

Visiting

To ensure your visit is enjoyable and Covid-19 safe, booking is essential. To find out more and to book, go to: www.sjhc.org.uk
email: info@sjhc.org.uk or call on: 0141 332 4151

Weekday Guiding Service

Trained volunteer guides will be delighted to show you around our beautiful building and guide you through the displays, highlighting architectural features, sharing fascinating stories about early congregation members and much more. Book via our website.

School Visit Service

We welcome educational visits from primary and secondary pupils and college groups, exploring a range of topics including Judaism and the Jewish way of life, migration to Scotland in the 19th and 20th centuries, and Holocaust studies incorporating refugee experiences. See our website for more information.

Social Studies Literacy Expressive Arts
Religious and Moral Education
Health and Wellbeing

Access and toilets

Wheelchair access from Garnet Street and wheelchair ramp access at Hill Street entrance. Internal stairs between the floors. Wheelchair accessible toilet from Garnet Street entrance.

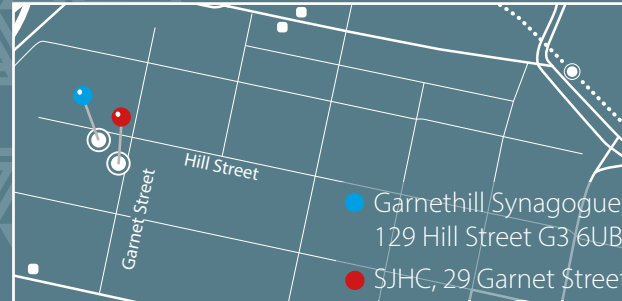
Food and drink

Please respect the kosher food rules and do not bring food or drink into the building. There are refreshment places very close by.

Events and activities

The most up-to-date information on events and activities can be found on our website.

How to get to us



See www.sjhc.org.uk for travel and parking information

Garnethill Hebrew Congregation

For congregation and synagogue service enquiries
email: info@garnethill.org.uk
or see: www.garnethill.org.uk

The Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre

The Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre has been created in partnership by Garnethill Synagogue Preservation Trust and the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre.

Our thanks for grants to create the Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre:
The National Lottery Heritage Fund;
The Association of Jewish Refugees; The Wolfson Family Charitable Trust; The Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Edinburgh; The Architectural Heritage Fund – William Grant Foundation; and Community Security Trust.

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Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre

Welcome



NOW OPEN!

- Scottish Refugee Council visitors
- Interior of Garnethill Synagogue
- Hans Gal & baby Eva, Edinburgh 1944
- Boys Hostel, Garnethill, 1939

Welcome to the Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre

Opened summer 2021.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Garnethill Synagogue Scotland's oldest synagogue

Opened in 1879 and still in use, this beautiful Category A-listed building is a unique example of high Victorian Glasgow architecture, complete with original furnishings and decorations.

A special exhibition celebrating the opening of Garnethill Synagogue

“A new and very handsome Synagogue”

Fascinating archives reveal how the congregation moved from the city centre into their new synagogue, in 1879. Learn about congregation leader Michael Simons, one time City Treasurer, chair of the committee to fit out Kelvingrove Art Gallery and builder of some of Glasgow's beloved theatres. Find out about the daily and working lives of congregation members at the time.

A captivating step into the new Victorian district of Garnethill.

A New Life in Scotland Over 200 years of Jewish experience in Scotland

Permanent exhibition on the Jewish immigrants settling in Scotland, from the late 1700s through to the present day communities. Fleeing poverty and persecution, the early immigrants were seeking religious tolerance, political freedom, educational opportunity and the chance to earn a better living.

The Succah display Scotland a Sanctuary

In the 1930s and 1940s some of the refugees fleeing from Nazi tyranny in Europe came to Scotland. A number of adults and children arrived before, during and after the Second World War. Many, previously unseen, archives tell us about the refugees and how people from all backgrounds throughout Scotland helped those in peril:

- View a timeline and map charting events in Europe and the response in Scotland from 1933 to 1945;
- Find out how people responded in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Ayr;
- Learn about the contribution made by refugees and survivors to Scottish society;
- Search the digitised Jewish Echo newspaper from 1928–1950;
- Search the digital catalogue of key items from the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre refugee-era collections.



The Scottish Jewish Archives Centre

The SJAC is dedicated to collecting, preserving and making accessible Scotland's Jewish heritage. Based in Garnethill Synagogue since 1987, the SJAC holds wide-ranging collections on all aspects of Jewish life in Scotland.

For collections, publications and research enquiries, email: info@sjac.org.uk and website: www.sjac.org.uk

Scottish Holocaust-era Study Centre

This new facility expands public access to the SJAC's extensive Holocaust-era collections and offers resources for schools, researchers and community groups. Resources include hands-on learning kits drawn from the SJAC's refugee collections, a digital catalogue with over 2,500 key items in the SJAC collections and digital access to the Glasgow weekly Jewish Echo newspaper 1928–1950.

Research and teaching room Specialist library

Shop

A range of books, cards and souvenir items can be found in our on-site shop and are also available online at www.sjac.org.uk/shop



- Synagogue stained glass (detail)
- Views from displays