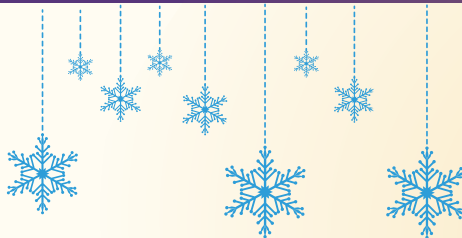


January 2025

# Winter newsletter

Jewish Care Scotland



## Chanukah Lunch



### Featuring:

JCS's Chanukah celebrations, news from the Jewish Blind Society, voluntary news and opportunities, Lennie's latest discussion panel and more!



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Rita and Jean at L'Chaims pre-Chanukah lunch 💜

## 2025 is here!

The new year stands before us like a chapter in a book waiting to be written...

Goodbye Chanukah songs, Sufganiyot, lighting the menorah and December - hello fresh starts, crisp mornings and weather warnings!

We're excited to share our winter activities - highlighting our volunteer teams' achievements, youth work with Shayna at the Scottish Jewish Youth Alliance, community fundraising, emergency cold weather contact numbers and more.

Jewish Care Scotland wish you a healthy, happy 2025 and look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

## Coming up:

JCS: Volunteer recruitment fair

Wednesday 12 February  
12pm - 3pm



Priscilla Barlow:  
Duncan Macrae biography presentation

Wednesday 12 March  
1.30- 2.30pm



Unlock your potential!

## We're collecting feedback...

Your opinion matters, we'd like you to help us plan and develop what we do next!

[Click here to fill out our questionnaire.](#)

# Chanukah celebrations

*With thanks to Sky's  
'Time to Care' team!*

In December our Welcome Wednesday group celebrated Chanukah with a pre-Chanukah gathering with food, entertainment and raffle prizes!

Thanks to JCS's volunteer team and Sky's Time To Care team - a great time was had by all. Until next year...

## We raised £222!

Thank you for supporting our Chanukah raffle, those who purchased tickets and all those who kindly donated a prize. Together we raised £222!



# How can I make a donation to JCS?

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## Send funds via Bank Transfer

Jewish Care Scotland  
Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland  
Sortcode: 83-20-22  
A/C: 00286768

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## Credit and Debit Cards

You can set up a standing order directly with your bank or you can set up a regular payment through your banking app.

If you would like to make a donation to a specific service this can also be arranged by email or phone.

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## Cheque



Send us a cheque to:  
Jewish Care Scotland, The Walton  
Community Care Centre, May Terrace,  
Giffnock, G46 6LD

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## Smart Giving and JustGiving

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Don't just give smart give

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SmartGiving and JustGiving are online charitable giving facilities who work similarly to online banking accounts, but for charitable giving and donations only.

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## Other:

- CAF vouchers
- KKL vouchers
- Via our website
- We accept cash donations.

# Scottish Jewish Youth Alliance

Jewish Care Scotland x Maccabi

## Arts & crafts

In November Jewish Care Scotland was invited to collaborate with Shayna at the Scottish Jewish Youth Alliance. JCS's Cally and Nicole joined Shayna and the Maccabi group to connect and get crafty making some watercolour paper roses out of coffee filters to be shared with JCS's Wellbeing Hub group!



## Intergenerational playlist

Cally, Nicole, Shayna and the young people at SJYA spent the evening creating a playlist of songs that would be shared with Jewish Care Scotland's Wellbeing Hub.

Intergenerational connection is something that gives both age groups a sense of belonging while positively impacting individual wellbeing.



# Volunteer recruitment fair

Could you be the newest member of our volunteer team?



If you have a passion for connecting people and want to make a meaningful difference to the Jewish community, we want to hear from you!

