

## The Jewish Museum's Heritage Tour of Scotland and Northern Ireland: Lord Mayors and Traders

June 28 – July 9, 2010



When Jews first settled in Scotland is still not known though there is some evidence it dates back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century – with Jewish visitors and traders possibly as far back as Roman times. In any case, Scottish legend and folklore is permeated with Biblical allusions – including “Lia Fail,” the Stone of Destiny, [magical stone in Celtic mythology] which served as the coronation stone for the High Kings and is said to have been Jacob’s pillow in the Bible.

In Ireland, Jewish presence dates back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century with the first Synagogue being founded there in 1660. Since then, Jews have played important roles in Irish society – from Lord Mayors in Belfast, Dublin and Cork, to members of Parliament, the Diplomatic Service and the world of commerce and trade. Scotland, land of legend, folklore and inspirational, picturesque Highlands, and Northern Ireland - blessed with a magnificent and dramatic coastline, are the destinations of this special 2010 Jewish Museum trip.

This unique trip to Scotland and Northern Ireland will bring to life the heritage and tradition of the Jews of Scotland and Northern Ireland. Led by Ike and Becky Herschkopf, and guided by Conor Ellard, our journey will take us from majestic Edinburgh to the inspirational Scottish Highlands, from historic Belfast to the breathtaking, spectacular Antrim Coast and fabled Giants Causeway. Along the way, we will experience Scotland and Ireland’s breathtaking landscape, rugged coastline and verdant countryside as well as meet with members of the Jewish community in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Belfast.

We invite you to join us for a unique and fascinating experience!

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## **Monday, June 28**

Depart U.S.A. for Edinburgh, Scotland

## **Tuesday, June 29**

Arrive Edinburgh Airport... Check in to the five star, deluxe, legendary Balmoral Hotel – considered Edinburgh’s grandest hotel. This afternoon, we will begin our trip with a panoramic City Tour of Edinburgh - our first opportunity to view Scotland’s magnificent Capital City. Known for its superb architecture, Edinburgh is a sight to behold with such landmarks as Carlton Hill, Edinburgh Castle and The Firth of Forth Bridge.

Evening: Orientation and Welcoming Dinner.

## **Wednesday, June 30**

We will begin today with a visit to Edinburgh Castle. With its commanding views of the city and beyond, the castle is a symbol of Scotland known the world over, replete with legend and colorful history. Here, we will see the “Honours of Scotland” (Crown Jewels - among the oldest in Europe), “The Stone of Destiny,” and the State Apartments.

Following free time for lunch, we will visit The Royal Yacht Britannia - providing an insight to life on board the yacht belonging to the Royal Family. This famous Yacht (with its luxurious Queen’s bedroom, Duke’s sitting room and State Drawing Room) also provided accommodation for several Royal honeymoons - including HRH Prince Charles and the late Diana, Princess of Wales among others.

Evening free for dinner and (optional) theatre.

## **Thursday, July 1**

Following Breakfast we will travel to Glasgow for a visit to The Jewish Archive Centre where we will meet with the local Jewish Community in Glasgow. Following our visit and some free time for lunch in the area of Kelvingrove Museum, a panoramic City Tour of Glasgow including visits to the original Jewish areas of the city.

Other sites we will visit today include St. Mungo’s Cathedral, one of the oldest buildings in the City of Glasgow, and the Kelvingrove Museum - housing one of Europe’s great civic art collections (including work by Salvador Dali).

Return to Edinburgh in time for dinner on our own.

## **Friday, July 2**

Early morning departure for visit to Loch Lomond National Park - including a cruise on Loch Lomond and travel through the impressive forest covered hills of The Trossachs. Following lunch in the National Park, continue to Stirling Castle - perched high upon a rock it was here where the Kings and Queens of Scotland held their magnificent feasts and celebrations. Royal stronghold, palace of pleasures and regimental garrison, Stirling Castle has played an important role in the history of Scotland- a place where among the sweeping plains beneath its ramparts, great medieval armies clashed to decide the fate of nations.

