

GLASGOW JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



JUNE 2020

A Letter from the President

Dear all,

The landscape of our current world is ever changing. Our community remains well placed as the Scottish Government starts to ease lockdown over the coming weeks and months. We need to remain cautious, but we can be optimistic in that we have and will continue to work so well together to ensure that we keep each other safe and follow the guidelines.

Our synagogues have continued to hold regular zoom events and services, which have opened up to members and non-members alike. We will need to continue to consider the situation and government guidelines and be realistic about what we can and cannot do with regards to services and in particular high holy days. I'm pleased to see a forward thinking and collaborative approach by our communal leaders.

I hope this newsletter finds you well, safe and healthy. We will continue to keep you updated with events and news over the coming weeks and months.

Our contact details are attached should you have anything you'd like to talk to us about.

Warm wishes,

Paul Edlin
President of the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council



Solidarity with the Roma Community

The Jewish Community was shocked and disgusted to hear that the memorial to Roma victims of the Nazis in Queens Park has again been desecrated so soon after similar vandalism last November.

The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities and the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council have issued a joint statement of support and solidarity with the Roma Community.

Read our statement here: <https://www.jewishglasgow.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Statement-of-Solidarity-GJRCSCoJeC.pdf>

CST to Welcome New Chief Executive

CST Chief Executive David Delew has announced that he will stand down after seven years in the position. We would like to take this opportunity to thank David for his incredible work with CST for almost 30 years.

We are pleased to hear that current Deputy Chief Executive Mark Gardner will be taking over the position in September. We wish Mark every success in his new position and we look forward to working with him more going forward.

Read more here: <https://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/chief-executive-of-the-cst-to-stand-down-in-august/>

Commission on Racial Inclusivity in the Jewish Community

The Board of Deputies has announced their intention to form a Commission on Racial Inclusivity in the Jewish Community, chaired by journalist Stephen Bush.

To read more, visit <https://www.bod.org.uk/board-of-deputies-to-launch-commission-on-racial-inclusivity-in-the-jewish-community/>

Those who are interested in participating in this project should contact anthony.silkoff@bod.org.uk.

Scotland's Jewish Coffee Morning

"From Shetland to the Borders – come and join us!"

A virtual coffee morning is being held on the 21st June at 11AM.

If you have an artefact, painting or any other object linked to a personal story, please feel free to share it on the call, or just enjoy listening in with a cup of coffee.

To register, visit www.tinyurl.com/scotlandsjewishcoffee.

For further information, contact events@scojec.org.

Pride Month

June is Pride Month – which is usually marked by colourful parades across the world, most of which have been cancelled due to COVID19.

KeshetUK, who support LGBT+ people in the community have moved their work online. To find out more about their wonderful work, please see -

<https://www.keshetuk.org/>

Happy Pride!

Art Sessions

UJIA's Glasgow Youthworker Sydney is leading a weekly craft session for P3-P6 with The Zone in Leeds, and encourages children in Glasgow to join in. These free sessions will be held every Tuesday at 4.15PM.

For more information, contact Sydney at glasgow.youthworker@ujia.org

Volunteering Opportunity

The Queen's Park Charitable Trust are seeking teens, or families with older children, to do the mitzvah of volunteering with light weeding and tidying of the cemetery. Social distancing precautions will be in place.

Interested volunteers should contact adam@aberkley.com.

Jewish Care Scotland

During these challenging times, Jewish Care Scotland have been doing their best to offer a helping hand. Since April, they have made over 1000 phone calls to their clients and have worked hard to provide practical and emotional support. In addition, they have delivered shopping, hot Kosher meals and care packages to individual and families.

Jewish Care Scotland are there to support anyone who feels they need someone to talk to, who are perhaps experiencing emotional or financial difficulty or have any other issues where they need help, advocate or just be a listening ear.

To get in touch with Jewish Care Scotland, call 0141 620 1800 Monday to Thursday 9am-9pm; Friday 9am – 3pm and someone will be there to help.

Newark Care

Newark Care's isolation units are working well and they have had 6 new admissions who have all now cleared quarantine. They are continuing to rebuild occupancy numbers in each home but there are still rooms available.

Unfortunately, Newark Care are unable to offer any additional subsidised places for the time being.

Burnfield has undergone its first blanket testing of all staff. Every result was negative. Westacres tests took place on Wednesday 17th June.

Blanket testing is being done weekly. All staff will be tested on the same day, even those on days off, and their details need to be entered online each time with a barcode matched to their individual test.

To contact Newark Care, call 0141 621 2560.



Pulling Together

Pulling Together continues to evolve and change according to the needs of the community.

In the last week volunteers have put together PPE Gifts for isolating individuals and families which are being distributed through the various Shuls. Around 650 gift bags containing anti-bacterial spray, hand gel, anti-viral hand sanitiser, face masks and rubber gloves have been given to Shuls in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen.

Volunteers continue to do supermarket shopping for vulnerable people, support some isolating people and to pick up prescriptions and signpost to other voluntary and statutory services.

Any ideas for developing Pulling Together would be welcomed by Ethne or Joe.

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Technical Support

The Glasgow Jewish Representative Council is keen to offer support and assistance to those in the community who would like help with technology.

If you, or someone you know, would like some assistance to stay in touch with loved ones please call the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council on **07377 992 918** and together explore if we can use available technology and knowledge to help you.

Community Calendar

The Glasgow Jewish Representative Council Community Calendar can be found at <https://www.jewishglasgow.org/events/>.

We would like to encourage local organisations to add their events to the calendar

More information on how to add events to the calendar can be found at <https://www.jewishglasgow.org/calendar-instructions/>.



Scottish Government Guidance

Information and guidance around Coronavirus from the Scottish Government can be found on their website. It is updated regularly.

See more at <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Glasgow Community Hub

Hundreds of people are being helped via the Glasgow phonenumber launched for city residents who are struggling during the Covid-19 pandemic.

A website has been launched outlining the range of support on offer via the Glasgow Helps hub which is a partnership between Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector (GCVS), Volunteer Glasgow, Glasgow City Council and Glasgow's Health and Social Care Partnership. The hub was established by GCVS in response to the lockdown and growing number of people having to self-isolate during the crisis.

For more information, visit: <https://www.glasgowhelps.org>





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