jacobs, a Lithuanian Jewish immigrant to Scotland and a kosher butcher in the Gorbals. Jeff described his research, including sources made available by the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre and his journey back to Lithuania. He told the audience that *'without the Archives Centre, there would have been no book!'*



Jeff Kaye



Samuel Jacobs

Mystery Photo

Can you identify the people in this photograph?

Contact the Archives Centre at info@sjac.org.uk.

Please ask us for information about how you can help us through our Legacy Campaign, or about our FREE will writing arrangements with McLure Solicitors.



Celebrating Jewish Archives in Britain

The Archives Centre is participating in a new project called Hidden Treasures - Celebrating Jewish Archives in Britain (<https://celebratingjewisharchives.org/>).

So far, around forty archives and museums have signed up to this venture which aims to showcase collections from across the UK that tell the story of Jews and their experiences in Britain.



Hidden Treasures

CELEBRATING JEWISH ARCHIVES IN BRITAIN

Covid Collection

Like other archives around Britain, the Archives Centre has been creating a collection showing the Jewish experience in Scotland during the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown. This currently consists of nearly 200 paper items or digital files relating to 20 or more congregations, organisations, charities and committees in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen. There are newsletters, press cuttings, leaflets, emails and personal lockdown stories - even a poem!

