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Welcome to Jewish Care Scotland's latest newsletter. If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter please contact [Sally](#). Enjoy!



New team and new plans for 2019!

First all, hello from the brand new events and fundraising team at Jewish Care Scotland. Sally Poppenbeck and Helena Winocour have both started in the last few months, and we're really excited to be part of the JCS family. We have a lot of big ideas for the next year, which we are looking forward to sharing with you all. Watch this space for the new events calendar which we hope you'll be able to see on our website soon.

If you want to make sure you don't miss out on anything, then just click the link below.

[Tell me more about events!](#)

As you already know, we're excited that *Little Britain* writer, and internationally acclaimed Jewish comedian Ashley Blaker is coming to Parklands Country Club where he will be performing for ONE NIGHT ONLY on 27th June. Tickets are selling quickly, so get in touch to make sure you don't miss out. Of course, if you're a bit more of an outdoors type of person, then the Maccabi Fun Run will be taking place at 2 pm on 2nd June at Rouken Glen Park. There is no minimum speed but, more excitingly, **do it for JCS and we'll pay your registration fee!**

Click on the link below to register



Passover the Matzo!

Well, it's been all go in April and May for our events team at Jewish Care Scotland! We sprung into Spring with Pesach in April, with almost 90 people joining in with the *manishtana* and *dayenu*. For many of those attending the Jewish Care Scotland Seder is the only opportunity to attend a Seder. They may have no family members living locally and would otherwise be on their own during this important Jewish festival. Rabbi Rubin, who was at the symbolic Seder said "The nicest part of this pre-Seder event (besides the food!) was listening to everyone talking about their different traditions and songs and what makes Pesach special to them. A real time of sharing."



Passover food can be very expensive and the costs can prevent many people who are struggling financially from being able to keep a traditional kosher Pesach. For others who are socially isolated a visit and a Pesach parcel allows them to feel part of their community and Pesach. Jewish Care Scotland were able to help ease the burden for more than 20 families with special Pesach food parcels.

Meanwhile, outdoors, Jewish Care Scotland had 17 tartan heroes who took part in the biggest Kiltwalk ever on Sunday 28th April. A record 13,000 people took part in the event which began at Glasgow Green and finished at Balloch Park, Loch Lomond. There were three different distances the Kiltwalkers could take part in: the 'Mighty Stride' 23-mile walk, a 15-mile "Big Stroll" or the six mile "Wee Wander". Something for everyone! Every distance covered was a triumph for those who took part. Most of the JCS walkers walked the full 23 miles from Glasgow Green to Loch Lomond and raised an amazing £5,000!!!



Chief Exec Julie Marshall speaks about the future for Jewish Care Scotland...

"It's exciting times at Jewish Care Scotland as we finalise our consultation process. Over the last 9 months we have tasked Thrive consultancy to find out what the Jewish community in Scotland think about Jewish Care Scotland but also what you see as your vision for the charity as it moves forward into the future during times of great financial uncertainty. The response from the community has been amazing and I am so grateful to each and every one of you who took the time to give your views and have your say on the future of the organisation.

Just now the JCS board, along with myself, are considering the feedback from the consultation and we are looking forward to sharing this with you as soon as we can - so watch this space!

You'll have noticed that there is lots happening at the moment in Jewish Care Scotland and most importantly I am looking into how we support and improve our volunteer engagement, our volunteer development and our volunteer appreciation processes. Having worked with volunteers for a long time, I know only too well the value of the contribution from people like yourselves. This is why getting it right not only for volunteers but also for those we all care and support is so important. I look forward to getting to know you all better and hope to offer a get together, like our gathering in November, where we will have an opportunity to chat about how your role is going and how we can improve what we do for those we care for."

In the meantime, if you are a volunteer and have something to say before November, remember that we're always happy to hear from you. Just drop us a line on 0141 620 1800 and arrange to pop in for a chat or ask Julie to get in touch.

Did you know...?



Jewish immigrants are thought to have brought the tradition of eating smoked salmon to Scotland! Jewish people in Eastern Europe had been smoking fish for some time and applied this technique to the native Scottish salmon to great effect. Now it's a national dish!

The 500 Club

Recent Winners

January: Sharon Mail

February: Robin Boles

March: Linda Hecht

April: David Kaye

The 500 Club is a rewarding way to support JCS whilst giving you the chance to win a cash prize! All you do is donate £5 every month for a minimum of 12 months and you will be entered into the monthly draw.

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