



Welcome to the first newsletter of our 160th year!



Our Chanukah Party

The ever-popular Jewish Care Scotland Chanukah party was a resounding success. One of our Thistle club members described it as: "the best Chanukah party so far!"

JLGB and other young volunteers from the Jewish Community had kindly made an array of beautiful decorations, including hand print menorahs, 3D dreidel bunting and paperchains. As well as these decorations JCS volunteers had dressed the room with fresh, festive flowers.

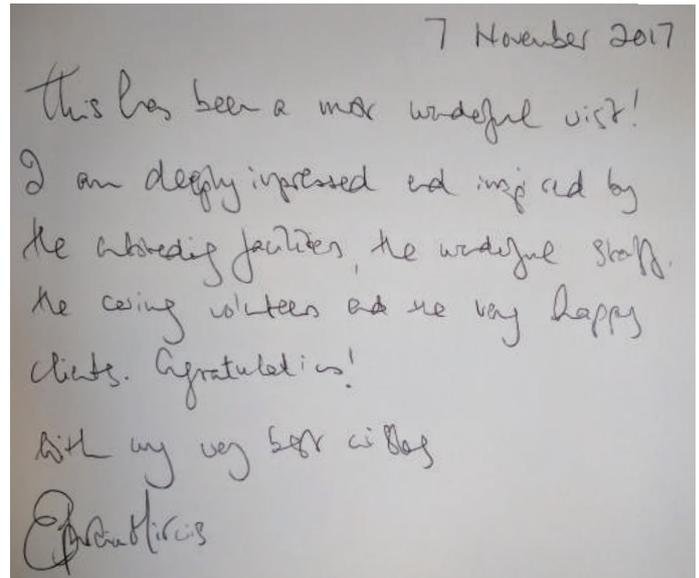
Kosher Kitchens provided a traditional Chanukah lunch with latkes and doughnuts.

This year was particularly special as Freda Barnett, a regular JCS club member, was celebrating her 95th birthday. Her family joined the Chanukah party and all enjoyed a slice of birthday cake!

The afternoon finished with all the guests receiving a fruit basket that had been prepared by our volunteers.

Our Chanukah party gives everyone the opportunity to celebrate Chanukah. For a variety of different reasons not everyone can celebrate Chanukah, so our annual party gives them the opportunity to enjoy the festivities in a warm and welcoming environment.

Chief Rabbi's visit to JCS



Jewish Care Scotland were honoured with a visit from Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis in early November.

The Chief Rabbi gave a short speech and said to the all of the club members: "I want to thank you for being such an inspiration to me".

Club members and volunteers enjoyed a special afternoon tea whilst the Chief Rabbi took the time

to talk to each individual table.

Maureen Solomons, JCS Honorary President, presented the Chief Rabbi with a gift from JCS.

Before leaving the Chief Rabbi wrote a message in our Book of Life: "This has been a most wonderful visit! I am deeply impressed and inspired by the outstanding facilities, the wonderful staff, the caring volunteers and the very happy clients. Congratulations!"

Our 160th Anniversary

This year is our 160th anniversary! There will be several exciting events for you to get involved with over the course of the year.

Over the next few weeks Sarah, Fundraising and Communications Officer, will be collecting stories from our volunteers, club members, supporters and staff members and would love to hear yours. Whether it is a one-sentence long memory,

or a collection of photos or a whole book worth of stories - anything and everything is welcome!

Please get in touch with Sarah if you would like to share your story:

Email: sarahr@jcarescot.org.uk

Telephone: 0141 620 1800

Post: Sarah Rushbrooke, Jewish Care Scotland, May Terrace, Giffnock, G46 6LD

THE 500 CLUB

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

To sign up or for more info please contact **Sarah** on **0141 620 1800**.

WINNERS

September 2017: **Carole Walton**

October 2017: **Maureen Solomons**

November 2017: **Brenda Purcell**

December 2017: **Michael Tobias**

A Killer Fundraiser



flickering red pillar candles and black velvet decorated the windowsills. After a welcome drink the night's thrilling entertainment began. It was provided by It's a Complete Mystery, a Scottish based theatrical company .

Guests enjoyed a buffet catered by Kosher Kitchens. The evening continued with audience members asking the characters questions and finished with the murderer being revealed.

Richard Groden, JCS Chairman, thanked everyone who attended the events and the generosity of sponsors and supporters.

We held our first ever Murder Mystery on Saturday 25th November at Maccabi, Giffnock. The new fundraising event attracted 95 people and raised vital funds for JCS.

Maccabi had been transformed with a striking red and black colour scheme; the décor included gothic, black candelabras entwined with ivy,

Head to www.jcarescot.org.uk/behind-the-scenes to see timelapse footage of Maccabi being transformed for the event!

Caring for our community since 1858

Ann's Retirement



Ann Coyle retired from JCS on Friday 5th January. Ann had worked as a Case Worker with JCS since 2007 and she will be greatly missed!

Martin Livington, JCS Finance Officer, presented Ann with gifts, flowers and bubbly on her final day at the Walton Community Care Centre.

We wish her the best of luck in all of her future endeavours.

Magen David Poppy Appeal



Francis Samuels, JCS volunteer, placed 56 Magen David poppies in the Glasgow Memorial Garden, George Square on Sunday 5th November 2017. It raised a fantastic £84 for Royal British Legion.

Francis wanted to find a way for all at JCS to participate directly in the UK wide Remembrance Sunday 2017 commemorations. The wooden Magen David poppies were a brilliant way to get involved.



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Tough Mudder

JCS are taking on Tough Mudder Half! Think you're tough enough to take on the challenge?

The event takes place on **Sunday 17th June** and costs £37.05 to take part. It takes place at Drumlanrig Castle, Dumfries and Galloway. The course is 5 miles long and includes 13 obstacles. There's limited spaces available. We are asking participants to fundraise for JCS.

Contact Elspeth on **0141 620 1800** or elspethc@jcarescot.org.uk to take part.

Join our Befriending team

We are currently looking for befrienders to join our volunteer team. The role involves meeting regularly with a client in their own home, on a one to one basis. The clients who access this service include those who are socially isolated or for whatever reason cannot attend our clubs at the Day Centre.

Visits will be within the East Renfrewshire and Glasgow area. No experience needed; we will provide training to all new volunteers. Just an hour a fortnight could make all the difference in the world.

Contact Ellen McVey, Volunteer Manager, for more information on **0141 620 1800** or ellenm@jcarescot.org.uk.

Round Pound Roundup

Thank you to everyone who got involved with this campaign! We to raised a fantastic £433.

Whether you handed in a completed coin card or popped a pound coin into a collection bucket, we are extremely grateful. Your donation will go towards maintaining our vital services for those most in need.

If you find any more old pound coins we are still able to accept them. Just bring them to JCS and hand them in at Reception.

Dates for your Diary

Volunteer Coffee Evening

Save the date! We will be kicking off our 160th anniversary celebrations with a Volunteer Coffee Evening on **Thursday 7th June**. More details to follow.

Maccabi Fun Run

Take part in the Maccabi Fun Run and fundraise for JCS! It takes place on **Sunday 24th June** at Rouken Glen Park.

For more information or to get involved with any of the events please contact the Fundraising Team on **0141 620 1800** or sarahr@jcarescot.org.uk.