Evening – Shabbat Services at The Edinburgh Synagogue followed by festive Dinner.

## **Saturday, July 3**

Morning free to rest, relax, attend Services on our own or explore Edinburgh on our own...afternoon walking tour in “Underground Edinburgh” where we will walk through the underground streets of the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century Edinburgh including Mary King’s Close - where people lived and worked for centuries. Evening free for dining in one of Edinburgh’s picturesque restaurants.

## **Sunday, July 4**

Morning departure from Edinburgh for the renowned Scottish Highlands. Traveling through and savoring the majestic beauty of Rannoch Mor, we will reach Loch Ness by late morning - enjoying a delightful cruise on this lake made famous by “Nessie,” the Loch Ness Monster. This afternoon, among other sites, we will visit the Bronze Age Standing Stones and impressive ring-type, pre-historic burial chambers at Clava Cairns - reaching our hotel, the McDonald Resort in Aviemore, in time for dinner (included).

### Monday, July 5

Using the Highlands as our base, today we will visit the mystical Isle of Skye, surrounded by lovely glens, mountain passes, cliffs and magnificent sea views. En-route, we will stop at one of Scotland's most iconic images, Eilean Donan Castle, before crossing the landbridge to the Isle with its classic picturesque mountain range, the Cuillin Mountains, dominating the western skyline of the isle, and towering sea cliffs, velvet moors, and the sleepy highland villages. The Isle of Skye, a region steeped in mythology, history, legends and fairies, has inspired poets and artists throughout the centuries. Before boarding a ferry for our return to the mainland, we will visit Armadale Castle Gardens - incorporating the Clan Donald Centre – whose exhibits trace the history of the highlands and the islands.

### Tuesday, July 6

Early morning checkout from our hotel before traveling to the port of Stranraer where we will board a ferry for Northern Ireland and Belfast. Upon arrival in Belfast we will have a panoramic tour of the city, including West Belfast – the place that experienced the most difficult times during the “Troubles.” View firsthand many of the murals of the period, the City Center, and Queen's University areas among other places. Check in to the Europa Hotel, centrally located in the heart of Belfast. Dinner on our own at one of the many restaurants within walking distance of the Europa.

### Wednesday, July 7

Visit Belfast Hebrew Congregation and learn first hand about the once prosperous Jewish community from Steven Jaffe (successful London attorney, born and raised in Belfast and now writing a book on the history of the Jews of Northern Ireland) and meet Ronnie Appelton, Q.C. (President of the Jewish community), who will share his personal experiences as Chief Prosecutor for Northern Ireland during the time of the “Troubles.” Following coffee and tea with members of the local Jewish community, Belfast's historic sites, including City Hall (modeled on St. Patrick's Cathedral in London); the Grand Opera House and Crown Liquor Saloon. Evening free for dining and/or enjoying music in one of Belfast's many pubs.

### Thursday, July 8

Day trip to the scenic Antrim Coast- Northern Ireland's most spectacular coastline, including Glens of Antrim; the legendary Giant's Causeway; Dunluce Castle and Carrckfurgus- one of Ireland's oldest castles, returning to Belfast in time for a festive, farewell dinner (included).

### Friday, July 9

Depart for U.S.A. ....or for those interested, optional extension to Dublin and the Republic of Ireland (call the Jewish Museum Travel office at 845-256-0194) for more information.



#### Jewish Tartan History: The Meaning Behind The Threads

Religious experts and Tartan Authorities worked meticulously to come up with a design that reflected religious values and Scottish history.

The colours, weave, and number of threads have all been picked for their importance in **Judaism**.

In the tartan design we have blue and white the colours of both the Israeli and Scottish flags with the central gold line representing the gold from the Ark in the Biblical Tabernacle and the many ceremonial vessels. The silver is to represent the silver that adorns the Scroll of the Law and the colour red is for the traditional red **Kiddush** wine.

