



Welcome to our latest Newsletter...

The Archives Centre has been closed during Lockdown, but we continue to respond to requests for information, where possible, and to plan for the new Heritage Centre – see below. We hope to return to open access and our programme of events as soon as possible – watch this space!

Update - Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre - a partnership project by The Scottish Jewish Archives Centre (SJAC) and Garnethill Synagogue Preservation Trust (GSPT).

At the end of November 2019 our project was awarded an additional £58,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to fund the unexpected architectural works that had been identified. We were all delighted when, on 27 January 2020, the contractor Elmwood Projects started on site for a planned 12-week schedule.

Unfortunately, we have since been impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19). On 24th March the contractor, to protect the health and wellbeing of their staff, closed their workshop and offices and stopped work on site. Now in June, with the easing of Lockdown restrictions, the contractor is putting in place safe working practices and resuming work on site. Schedules are hard to fix firmly just now but we all hope for, and are working for, the launch as soon as possible.

Much is ready to roll when we get the green light and we continue to progress elements as best we can and to meet via Zoom. We are delighted to have recruited the SJHC Manager and a start date will be arranged once works are back on schedule.

Thanks to the Events and Activities Group volunteers, research and preparing content continues for the first temporary exhibition, focussing on the founding of Garnethill Synagogue in 1879. Volunteer training and recruitment will resume when we know the works schedule.

A small volunteer team continues to raise revenue funds to give the new Centre a firm financial footing for its first 5 years. If you would like to assist with this, please let us know.



Training volunteers for the new Heritage Centre

We are grateful to our capital funders who are bearing with us through the delays: The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR), The Wolfson Family Charitable Trust, The German Federal Government and The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF).

For further information on this or any aspect of the project, please email info@sjac.org.uk

**Thank you
Million Dollar Round Table!**



Jack Silverstone (above) and fellow fundraisers Harvey Livingston and Bernard Cohen are applying to individuals and charitable trusts for revenue funds for the Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre project so that it has a firm financial footing for its first 5 years.

We are grateful for the generous support of The Million Dollar Round Table.

History Students' Seminar

In November, SJAC once again provided a presentation for Glasgow University Honours History students studying immigration and refugees in Europe in the 20th Century. The students were able to view original documents and material from the SJAC collections.



Dr Benjamin White with students

Dr Phil Alexander – A Tale of Two Cantors

In March, musician and British Academy Research Fellow at the University of Glasgow, Dr. Phil Alexander was our latest fundraising brunch speaker.



Dr Phil Alexander, Phyllis Yaffy (granddaughter of Rev. Fomin), event supporter Judith Gillis and Harvey Kaplan.

From the collections:



Morris and Annie Amdor and family in front of their shop in Leith, Edinburgh c1929

A Lockdown Project!

There has been an enthusiastic response to our Lockdown Project. We asked people to tell us about their family's immigration story, about memories of Calderwood Lodge, or about how lockdown has affected them and their families.

Please keep the contributions coming!



Elaine Angell's ancestor, Jechiel Sternstein, was one of a number of Jewish photographers in Glasgow in the late 19th Century.

Chief Rabbi Visits Archives Centre

In February, Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis visited the Archives Centre and Garnethill Synagogue. He commented: 'Congratulations on all your truly outstanding work to preserve memories of the past for the sake of our future'.



Chief Rabbi hears about plans for the Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre from Fiona Brodie and Deborah Haase.

Jennie Milne – An Extraordinary Journey

In January, award-winning photographer Jennie Milne spoke at an SJAC fundraising brunch about her 'extraordinary journey,' as she pieced together her family's history.



Jane Tobias, chair of Fundraising Committee; Delia Berkley, sponsor, with her mother, Shirley Berkley; Jennie Milne; genealogist Michael Tobias and Harvey Kaplan.

Interfaith Scotland



In January, The Archives Centre hosted the Interfaith Scotland Tackling Hate Together Dialogue Event in Garnethill Synagogue

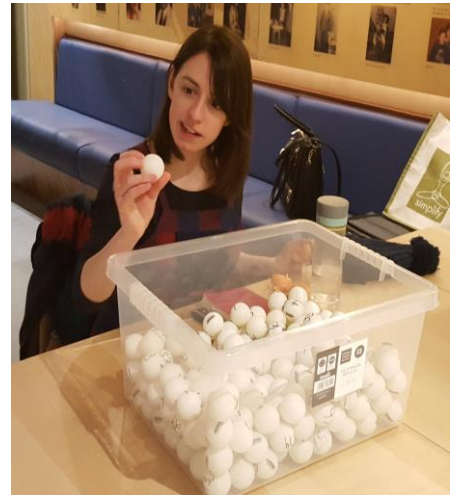
Visitors – before lockdown!



Kelvinbridge Beavers, November 2019

200 CLUB WINNERS

January: Dr Kenneth Collins
February: Charles Drecksler
March: Sandra Gladstone
April: Mark Cohen
May: Gordon Plotkin



Volunteer Sam Smart draws February winner



Glasgow University
Introduction to
Judaism students



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Centre by becoming our Friend!
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(couples £25) and you will be
sent a newsletter twice yearly.
Contact Howard Brodie at
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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

Other than Open Days, the Archives Centre is open by
appointment only (telephone 0141 332 4911)

Check out the Archives website at

www.sjac.org.uk e-mail: info@sjac.org.uk

**SJAC has had to halt its fundraising events ~ donations will be very welcome
at this time to help SJAC cover its overheads and care for the collections.**

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