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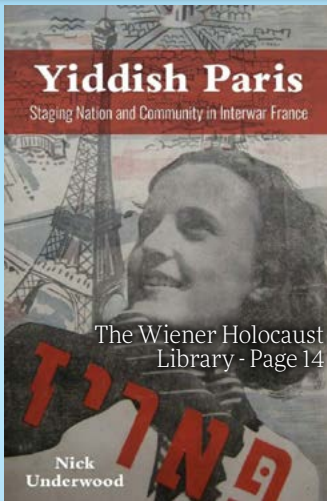


Our theme for 2023 is 'Memory'

After the upheaval of the last three years faced by all, our programme explores how Jewish communities have found the necessity to embrace 'Memory' across their history and will be featured in talks, virtual guided walks and online exhibitions.



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UK Organisers: B'nai B'rith UK

B'nai B'rith UK was established in 1910. It is part of an international organisation founded in 1843, which advocates for global Jewry and champions the cause of human rights. B'nai B'rith is active in 59 countries with representation at the UN, UNESCO and the EU. B'nai B'rith UK is a cross-communal organisation whose aim is to bring Jewish people together to promote tolerance, strengthen the Jewish Community, combat racial and religious prejudice, to help the less fortunate and the disadvantaged.

Local groups provide innovative cultural, educational and social programmes. These include speaker events, concerts, theatre outings, quizzes, debates, visits to places of interest, walks and trips abroad. These provide a great social network and the opportunity to participate in and support our humanitarian and heritage projects.

BBUK's hugely successful programme of online talks, established at the beginning of lockdown in March 2020, carries on throughout 2023 and continues to attract a large number of attendees around the world. The European Days of Jewish Culture and Heritage, run by a team of volunteers, is a mainstay of our calendar.



B'NAI B'RITH UK

B'nai B'rith UK's Bureau of International Affairs engages with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Department for International

Development, foreign embassies and NGOs on behalf of Jewish people internationally and to support Israel. More widely, we promote the human rights of minority groups.

We sponsor a Foodbank and Distribution Centre in the southern Israeli development town of Qiryat Gat, plus an after-school activity club for children. We also support a humanitarian medical programme for elderly Jews and righteous gentiles in Kyiv, Ukraine and a shoe programme for a children's orphanage in Odesa, now relocated to Romania because of the war in Ukraine.

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Other B'nai B'rith UK activities include providing scholarships for Jewish final year civil engineering or postgraduate students or for those studying other pure or applied sciences; and supporting an annual Moral Leadership course for the Armed Forces Jewish Community.

European Days of Jewish Culture and Heritage (EDJCH) 2023: United Kingdom

For this year's heritage activities, B'nai B'rith UK's European Days of Jewish Culture and Heritage (EDJCH) team has once again created this online booklet, which will include both in-person and virtual events, talks, open days, exhibitions and guided walks.

Many sites are open to the public in person, while others are still running online events. We are thrilled to have such a large number of organisations, synagogues and walking guides taking part in our heritage activities this year,

with some holding more than one event. There is a good mixture of in-person and virtual events, with many venues welcoming back visitors with open arms.

Initiated by the B'nai B'rith Lodge in Strasbourg, the EDJCH rapidly spread across Europe and celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2019. It is organised by a partnership between

B'nai B'rith Europe, the European Council of Jewish Communities and the Spanish Jewry Network and is part of the Council of Europe's project 'Europe - A Common Heritage'. As a result of the EDJCH, the European Route of Jewish Heritage has evolved and is now one of

the major cultural routes of Europe.

For 2023, the European Days of Jewish Culture and Heritage will run from 3rd September to 31st December inclusive. The National Heritage Open Days will run

from 8th to 17th September this year, which ties in nicely with our own dates.

Our theme for 2023 will be 'Memory', which lends itself to a huge range of potential events, whether real or virtual. All of these interpretations offer a wealth of opportunities for open days, talks, virtual guided walks and online exhibitions.





EVENT: Virtual Panel discussion

Music & Memory: Unlocking Memories & Secrets of the Brain through Music

Sunday, 26 November at 8pm

Join B'nai B'rith UK, Jewish Renaissance magazine and the Jewish Music Institute for a fascinating joint zoom panel event on how music can uncover hidden memories and more!

Chaired by the renowned composer and conductor, Malcolm Singer, the panellists will discuss how music can evoke memories from the past and the effect that music has on the mind.

Chair: Malcolm Singer



Malcolm Singer is well-known as a composer, conductor and educationalist. Director of Music at The Yehudi Menuhin School for 1998 – 2017, and Musical Director of the Zemel Choir for 10 years 1983-1993. Teaches Composition at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and is Course Director for the Composers' Workshop at the Sherborne Summer School of Music. Received the 2012 Cobbett medal from the Worshipful Company of Musicians for services to Chamber Music, and he is currently Chairman of the West London Synagogue Music Committee.

Presented by:



'Memories': European Days of Jewish
Culture & Heritage 2023

The Panel



Professor Catherine Loveday

Professor Catherine Loveday began her career with a PhD in the neuropsychology of memory and ageing and continues to focus on the nature of normal and impaired memory. An active member of the British Psychological Society, she is former Chair of the Psychologist Digest Editorial Advisory Committee and member of the Research Board. Author of "The Secret World of the Brain" and appears as an expert psychologist on BBC Radio 4's 'All In The Mind', as well as many other radio and television programmes.

