



Spring has come at last and with lighter nights we all tend to feel much more optimistic as we look ahead.

I sense something of that optimism as we look forward to the next few months at JCS. We have



new staff members joining us and bringing with them a wealth of experience; the three Jewish care organisations are talking together and working more closely than ever before; we are planning for the purchase of new minibuses when our fundraising is complete; and, despite a lot of change, we see many happy faces every day as we continue

with the quality work of all our clubs.

I am privileged to lead a committed and enthusiastic staff team and, with the stalwart support of an army of volunteers, we are providing a huge amount of support to a wide variety of people in the Jewish community.

In addition to this, we have productive and forward looking Board Meetings as our Directors aim to provide leadership for JCS today and careful planning to ensure that the work continues for years and decades to come.

It is clear that JCS is unique – no other community in Scotland has an organisation like this. When you have something so special it becomes the responsibility of everyone to rally round and to strengthen and preserve it. Thank you for the contribution you make, financially or through investing your time as a volunteer (or both!). There are so many ways to get involved and you can read about many of them in this newsletter.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have ideas or skills which you would like to share through JCS.

Best wishes,
Kevin Simpson
CEO

Kosher Kitchens and JCS

From April 1st all meals at JCS are being provided by Kosher Kitchens. Gary is the chef and has great experience of Kashrut and is very imaginative when it comes to menu planning.

We are looking forward to working closely with Kosher Kitchens and the aim is that our clients will be able to feed in their menu ideas and together we will plan healthy, varied and delicious meals for all our activities.



Staff News

We are delighted to welcome new staff to JCS and look forward to having the benefit of their wide range of skills and experience.

Vicki McPhee is the new Team Leader for Day Services and has vast experience in this kind of work. We look forward to her bringing new ideas and enthusiasm to the work of the clubs.

Ronnie McColl is the Deputy Team Leader and together with Vicki they have recruited a new

Day Care staff team, which includes Jane Crumlish, Lyndsey Allan and Magda Kepa. As a team they will take forward the excellent work of all our clubs.

Sarah Rushbrooke is our new Community Engagement Officer and has great enthusiasm for social media and fundraising. You will be hearing a lot from Sarah in the months ahead and don't be surprised if she is asking for your help one way or another!



Vicki



Ronnie



Jane



Lyndsey



Magda



Sarah

All That Jazz!

Our first ever Jazz Brunch proved to be a huge success and raised a fantastic **£5,000!** It was the bright idea of Victor Coats, a dedicated volunteer.

The very talented Alan Benzie and his band provided the live music for the function. The superb music was accompanied with a delicious

brunch catered by Mark's Deli.

The function was completely sold out and had an ever growing waiting list. We have had great feedback from the guests, who really enjoyed the music and opportunity to socialise with friends and family, as well supporting JCS - many are hopeful there will be a Jazz Brunch 2017!



Excellence in Social Care

We have launched a Feasibility Study in conjunction with Cosgrove Care and Newark Care and this is looking at how we can work more closely together and more efficiently.

We have asked Community Enterprise Scotland to undertake this work for us: we believe that by using an independent consultant we will get a very balanced and honest picture of how we can

work better together in the future. There will be a lot of consultation over the next few months and then we look forward to receiving the report early in August.

We are grateful to the JLC, the Glasgow Jewish Community Trust and the Jewish Blind Society (Scotland) for helping with the cost of this important piece of work.

Volunteer News

Volunteers are at the heart of JCS and enable us to maintain vital services. We are extremely grateful for all of the time and skills that our volunteers donate. We will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Event on **Wednesday 8th June**, as part of Volunteers' Week. This will take place at **6 – 8pm** in the Day Centre. We hope lots of our volunteers will be able to attend!

Volunteering can be extremely beneficial. It can help you gain more confidence, meet new people, learn new skills and most importantly make a difference!

We are always keen to welcome new volunteers, so if you're interested in volunteering contact Jennifer Watson, Volunteer Services Coordinator, on jenniferw@jcarescot.org.uk



Minibus Appeal

The saying goes that you wait for a bus and then two come along at once. This is the position we are in at the moment because all our buses are old and tired and we are aiming to replace them with two new buses as soon as possible.

Although we have operated with three buses in the past, we feel that we can work more efficiently and, with a few tweaks to our programme, we can manage with two – this makes economic sense and eases the strain in terms of finding drivers.

Our desire is to purchase two new minibuses and a wheelchair accessible car.

We are now fundraising to get to a point where we can purchase these vehicles. You can visit justgiving.com/jcarescot to make a donation or contact Elspeth Campbell on **0141 620 1800**.



Yom Ha'atzmaut at JCS

The celebrations kicked off with the wonderful Thistle Club choir, led by Eddie Binnie, singing traditional Israeli folk songs. They sang Hava Nagalia with extra gusto! Visit our Facebook page to watch a video of their performance.

The kitchen provided the club members with a traditional Israeli lunch. This was followed by entertainment hosted by Adele Conn, which included a documentary called Tel-Aviv-Jaffa

and then an interview with Matthew Goldring, the current UJIA youth worker.

To mark the occasion the Day Care staff also decorated the Day Centre with lots of bunting and Israeli flags.





How you can help

Getting social

Over the coming few months we will be giving our social media pages a new lease of life. Our Facebook and Twitter pages are a great way to spread the word about JCS and to keep up to date with all our latest news. You can find '**Jewish Care Scotland**' on Facebook and LinkedIn or **@JCareScot** on Twitter.

If you have a story or event you want to feature on-line please get in touch with Sarah Rushbrooke on **0141 620 1800** or **sarahr@jcarescot.org.uk**



There's many different ways you can show your support for **Jewish Care Scotland**:

- Make a donation
- Leave a gift in your will
- Volunteer with us
- Take on a challenge
- Join the 500 Club
- Attend one of our events

For more information please contact Elspeth Campbell, Fundraising Manager, on **0141 620 1800** or email **elspethc@jcarescot.org.uk**



Upcoming events

We have lots of exciting events coming up in the next few months!

On **Sunday 24th July** Laura and Derek Harrison will be opening their beautiful garden for JCS. Next up will be our first ever **Cycle Challenge** which will take place on **Sunday 28th August**. Hopefully the sun will be shining! And towards the end of Summer our new **Golf Day** will be launched on **Thursday 15th September**.

If you want to get involved with any of these please get in touch with Elspeth Campbell on **0141 620 1800** or email **elspethc@jcarescot.org.uk**

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