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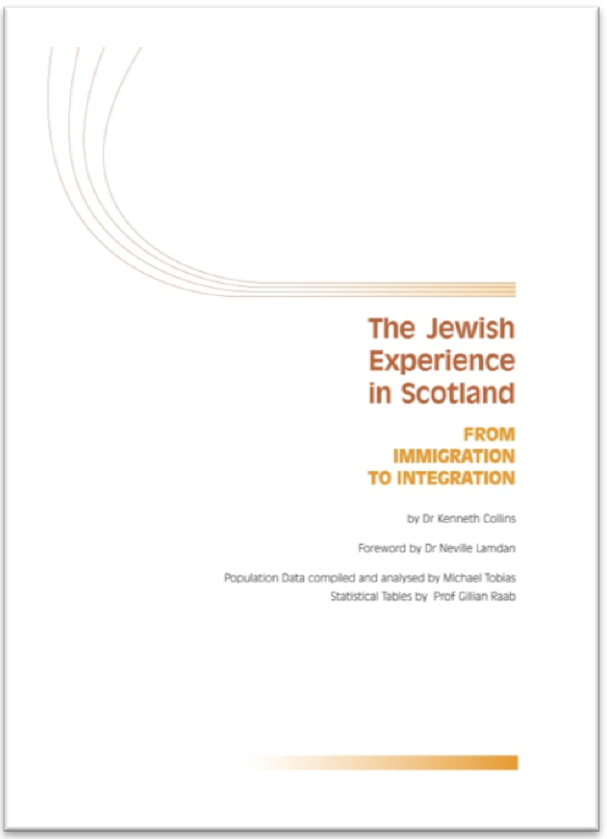

The Jewish Experience in Scotland tells the story of Scotland's Jewish community from its beginnings two hundred years ago to the present time. Based on data derived from IIJG's multi-year project, entitled **Two Hundred Years of Scottish Jewry – a Demographic and Genealogical Survey**, Kenneth Collins, the leading historian of Scottish Jewry, presents a new account of the evolution of the Jewish community in Scotland in a lively, easy-to-read format that puts the stories of real people at the heart of the narrative.

This book follows the immigrants, as they settled and established themselves in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and eventually in seven other towns and cities throughout Scotland. It describes their fluctuating numbers and their dispersal and occupational patterns. It looks at Jews in business, the arts and the professions, as well as the generally welcoming nature of Scottish society, which enabled a community of immigrants and refugees to become a well-integrated part of the Scottish civic and cultural environment.

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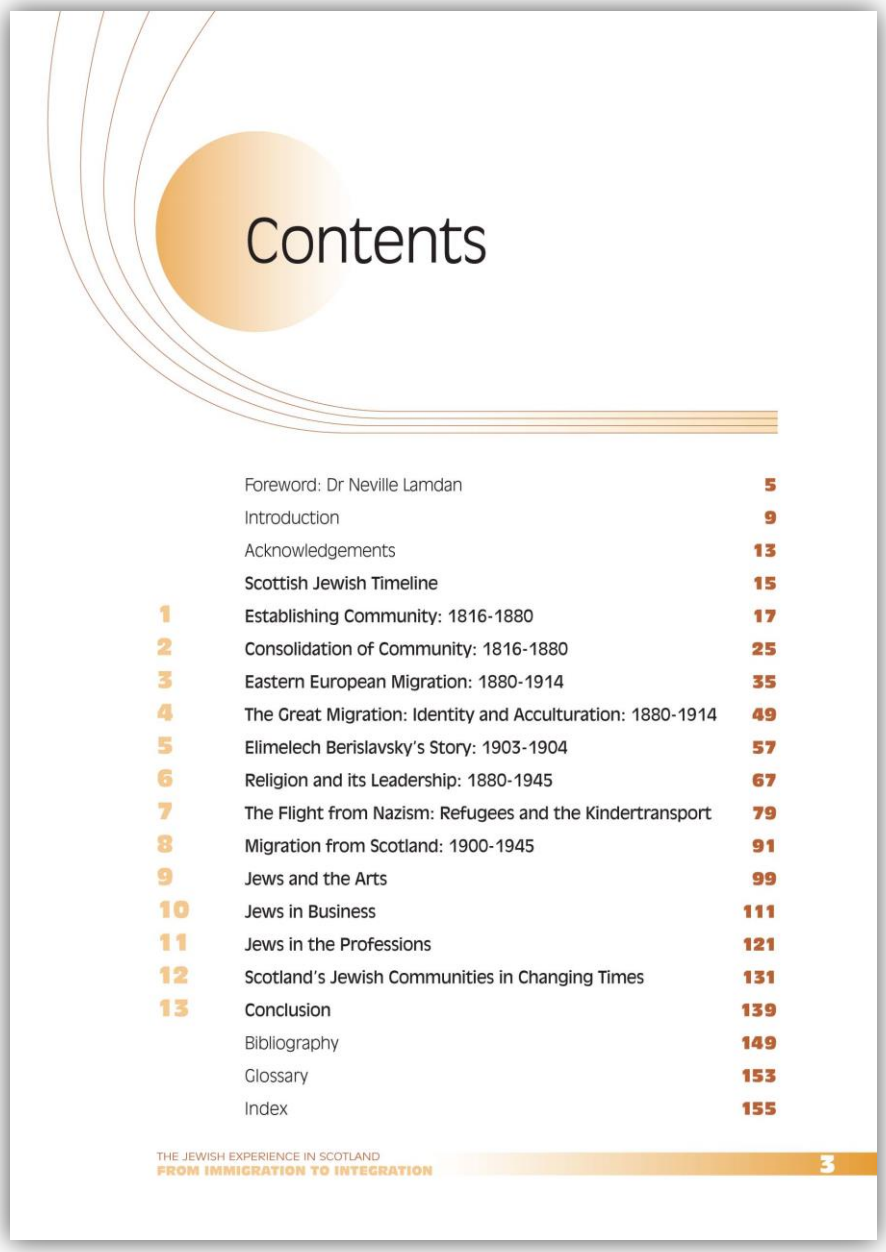

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