Michael Etherton was a Music Scholar at Balliol College, Oxford, where he read law. He has a performance diploma in cello and studied orchestral conducting at the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance. In November 2013 he founded vocal ensemble, Mosaic Voices, and has released two albums with them as well being broadcast on BBC Radio 3, Classic FM, and a recent live performance on BBC1. His second album, Letter to Kamilla, was released by Chandos Records and reached No. 5 in the Official Classical Music charts. He is Chief Executive of UK Jewish Film and former Chairman of the Young Actors Theatre, Islington.



Michael Etherton



Ilana Webster-Kogen

Ilana Webster-Kogen is an ethnomusicologist, specialising in music, diaspora and ethnicity in the urban Middle East. Appointed as Joe Loss Lecturer in Jewish Music in 2014, and Senior Lecturer in 2019. Degree in Music and Ancient Semitic Languages and an MA in Social Anthropology. Her PhD thesis focused on Ethiopian musicians in Tel Aviv. Teaches Jewish and Middle Eastern music, hip hop, and critical/cultural theory at SOAS. Senior Fellow of the HEA, and Associate Director for Student Experience and Outcomes.

A passionate advocate of uniting the generations, Judith Ish-Horowicz is Co-founder and Director of Apples and Honey Nightingale (AHN), a community interest company and the UK's first nursery co-located in a care home - Nightingale Hammerson, where music is integral to the daily intergenerational engagements, sparking memory and building relationships. Opened the AHN education and training centre which, in 2023, began delivering the UK's first level 3 qualifications in Intergenerational Practice. Awarded an MBE for services to Early Years Education.



Judith Ish-Horowicz

TO BOOK:



Register by emailing: events@bnaibrithuk.org
Include your full name, email address and how you heard about the talk.



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- L** Lift
- T** Toilets on Site
- DT** Disabled Toilet
- P** Parking on Site
- S** Security



Museum of Liverpool

Permanent Exhibitions

Around the UK

Museum of Liverpool

Exhibition *Live only* Permanent museum trail featuring objects connected to Liverpool's Jewish community. Free. Times vary, see website. Pier Head, Liverpool, L3 1DG. There are six blue badge parking spaces directly opposite the museum entrance, by the Great Western Railway building. These are about 30 metres from the entrance and need to be pre-booked. To book a space please call 0151 478 4545.

Contact: Lisa Peatfield Lisa.Peatfield@LiverpoolMuseums.org.uk www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/museum-of-liverpool

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Worth Park History Society

Public Park *Live only* Public Park that was the formal gardens of Worth Park House, the Sussex Estate of Sir Francis Montefiore with a Visitor Centre. Worth Park is a 40 acre public park on the East side of Crawley, West Sussex. The formal gardens that surrounded Worth Park Mansion and laid out in the 1880's have been restored to the Victorian splendour

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WorthPark Lake

of yesteryear, creating a unique gem that is enjoyed by many today. The Italianate Terraces, geometric forms and Camellia Corridor, meadow and lake area are all maintained by our excellent garden team and volunteers. The former stables to Worth Park Mansion houses the Visitor Centre where you can find displays on history of the park and the Montefiore family. The former stable complex was built to complement the mansion. Built in 1882 it is now Grade 2 listed. Jame Pulham and Sons laid out the formal features of the garden while in the lake there is a Pulhamite Islet and stonework on the larger island. A Fern Rockery has been restored at the former carriage turning circle to the mansion. FREE. The park is open at all times and the Visitor Centre is open at various times. Worth Park Gardens, Milton Mount Avenue, Pound Hill, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 3DH. Car parking is limited. Contact: Elizabeth Steven worthparkhistory@btinternet.com 07970 843580 www.facebook.com/WPHistorySociety

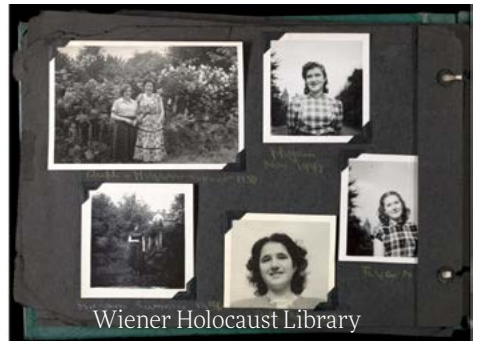
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Tuesday 4th July to Friday 20th October

London

The Wiener Holocaust Library

Exhibition *Live only* 'The Wiener Holocaust Library at 90'. To mark the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Library's predecessor organisation in Amsterdam, the Library is staging two



exciting new exhibitions. 'The Wiener Library at 90: Highlights From the Archives'. This exhibition commemorates the anniversary of the founding of

world's longest continually existing archive on the Nazi era and the Holocaust. It showcases the breadth and depth of the Library's collections, encompassing unique items recording pre-Nazi era life; the struggle against Nazism; efforts to document and record antisemitic and anti-Roma persecution and the Holocaust; Nazi documents giving evidence of their crimes; material relating to the lives of Jewish refugees, and efforts to document other genocides. The exhibition demonstrates the range and the importance, and sometimes fragility, of the Library's collections. 'The Wiener Family Story' This exhibition traces the history of the family of the Library's founder, Dr Alfred Wiener.

