

Beit Oleh America Netanya AACI

Scots Jews: Identity, Belonging and the Future



Photographic Exhibition

On Display at Netanya AACI

From Sunday 25 March until late May

Judah Passow and **Michael Mail** have compiled an exhibition of fascinating photographs which has been on tour and we are delighted to present their exhibition.

There have been Jews in Scotland since at least the 17th century, coming initially in ones and twos to study at Scotland's famed universities and then in increasing numbers through the 19th and into the 20th centuries as persecution in Eastern Europe made Jewish life increasingly precarious.

While maintaining its particular traditions, the Jewish community prided itself on the way it quickly became immersed in Scottish society. The religious, educational and welfare institutions established were expressions of communal confidence - and confidence in Scotland. Jews had arrived in a land, uniquely for Europe, that had no history of state-sanctioned anti-Semitism.

The sons and daughters of the Scottish Jewish community have gone on to make significant contributions in their fields, producing scientists and doctors, judges and MPs, artists and writers - and farmers and foresters, kilt makers and whisky distillers! It remains a small community, at its height never more than 16,000, yet big in spirit, with a breadth of activity that makes it seem many times larger. Jews came to Scotland seeking refuge - and found a home.

We hope to arrange a program with Michael and Judah in May – details to follow.

Exhibition at Netanya AACI, 28 Shmuel Hanaziv, Netanya.

For further information and details about programs and activities please see:

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