



2026



PASSOVER SCOTLAND PROGRAM

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Kosher Scotland Passover Program!*

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PASSOVER 2027



Itinerary Overview

We had an incredible **Passover Program in 2026** in the heart of the Scottish Highlands. Our group stayed at the stunning Ardoe House Hotel, a beautiful 19th-century mansion in Aberdeen, guests enjoyed the on-site hotel facilities such as the spa and pool.

Ardoe House Hotel was used exclusively for Kasher Scotland's Passover Program, that meant that we were able to create a Synagogue within the hotel and take over all the kitchens and bars.

Guests also enjoyed unforgettable excursions to **Edinburgh, Inverness, Perth, and more.**



SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS



Whisky Tasting

On early arrival guests enjoyed a whisky tasting night, sampling a selection from each of Scotland's renowned whisky regions. They were guided through each one from our knowledgeable whisky ambassadors.

We also arranged pre and post Pesach day trips out to visit famous and exciting Scotch distilleries such as Glen Garioch and Glenlivet.



SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

— Biyur Chametz —



SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Chol hamoed
entertainment



We celebrated Burn's Night, Scotland's national day, honouring the life and work of poet Robert Burns. An unforgettable evening featuring bagpipes, the traditional *Address to the Haggis*, lively Highland dancers and of course, a dram of whisky (or cognac when taking place on Passover) to give the authentic Scottish experience.

Watch the celebrations on our YouTube channel:



SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Chol hamoed
entertainment



Alex Clare lit up the stage on Chol Hamoed with an electrifying live concert, showcasing the powerful voice he's known for. His performance sent the energy in the room soaring. He delivered an unforgettable performance, highlighted by his massive hit "Too Close". The show sparked massive buzz and overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Watch for yourself:



SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

We had the most wonderful speakers



We were honoured to have **Rabbi Yonah Bookstein** and **Rachel Bookstein** lead our Passover program. Rabbi Yonah's warmth, uplifting services, and inspiring talks created a deeply meaningful atmosphere throughout the holiday. His genuine care for every participant, combined with Rachel's grace and dedication, elevated the entire experience.

Beyond their leadership, the Bookstein family offered extraordinary support behind the scenes. Their presence, kindness, and tireless help made a massive difference and contributed immeasurably to the success of the program. We are truly grateful for all they brought to our community.

Kylie Ora Lobell is an award-winning journalist published in The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Newsweek, New York Magazine, and more. Kylie gave a talk at the program discussing her recently released book *Choosing to be Chosen*.

Daniel Lobell, possibly the only half-Scottish frum comedian, brings his immensely funny Jewish storytelling to stand up. He performed a hilarious set for our guests at the program, leaving everyone in high spirits!



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Rabbi Adam Mintz, the rabbi of The Shtiebel at JCC, a Modern Orthodox community on Manhattan 's Upper West Side, and Director of 929 English, promoting daily Tanakh study. He holds a PhD from NYU, has taught at City College, and authored Building Communities: A History of the Eruv in America (2023).



Sharon Liberman Mintz, a specialist in Hebrew illuminated manuscripts and rare printed books. She is Curator of Jewish Art at the Jewish Theological Seminary and Senior Specialist for Judaica and Hebraica at Sotheby ' s. In 2023, she oversaw the sale of Codex Sassoon, the earliest near-complete Hebrew Bible and most expensive book ever auctioned.



Doctor Mia Spiro, Associate Professor of Modern Jewish Culture and Holocaust Studies at the University of Glasgow. She is an authority on Jewish migration to Scotland and former President of the British and Irish Association of Jewish Studies. She lectures on Scottish Jewry and antisemitism in Britain.

EXCURSIONS



Edinburgh's Royal Mile and Old Town brought nearly 1,000 years of history to life. Guided tours, optional castle visits, and family-friendly attractions like Camera Obscura and Mary King's Close gave guests a rich taste of Scotland's capital.

Exploring the Highlands meant breathtaking scenery, historic battlefields, and legendary lochs. Guests journeyed to Culloden, cruised Loch Ness, and toured Inverness — blending history, myth, and natural beauty in one unforgettable day.



EXCURSIONS

Guest enjoyed a selection of different locations to explore, from Edinburgh, Inverness, Perth to Royal Deeside. These locations offered a variety of different activities suitable for children and adults.



From the regal Scone Palace to Balmoral Castle, guests stepped into Scotland's royal past. These visits combined elegant state rooms, historic artifacts, and beautiful gardens, offering a glimpse into the lives of kings, queens, and the Royal Family.

Royal Deeside offered horseback riding through enchanted forests, guided hikes in Glen Tanar, and family fun at Action Glen adventure park. These activities gave guests the chance to connect with Scotland's landscapes in an active, hands-on way.



EXCURSIONS



World Famous Distillery Tours

Experience Scotland's world-famous whisky heritage with guided tours and tastings at traditional distilleries.

Learn about centuries-old craftsmanship, sample unique blends, and discover the stories behind Scotland's national drink.



Culinary Experience



Our guests enjoyed all-inclusive premium kosher dining prepared by our chefs alongside professional and friendly English speaking wait staff offering high end service. We had exclusive use of the entire hotel which was completely Kosher for Passover and using only glatt meat and chalav yisrael dairy products.

Culinary Experience



Our Head Chef Nick brings over 15 years of culinary expertise to Kosher Scotland, his innovative menus blend Scottish flavours with kosher tradition, creating an unforgettable Passover dining experience. Our catering team ensured every meal on the program was crafted to perfection for everyone's enjoyment!

Kosher Scotland is under the strict supervision of Rabbi Moshe M. Rubin who joined us on chol hamoed and is mara d'asra of Scotland and Av Beit Din of the West of Scotland Kashruth Commission.

LUXURY

TRANSPORT & ACCOMMODATION

The tour's itinerary included luxury private coach transport for the duration of the stay ensuring seamless and comfortable travel between destinations.

The up-scale accommodation options were selected based on amenities such as private dining facilities, on-site pool and gym and central locations.



GUEST REVIEWS

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVOURITE PARTS ABOUT THE TOUR?



"The Burns Supper, the little extras like caps, teddy for my baby, etc. the planned day trips, the pool and spa, the communal areas to chat and meet new people, liked some of the talks but not all. Alex Clare was excellent. Location of hotel etc, felt like countryside but close enough for us to do day trips to other things."

-E. Huppert

"Well planned and thoughtful. there was something for everyone to enjoy."

-R. Goldberger



"The overall 'heimish' vibe; Alex's singing; Rabbis Yonah and Mintz; the scenery and setting."

-R. Ashkenas

GUEST REVIEWS

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT OF THE TOUR?



"In truth, the whole tour was fabulous and I feel was one long lovely moment that I feel very fortunate to have been a part of. The group of people was so wonderful."

- D. Chrysler

"Special moments singing at yom tov meals, fantastic spa and pool, amazing inspirational speeches."

- M. Chrysler

"Very interesting experience at the Culloden Battlefield in Inverness. Wonderfully animated tour guide. Very informative. Also enjoyed the town of Inverness. Overall great experience!"

-E. Hess



"Something one will never get in any other Pesach Program: a Burns night, complete with bagpipes, Highland dancers, haggis (kosher of course!) and other Scottish specialties. A night to remember!"

-R. Isseroff

"Bottling my own Scotch!."



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