Born in Potsdam in 1885, Wiener was a noted anti-Nazi campaigner by the time of the Nazi accession to power in 1933. In the same year he relocated to Amsterdam for his own safety and founded the Library's predecessor organisation, the Jewish Central Information Office. This exhibition will examine Wiener's life of anti-Nazi work and also explore the fates of Wiener's wife and daughters who became trapped in German-occupied Holland, and were eventually arrested and held in camps, including Bergen-Belsen. Towards

the end of the war, they were released in a rare prisoner exchange. Wiener's daughter Mirjam later went on to move to London and marry Ludwik Finkelstein, who had his own story of incarceration and escape during the war. Free. The Library is open Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm. On Tuesdays the Exhibition and the Wolfson Reading Room are open late, until 7pm. The Library is closed on Bank Holidays. The Wiener Holocaust Library 29 Russell Square London, WC1B 5DP.

There are several car parking facilities and pay and display zones in the Russell Square area. Please see advice from Camden Council for further details. For more information regarding parking and disabled parking areas, please contact the Library in advance of your visit. Contact:

info@wienerholocaustlibrary.org 020 7636 7247

www.wienerholocaustlibrary.org

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Wiener Holocaust Library

Friday 1st September to
Thursday 30th November

London

The Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A)

Free public galleries tours Live only 'Focus on Jewish heritage at the V&A'.



Victoria & Albert Museum

After its initial success in 2019, interrupted by the pandemic, the Victoria & Albert Museum resumes its series of free, public lectures and talks to celebrate its Jewish heritage, its Judaica collection and its Jewish Patrons on the following dates: Wednesday 6 September, Wednesday 4 October, Sunday 15 October, Wednesday 1 November and Sunday 12 November. Tours to start at 11am V&A information desk, main entrance. Wednesday 6 December. Lunchtime Lecture at 1pm in the Lydia & Manfred Gorvy Theatre Thursday 26 October Grade I Listing. Free, no booking option. The Victoria and Albert Museum Cromwell Road, London, SW7 2RL. Contact: contactcentre@vam.ac.uk 020 7942 2876 www.vam.ac.uk

DA L T DT

Sunday 3rd September to
Saturday 30th September

Around the UK

National Trust - Nymans



National Trust - Nymans

Display Live only 'Memories: A celebration of the Messel family's Jewish roots'. A display delving into the Jewish roots of the Messel family. Grade II Listing. Late Victorian building, remodelled in the 1920s to look like a medieval manor house. Set in a renowned 20th century garden. Free to National Trust members. Non members: adult £16, child £8. House is open from 11am until 4pm. Nymans, Staplefield Road, Handcross, West Sussex, RH17 6EB. There is a large visitor car park at the entrance to the property. Contact: Rebecca Graham rebecca.graham@nationaltrust.org.uk 01444 405257 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nymans

DA T DT SP

Monday 4th September to
Sunday 17th September

Around the UK

National Trust - Hughenden Manor

Talk *Live only* 'Judaism and Disraeli'. Hughenden Manor was the fascinating home of Benjamin Disraeli, first and only Earl of Beaconsfield. As part of our usual offering of talks about Benjamin Disraeli, we will offer an additional talk each day, which will look at Benjamin's life as a Jew. Grade I Listing. A Georgian gentleman's residence, remodelled for Benjamin Disraeli by Edward Buckton Lamb. Free to members, £15. £40 for adult non-members. Site is open 10am - 5pm. Last entry at 4:30pm. Hughenden Manor, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP14 4LA. Please follow signage on site. Contact: Rob Bandy robert.bandy@nationaltrust.org.uk 01494755504 <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/oxfordshire-buckinghamshire-berkshire/hughenden>

DA T D T P



Hughenden Manor, National Trust

Monday 4th September

London

B'nai B'rith Yad B'Yad Lodge

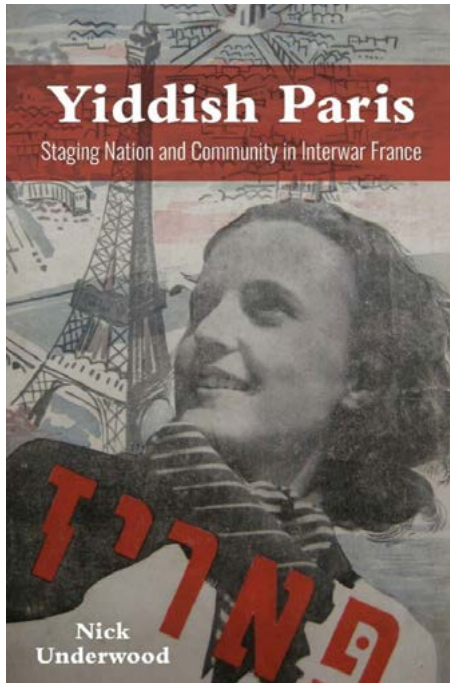
Talk *Live only* "My Life in Ruins". David Tomback OBE FRICS is Development Economic Director at Historic England (formerly English Heritage) and has had a long career in property with a specific interest in historic buildings. In this illustrated and entertaining talk David will show some of the interesting properties he has visited and recount some of his experiences including meeting characters such as Robert Maxwell. £5 to visiting B'nai B'rith members 8.15pm - 10pm. Open to visiting B'nai B'rith members only. Prebooking Required. Contact: B'nai B'rith Yad B'Yad Lodge yadbyad@bnaibrithuk.org

DA T D T S

Monday 4th September

The Wiener Holocaust Library

Talk *Virtual and Live Book Talk: 'Yiddish Paris'* with Nicholas Underwood. As part of our new academic books event series, The Wiener Holocaust Library is pleased to host Nick Underwood who will speak about his new book, *Yiddish Paris: Staging Nation and Community in Interwar France*.



