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**200 Years of Scottish Jewry  
– a Demographic and Genealogical Profile**

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Proposal

To conduct a ground-breaking survey of Scottish Jewry from its inception in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century to modern times, from a demographic and genealogical perspective

Sponsoring Partners

- Glasgow Jewish Representative Council
- Scottish Council of Jewish Communities, Glasgow
- International Institute for Jewish Genealogy, Jerusalem

Implementation/Timeframe

- International Institute for Jewish Genealogy
- Scottish Jewish Archives Centre, Glasgow
- Completion within 3-4 years from starting date - January 2012

Feasibility – 100%

- Scottish Jewry is barely two centuries old (first synagogue in Edinburgh, 1816)
- Numbers manageable (total number of Scottish Jews estimated at 50-60,000)
- Official records, including Scottish censuses since 1841, accessible online
- Many additional, and complementary, Jewish and British records extant
- Extensive materials and resources located at Scottish Jewish Archives Centre
- Essential infrastructure of scholarly research into Scottish Jewry exists
- Unique combination of research skills and academic expertise at hand

Major End-products

- Scholarly monograph with an integrated narrative and full results of the survey
- More popular publications for broader audiences, both Jewish and non-Jewish
- Travelling exhibition profiling Scottish Jewry for the whole of Scotland and beyond
- Teaching aids designed to interest the younger generation in their origins and heritage, and also to promote relations with other ethnic and religious minorities
- Enriched resources and databases at Scottish Jewish Archives Centre

Benefits

- Completely original contribution to the academic study of Scottish Jewry
- Educational impact on Scottish Jews of all ages
- Enhanced pride in the Jewish community and affiliation with it
- Positive contribution to the strategic aims of the Scottish Government as regards the integration of ethnic and religious minorities in an increasingly pluralistic society
- Possible model for additional studies into other national Jewries similar in size and age to Scottish Jewry (e.g. Ireland, Switzerland, Scandinavian countries)