There are seven lines in the central motif and three in the flag representations-both numbers of great significance in Judaism

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### **Participation:**

The Jewish Museum Travel Program is open to all members of The Jewish Museum; non-members are welcome to join the Museum to participate. Designed for people of all ages, the Museum travel programs entail walking moderate distances which may include uneven or slightly hilly terrain. Please feel free to call The Jewish Museum Travel Program office if you have any questions and we will be happy to speak with you personally.

### **Program Details:**

Land Program cost: \$5500\* (plus \$75 Jewish Museum membership fee for nonmembers)

-Ten nights accommodations at deluxe hotels

-Buffet breakfast daily and four dinners

-Sightseeing and cultural events via chartered coach

-Chartered sightseeing boat on Loch Lomond and Loch Ness

- All lectures, presentations, Museum and site entrance fees

-All ground transportation in Scotland and Northern Ireland, including the Stranraer/Belfast Ferry

\*Based on double occupancy; Single supplement available at: (\$1150). For those preferring to share a room and need a roommate, we will try and provide one for you; otherwise, single supplement will apply. Payment in full due by March 25, 2010. Gratuities (\$125) additional.

### **To Register:**

Include non-refundable deposit of \$750 payable to The Jewish Museum. Please complete the attached registration form and return to:

The Jewish Museum Travel Program  
27 North Chestnut Street  
New Paltz, NY 12561

(OR) Registration accepted by telephone or fax with credit card.

Tel. (845) 256-0194 Fax (845) 256-0196

### **Changes:**

All rights are reserved by The Jewish Museum to make faculty substitutions and/or to modify the itinerary (including hotels) as needed.

### **Insurance:**

**We strongly recommend travel insurance** for losses necessitated by you having to cancel your participation. For your convenience, insurance forms will be sent upon registration or consult your own insurance agent.

### **Balances due, Cancellations and Refunds:**

Balance in full due March 25, 2010. All cancellations must be received by the Jewish Museum Travel Program in writing. Cancellations received by January 25, 2010: full refund less \$750 deposit per person; January 26 – March 24, 2010: 50% refund per person after non-refundable deposit. No refunds after this date.

### **Trip Leaders:**

**Isaac S. Herschkopf, M.D.**, graduated valedictorian from the N.Y.U School of Medicine and completed his Psychiatric Residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital. On the faculty of the N.Y.U. School of Medicine, he is President of the N.Y.U. Bellevue Psychiatric Alumni, Attending Physician at Bellevue and University Hospitals, and President of the Yaron Foundation which annually supports hundreds of vital charities. **Becky Herschkopf**, a Philadelphia native, earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania and her Master of Public Health from Columbia University. She substitutes as a nurse at several Manhattan day schools. Ike and Becky have been married for nearly 30 years and are the proud parents of three daughters: Marta, Yale and Oxford graduate studying at Harvard Medical School; Jayme, Harvard and St. Andrew's graduate in Scotland and currently studying at Yale Law School; and Davida, a twelfth grader at Ramaz. Ike and Becky have been to Scotland and led previous Jewish Museum trips before (to much acclaim), and are looking forward to sharing their enthusiasm for Scotland with participants on this trip.

### **Trip Guide:**

Our guide on this trip will be **Conor Ellard**, who guided three prior Jewish Museum trips to Ireland. Steeped in the land's history, politics and people, Conor is a delight to travel with and, if asked, might agree to sing a ballad or two with his beautiful baritone voice.

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New Paltz, NY 12561

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eve) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ -mail: \_\_\_\_\_

YES! I am registering now and my non-refundable deposit is enclosed.

I prefer a double room.  I need a roommate.

I'll be traveling with \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer a single room (single room supplement \$1150)

I will make my own air arrangements  I would like help in making air arrangements and will contact the travel program office at (845) 256 0194

I am a member of The Jewish Museum.

I am not yet a member of The Jewish Museum.

Basic Membership fee of \$75 will be added to final invoice. Information, including benefits of membership and options for other levels of membership, will be forwarded with registration acknowledgment.)

Credit Card Registration Accepted by Telephone or Fax:

Telephone: (845) 256-0194, Fax (845) 256-0196, or mail.

Visa  Master Card  American Express

Card holder's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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