Participants can register to attend in person or online. 'Yiddish Paris' explores how Yiddish-speaking emigrants from Eastern Europe in Paris in the 1920s and 1930s created a Yiddish diaspora nation in

Western Europe and how they presented that nation to themselves and to others in France. In this meticulously researched and first full-length study of interwar Yiddish culture in France, author Nick Underwood argues that the emergence of a 'Yiddish Paris' depended on culture makers, mostly left-wing Jews from Socialist and Communist backgrounds who created cultural and scholarly organizations and institutions, including the French branch of YIVO (a research institution focused on East European Jews), theatre troupes, choruses, and a pavilion at the Paris World's Fair of 1937. 'Yiddish Paris' examines how these left-wing Yiddish-speaking Jews insisted that even in France, a country known for demanding the assimilation of immigrant and minority groups, they could remain a distinct group, part of a transnational Yiddish-speaking Jewish nation. Yet, in the process, they in fact created a French-inflected version of Jewish diaspora nationalism, finding allies among French intellectuals, largely on the left. Nick Underwood is an assistant professor in the Department of History and Berger-Neilsen Chair of Judaic Studies at The College of Idaho. His work has appeared in a number of journals, and his book 'Yiddish Paris: Staging Nation and Community in Interwar France' was a finalist for the 2022 National Jewish Book Award. He is also the project manager for the Digital Yiddish Theatre Project. Free but pre-registration by this link is required: <https://wienerholocaustlibrary.org/event/hybrid-book-talk-yiddish-paris-with-nicholas-underwood/> If joining by zoom, the Library will send you

a Zoom link and joining instructions via email prior to the event. 6.30-8pm. The Wiener Holocaust Library, 29 Russell Square London, WC1B 5DP. There are several car parking facilities and pay and display zones in the Russell Square area. Please see advice from Camden Council for further details. For more information regarding parking and disabled parking areas, please contact the Library in advance of your visit. Prebooking Required. Contact: info@wienerholocaustlibrary.org 0207 636 7247 www.wienerholocaustlibrary.org

DA L T DT

Wednesday 6th September

Virtual

B'nai B'rith UK - Prof. David Newman

Talk *Virtual only* 'The Lost Heritage and Majesty of British Synagogues'.



Prof. David Newman

During the past fifty years many of the largest synagogues dating back to the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, have closed down as their

communities have moved on from the inner cities to the suburbs. Often known as the cathedral synagogues, these magnificent buildings hosted some of the

great cantors of the twentieth century, who moved through Europe as they were snapped up by eager communities and their congregants. Unfortunately most of these synagogues were either knocked down to be replaced by other buildings, such as apartment blocks, offices or even factories, while many retained their basic structure (often due to heritage laws) but were transformed into mosques, churches, schools and other functions. Very few remained in Jewish hands. This presentation will take us on a visual tour of some of the many synagogues of the United Kingdom, especially of London, which have undergone this process and will discuss their fate against the background of their majestic histories, when they were filled to the rafters to hear the great cantors of their period. Professor David Newman OBE is Professor of Geopolitics at Ben Gurion University. He set up the Synagogues of the UK Facebook site discussing the history of communities and their rabbinic and cantorial personalities. Free. 8pm-9pm. Prebooking Required. Contact: events@bnaibrithuk.org 07588 087324 www.bnaibrithuk.org

Saturday 9th September to
Sunday 5th November

Around the UK

National Trust - Upton House and Gardens

Exhibition *Live only* 'Threads through time', an exhibition by Lis Mann. 'Threads through time' is an exhibition of memory works by artist Lis Mann, which tell her personal story of being a



Upton House and Gardens

Jewish refugee child from Nazi-occupied Austria. Lis uses textiles combined with other materials to make visual stories and experiences that are partial, too painful or complex for words. Through her art she confronts past and present, piecing together fragmented memories and feelings. To stitch is to bind patches of fabric together, to mend, to renew. ‘Threads through time’ is Lis’ individual story of self-making, but her works echo other refugee stories, past and present, and suggest wider questions about exile and belonging today. From September, visitors to Upton House will also see displays about Upton’s former owner, 2nd Viscount Bearsted, Walter Samuel, who along with other prominent Anglo-Jews played a leading role in efforts to rescue Jewish refugees from Nazi persecution. Grade II Listing. 2nd Viscount Bearsted, Walter Samuel,

bought and remodelled the original 17th-century Warwickshire house in 1927. He purposefully redesigned and extended the honey coloured stone house to best display his fine painting collection and rare 18th-century French and English porcelain. Lady Bearsted concentrated her attention on the gardens and commissioned one of the first professional female garden designers, Kitty Lloyd Jones, to improve them for the family’s pleasure and leisure time. The topography is distinctive with steep terraces parallel to the house tumbling down the Ice Age valley. Special anniversary: February 2023 marked 75 years since Lord Bearsted gave Upton House and gardens and his outstanding collection of paintings and porcelain to the National Trust. In July it will also be 75 years since Upton House first opened to the visiting public under the ownership of the National Trust. The exhibition