12 - 3pm  
Wednesday 12 February 2025  
The Walton Community Care Centre, May Terrace, Giffnock





## Useful emergency numbers for the winter months:

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SP Energy - 0345 270 0700  
Breathing Space - 0800 83 85 87  
Gas Emergency: 0800 111 999  
Samaritans - 116 123  
NHS24 - 111

# Jewish Volunteer Network awards

*Shortlisted!*

## Welcome Wednesday team

This year we are delighted to announce that the Welcome Wednesday volunteer team were shortlisted for the Jewish Volunteering Network 2025 Awards. The prestigious ceremony took place in Hertfordshire on Sunday 19 January where the nations' volunteers were celebrated.



## JCS's volunteer of the year nominee, Marilyn Low:

In her own words she says "You have to love yourself, even if you don't like yourself. There's a lot more anxiety for young people because of what's happening in the world, it's hard to get your head wrapped round it. So that's why voluntary work is good because if you feel like you're doing something useful, it's all you can do."



If you would like to watch the video of the awards ceremony, please click here.



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Whisky & Gin Tasting  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
10% discount with code

Downpour Coast & Croft  
Gin - 40%

3. Edinburgh Can...  
Gin - 57.2%

ak - 46.3%

# Spirit of Scotland

## Whisky & gin tasting

Last week we celebrated Burns Night a little early at Walton Community Care Centre. We welcomed guests to enjoy Scottish canapés including haggis bon bons from Mark's Deli, with thanks to our sponsors Martin Aitken.

Matthew from the Good Spirits Company led us through a fun and interactive tasting sessions sampling six drams of some of the finest Scottish gins and whiskies

Congratulations to our prize draw winners, and a huge thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser. We are delighted to announce that the event raised over £1,500, cheers to that!



# JCS's Bucket lists...



Thanks to a generous contribution from the Jewish Respite Fund, people supported by Jewish Care Scotland have recently been able to enjoy a special, one-off 'Bucket List' outing. They've been offered the chance to take a trip or choose a special outing that they might not be able to do without support. So far, these have included Len's trip to hear live music, Sylvia's evening at the ballet, a visit to an owl sanctuary, a visit to Kelvingrove Art Gallery and the exploration of a model railway exhibition.

"The Bucket List outings have been a huge hit with those who have experienced them so far, with some more still to come!"

Evelyn had a great time visiting the owls with Jaq, and achieving her lifelong dream of having an owl perched on her arm. Her favourite was this brown owl, Tony!





## Younger women with a voice

Hosted by Lennie Wilson on Wednesday 11 December.  
Joined by guest speakers (L - R) Orli Schechter, Tracy  
Levy-Vallance, Vicki McPhee and Amy Murray.



Vicki McPhee: "Women used to have to make a choice between corporate success and starting a family. Today, there is a greater understanding that jointly prioritising family time and personal wellbeing can define true success."

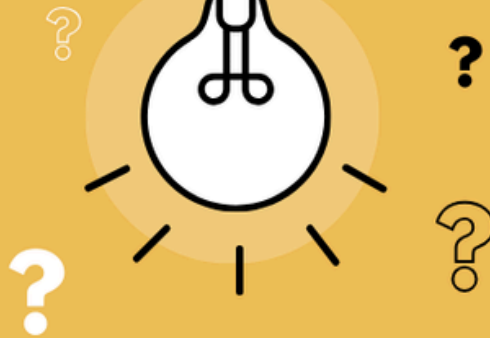
## Are you clued up on AI?

Artificial Intelligence  
Wednesday 26 February

**Get in touch to join our discussion!**



JEWISH BLIND SOCIETY (SCOTLAND)



## Did you know?

The Jewish Blind Society offer technology grant to improve the lives of those eligible.

Get in touch today by calling 0141 620 3339  
or emailing [info@jbsscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@jbsscotland.org.uk)

The Jewish Blind Society (Scotland) provides assistance to people in the Jewish community who are registered blind or partially sighted. The Society also offers support to those who suffer from a physical disability and are a non-ambulant or have a chronic or terminal illness, or have age-related conditions.