and displays described are included in the normal price of admission. House 11am - 3:30pm, Garden 10am - 5pm, Restaurant 10:30am - 5pm Shop 10:30am - 5pm. Upton House and Gardens, Near Banbury, Warwickshire, OX15 6HT. On A422, 7 miles north of Banbury, 12 miles south-east of Stratford-upon-Avon. Signed from exit 12 of M40. From exit 11 follow the signs for the A422 via Wroxton. Parking: The car park is 300 yards from the house and garden. The car park is locked outside of the opening hours for Upton House and Gardens. When using your SatNav please follow the directions to the postcode area, then look for the brown signs to find our car park. The entrance is on the main road, the A422. Contact: uptonhouse@nationaltrust.org.uk 01295 670266 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/upton-house-and-gardens

DA T D T S P

Saturday 9th September

London

The Liberal Jewish Synagogue

Concert *Virtual and Live* Pre-Selichot concert of early music. Marking the 400th anniversary of the early Jewish composer Salamone Rossi, the Liberal Jewish Synagogue will be hosting a pre-Selichot concert of music by the Vache Baroque Singers. The programme will include music by Rossi, Campion and Byrd and will take place at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, London NW8 7HA on



The Liberal Jewish Synagogue

Saturday night 9th September at 7.30 pm. Registration required on website. The Liberal Jewish Synagogue was founded in 1911. A synagogue was built on the present site in 1925, but partly destroyed by an enemy bomb in 1940. In 1991, the synagogue was rebuilt on the same site by the Israeli-South African-British architects Koski Solomon. Special anniversary: The synagogue is commemorating the anniversary of the birth and death of one of the founders of Liberal Judaism, the Honorable Lily Montagu, born December 1863 and died January 1963. An exhibition will be held at the synagogue from November 2023. Donations welcome in advance or on the night. 7.30-9.30pm. The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, London, NW8 7HA. No parking restrictions on Saturdays all day. Contact: Rabbi Alexandra Wright a.wright@ljs.org 07976930112 www.ljs.org/event/vachebaroqueconcert

DA L T D T S P

Sunday 10th September

Around the UK

Chatham Memorial Synagogue

Tour and food tasting *Live only* Chatham Shul Heritage Open Days. Visit this unique and exceptional historic Grade II* listed site, with an additional new listing for the cemetery and the Magnus Memorial. Experience the finest substantial example of a late 19th Century British Synagogue in the Romanesque style with its exceptionally richly decorated interior and unique attached cemetery.

Chatham Memorial Synagogue is considered to be of exceptional significance, and is, quite literally, the only one of its kind in the world! It is exceptionally beautiful inside with its blaze of colour and distinctive stained glass windows including the renowned Holocaust Memorial Window designed by Hilary Halpern. The finest surviving

example of HH Collins' work, the current Synagogue (built 1865-1870) sits on the site of an earlier building. The cemetery predates even this earlier building with graves going back to the mid-1700s.

This is the only Synagogue in the UK which has an attached cemetery which has been newly listed, making the site even more significant. Learn about the Jewish community in Medway, compare religions, look at "Leper's Walk", or just admire the beauty of this wonderful building- just don't miss this rare opportunity to visit! You will also have the opportunity to try some delicious traditional Jewish food alongside our usual warm welcome. Grade II Listing. Free, but donations gratefully received. 10.30am, 12noon, 1.30pm and 3pm. 366, High Street, Rochester, Kent, ME1 1DJ. Payable on-street parking or there is a car park at Doust Way. Contact: Dalia Halpern-Matthews restore@chathamshul.org.uk 07973 261864 www.chathamshul.org.uk

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Chatham Memorial Synagogue



Cheltenham Synagogue

10am. Talk *Live only* 'William Hill Knight'. At the age of 22 years, architect William Hill Knight completed his first design - the Synagogue. He went on to design some of Cheltenham's iconic buildings. This talk (20 minutes) by historian Neela Mann outlines his life and work. Neela and Cheltenham Hebrew Congregation members will be available to engage with participants after the talk. This Grade II* Listed Synagogue was first consecrated in 1839. Home to a small traditional community it contains the



Sunday 10th September

oldest Ashkenazi furniture (1761) in use in the UK. It also has two unique 18th century prayer plaques. It is 200 years since Cheltenham Hebrew Congregation was formed. Free. 10.00 - 11.00 am.

The Synagogue, Synagogue Lane St James Square, Cheltenham, GL50 3PU. Chelt Walk public car park is next to the Synagogue. (No access through Synagogue Lane). Prebooking Required. Contact: Jenny Silverston www.cheltenhamssynagogue.org.uk

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Cheltenham Synagogue

11.30 Talk *Live only* 'Aspects of Jewish Life in Britain 1800 - 1850'. Jesssica Shapiro will give a brief overview of Anglo-Jewry in the Regency and early Victorian era, focussing on its economic and social history and changing patterns of settlement. While the great majority of Jews lived in London during this period, Jessica will concentrate on life in the provinces, including Cheltenham.

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Cheltenham Synagogue

2pm Talk *Live only* 'Dissenters boxes: the Nonconformist chapels of early 19th century Cheltenham'. As well as the Synagogue, the 19th century was the building of many Nonconformist chapels in Cheltenham, most of which still survive, albeit in secular use. This





Cheltenham Synagogue

Sunday 10th September

talk, by Dr Steven Blake, will look at the buildings and their history and will encourage those attending to go out and explore for themselves. Dr Blake worked for 30 years at Cheltenham

Art Gallery & Museum (1975-2006), eventually filling the post of Museum & Collections Manager and is a founder member, and former Chairman, of the Cheltenham Local History Society. The Grade II* Listed Synagogue was first consecrated in 1839. Home to a small traditional community it contains the oldest Ashkenazi furniture (1761) in use in the UK. It also has two unique 18th century prayer plaques. It is 200 years since Cheltenham Hebrew Congregation was formed. Free. 2.00 - 3.00 pm. The Synagogue, Synagogue Lane, St James Square, Cheltenham, GL50 3PU. Chelt Walk public car park next to Synagogue. (No access through Synagogue Lane). Prebooking Required. Contact: Jenny Silverston www.cheltenhamssynagogue.org.uk

Cheltenham Synagogue

4pm Talk *Live only* Cheltenham's 'Historical but Controversial Montefiore Sefer Torah. Did Sir Moses get duped?' In his later years Sir Moses Montefiore commissioned some of the most eminent scribes in Europe to produce an annual Torah scroll. Rabbi Benarroch, a certified Sofer Stam from the Va ad L Mishmeres Stam, (the established worldwide and Israeli Institute for Soferim based in B'nai B'rak under Rav Klein) is also an expert on Montefiore Torahs. Discoveries about the Torahs will be revealed by Rabbi Benarroch with a focus on Cheltenham's Montefiore Torah. The Grade II* Listed Synagogue was first consecrated in 1839. Home to a small traditional community it contains the oldest Ashkenazi furniture (1761) in use in the UK. It also has two

Sunday 10th September

unique 18th century prayer plaques. It is 200 years since Cheltenham Hebrew Congregation was formed. Free. 4.00 - 5.00 pm. The Synagogue, Synagogue Lane, St James Square, Cheltenham, GL50 3PU. Chelt Walk public car park next to Synagogue. (No access through Synagogue Lane). Prebooking Required. Contact: Jenny Silverston www.cheltenhamsynagogue.org.uk

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Edinburgh Interfaith Association

Walk *Live only* Edinburgh Jewish Heritage Tour. Join Professor Joe Goldblatt to explore the heritage of the Edinburgh Jewish community in a walking tour that includes oldest Jewish Cemetery, plaque of founder of the Edinburgh Festivals, exterior of orthodox synagogue, and much more.

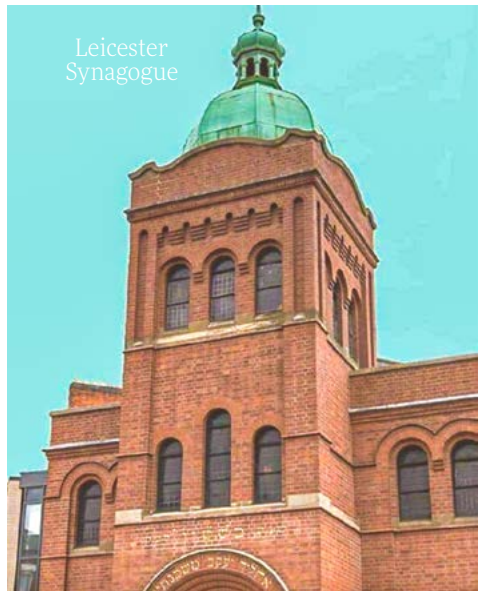


This three mile walking tour was developed from original research by Michael Adler, Hannah Holtschneider, Gillian Raab Elaine Samuel, and others and first offered by the Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society. Free. 2pm to 5pm. Tour begins in front of Balmoral Hotel at 1

Princes Street and ends at Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation, Balmoral Hotel. EH2 2EQ. No parking available. Public transit by train, bus, or tram advised. To register, RSVP before 7th September 2023. Contact: Amina amina@eifa.org.uk 07942 695131

Leicester Hebrew Congregation

Open Door *Live only* Leicester Orthodox Synagogue Open Day. There will be tours of the Synagogue building & explanations by members of the local community of its use and the Jewish religion. The tour will include the new Visitor Centre with its timeline history of the Community & interactive tv programme of everything about Judaism. Grade II Listing. Built in 1897. Free.



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10.30am to 4pm. Leicester Synagogue
Highfield Street Leicester, LE1 4AD.
Highfield Street is a Residents Parking
Area. There is street parking costing 20p
an hour or 50p up to 3 hours. Contact:
Tony Nelson tonynelson32000@yahoo.co.uk
0116-271 5603 www.Jewish-Leicester.co.uk

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Oxford Jewish Congregation

Open Door *Live only* Tours to explain
about Jewish life, festivals, synagogue and
more. Free. 2 - 5.30pm. 21 Richmond Road,
Oxford, OX1 2JL. Contact: connections@ojc-online.org
01865 514356 www.ojc-online.org

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The Gregg School



The Gregg School

Open Door *Live only* Townhill Park
House and Gardens Open Day. Explore
the historic Townhill Park House and
Gardens, owned by Lord and Lady
Swaythling (Louis and Gladys Montagu)
in the early 1900s. Wander around the

house designed by L.R. Guthrie and
through the beautiful formal gardens
by Gertrude Jekyll in 1912. Home to The
Gregg School since 1994. Please allow 1.5
hours to 2 hours to follow the self-guided
tour around the house and gardens using
the keep-sake tour guide or simply follow
the signs. Grade II Listing. Featured in the
1085 Domesday Book as part of the South
Stoneham estate, Townhill Park House had
various owners leading up to 1897 when
it was purchased by Samuel Montagu,
Lord Swaythling. Under the ownership
of his son, Louis Montagu (the second
Baron), the house was re-designed and
extended in the early 1900s by Leonard
Rome Guthrie, whilst the garden design
was commissioned to Gertrude Jekyll.
Free. Donations towards the upkeep of the
gardens always welcome. £3 to purchase
a guide book. 2pm-5pm. Townhill Park
House, Cutbush Lane, Southampton
SO18 3RR, SO18 3RR. Free parking is
available. Contact: Samantha Allen ssa@thegreggschools.org
02380 472133 www.thegreggschool.org

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Kingston Liberal Synagogue

Open Door *Live only* Victorian School
converted into a Synagogue and
Community Centre in 1976. Free. 11.00am
to 4.00pm. Rushett Road, Long Ditton,
Surrey, KT7 0UX. No parking on site.
Contact: Jen Osorio jenco112340@gmail.com
020 8398 7400 or 07504 125493 www.klsonline.org

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Kingston, Surbiton and District Synagogue

Open afternoon *Live only* The present synagogue building has been open for about 65 years. Previously, gentiles have been fascinated to be shown around and to have various aspects of Judaism explained to them. Built 65 years ago. Free. 3-5pm. 33-35 Uxbridge Road, Kingston, Surrey, KT1 2LL. Uxbridge Road is one-way only, towards the Thames. Parking is free on a Sunday. Contact: Dr Alan Lyons alanne.lyons@gmail.com 020 8399 1452

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Tuesday 12th September

London

B'nai B'rith Yitzchak Rabin Lodge

Talk *Live only* 'Memories' - A most significant memory event with a photo. People attending are invited to submit a photograph for projection and talk about their most significant memory for a maximum of 5 minutes each. Refreshments will be provided. Grade II Listing. 'Summerhill' in Stanmore, which is in a conservation area. The building has connections to the 18th century with a Grade II listed wall. Special anniversary: We hope to be celebrating our 50th lodge member. He/she will receive a special testimonial. £3 for B'nai B'rith members, £4 for non-members. 3pm-5pm. Venue given on booking. HA7. Ample parking available. Prebooking Required. Contact: yitzchakrabin@bnaibrithuk.org

www.bbrabin.co.uk

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Saturday 16th September to
Sunday 17th September

Around the UK

The Stained Glass Museum

Open Door *Live only* Heritage Open Days at The Stained Glass Museum. The museum is within the upper level of Ely Cathedral. Access is via a spiral staircase of 40 steps. Grade I Listing. Free admission during these times. 16/9/23 - 6-9pm, 17/9/23 - 12:30-5pm. The Stained Glass Museum, South Triforium, Ely Cathedral, CB7 4DL. Contact: Emily Allen events@stainedglassmuseum.com 01353 660347. www.stainedglassmuseum.com

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Sunday 17th September

Around the UK

The Salomons Museum

Talk *Live only* 'Remembering the Salomons'. Chris Jones (museum curator) tells the story of three generations of the Salomons family, including the first Jewish Lord Mayor of London; a noted scientist and collector; and a sad casualty of the First World War. Grade II Listing. The Salomons Estate (Broomhill) was the country home of the Salomons family for over 100 years. Designed by Decimus Burton c.1850 it is set in 32 acres of picturesque



The Salomons Estate

countryside. Today it is a venue for events and weddings, but retains a two-room museum dedicated to the family. Free. 2.30pm. Salomons Estate, Broomhill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0TG. Prebooking Required. Contact: Chris Jones. To book please contact Salomons Reception, 01892 515152, between 1st and 31st August. clissold.jones@btinternet.com www.salomons-estate.com

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Monday 18th September to
Tuesday 31st October

Around the UK

National Trust - Ightham Mote

Exhibition *Live only* Jewish Country House. Ightham Mote will host Jewish Country Houses' touring exhibition: 'Country Houses, Jewish Homes' this autumn. The display will sit alongside items from the Mote's own collection, which has its own Jewish story to tell. Grade I Listing. Building dates from the 1340s and has links with Thomas Colyer-Ferguson and his wife, Lady Mary nee Cohen, as well as Mendelssohn. Normal admission rates apply. Free for National Trust members. 11am to 4.30pm. Mote Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 0NT. Contact: Marcus Cribb ighthammote@



Ightham Mote

nationaltrust.org.uk 01732 810378 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Kent/ightham-mote

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Wednesday 27th September

Virtual

B'nai B'rith UK - Lizzie Glitheroe-West

Talk *Virtual only* 'Heritage - The Long Game'. Lizzie Glitheroe-West, CEO The Heritage Alliance, will bring her



Lizzie Glitheroe-West,

experience in running the sector's umbrella body for heritage in England, the Heritage Alliance, to discuss the challenges facing the Heritage Sector

as the country is impacted by the Cost-of-Living Crisis as well as some more specific challenges faced by organisations preserving Jewish heritage and collective memory. She will also explore the opportunities for us to demonstrate how heritage can address a host of public policy problems, from levelling up and wellbeing to climate change. Free. 8pm-9pm. Prebooking Required. Contact: events@bnaibrithuk.org 07588 087324 www.bnaibrithuk.org

Saturday 30th September

London

West London Synagogue

Open Door West London Synagogue will open its doors for an explanatory Shabbat morning service and celebration of the first day of the festival of Succot. After the service we will hold a small meal (kiddish) in our succah followed by a talk and activity for our guests exploring the idea of 'Memories of Home'. The building was established in 1870 and is Grade II listed. Free. Morning service 11am. Talk at 1.30pm. 33 Seymour Place, W1H 5AU Contact nic.schlagman@wls.org, 020 7535 0270. www.wls.org.uk

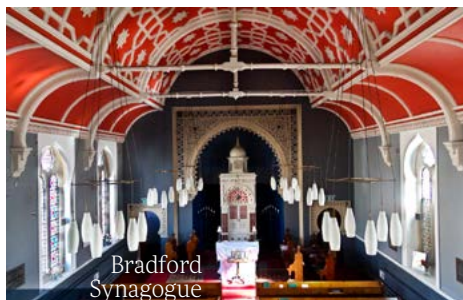
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Sunday 15th October

Bradford Synagogue

Around the UK

Walk. A visit to the Bradford Synagogue opened in 1881 followed by a tour of Bradford's Jewish heritage. This year we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of



Bradford Synagogue

the foundation of the Bradford Jewish Community and the arrival of Rabbi Strauss, the first rabbi in the city. £10. 11am to 12.30pm. Meet at the Bradford Synagogue Bowland Street. BD1 3B. Prebooking required. Contact Nigel Grizzard. 07798 855494

bradfordjewish@gmail.com
www.yorkshireheritagewalks.co.uk

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Sunday 22nd October

Around the UK

B'nai B'rith Cheshire - Jubilee Evening

Social event *Live only* 'Jubilee Evening'. BB Cheshire have a long tradition of putting on Murder Mystery evenings. This one has been specially commissioned to celebrate our 50th year, with memories from across the decades whilst solving whodunnit Special anniversary: Golden Jubilee - our B'nai B'rith Lodge was founded in 1973. £25. Starts 6.45pm. South Manchester - full details will be provided to ticket holders Prebooking Required. Contact: cheshire@bnaibrithuk.org www.bnaibrithuk.org/bnai-brith-cheshire/

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London

Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain

Open Door *Live only* FREE Family History Workshop for Beginners. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Gt. Britain's mentors will give an introduction to genealogy and provide

guidance on how to get started tracing your Jewish ancestors. Free. 2.30pm to 5pm. Prebooking required. Contact: Daniel Morgan-Thomas at programme@jsgsb.org.uk

The Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A)

Lunchtime Lecture at 1pm in the Lydia & Manfred Gorvy Theatre. Grade I Listing. Free, no booking option. See description page 12. The Victoria and Albert Museum Cromwell Road, London, SW7 2RL. Contact: contactcentre@vam.ac.uk 0207 942 2876 www.vam.ac.uk

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Tuesday 31st October

London

Go London Tours

Walk *Live only* 'Radicals to Rinkoff's'. This ever popular tour with Rachel Kolsky and Esther Rinkoff explores Jewish Whitechapel including synagogues, bakers and Boris the photographer but also the radical history of the East End's revolutionaries and activists including the Siege of Sidney Street, Rachel's favourite anarchist couple, Rudolph Rocker and Millie Witcop and the 20th century rent strikes. Esther will weave into the walk the sites and story behind the only surviving Jewish family-owned baker in Whitechapel, Rinkoff's, founded in 1911. Their story includes not only bread but fame as an art installation and film location. The tour ends at the bakery so ensure you have time for refreshments. £20 per person plus 10% off any purchases at Rinkoff's Bakery. 10.30am. Meeting place provided on booking. Prebooking Required. Contact: Rachel Kolsky info@

golondontours.com 020 8883 4169

Wednesday 1st November

Virtual

B'nai B'rith UK - Dr Dean Irwin

Talk *Virtual only* 'Gone but not Forgotten: Jewish Homes in Post-Expulsion England'.

Dr Dean Irwin



The Jews were expelled from England in 1290. Although they were permitted to take their money and movable goods with them, any debts which remained outstanding, as well as any houses which remained in Jewish hands, defaulted to the Crown. Dean explores the post-Expulsion history of houses in towns such as Lincoln and Canterbury inhabited by Jews for nearly a quarter of a millennium, which are still remembered as places that Jews had called home. Free. 8pm-9pm. Prebooking Required. Contact: events@bnaibrithuk.org 07588 087324 www.bnaibrithuk.org

Tuesday 14th November

London

B'nai B'rith First Unity Lodge

Talk *Live only* 'Memories'. Lord Daniel Finkelstein will be speaking on the topic of "Memories". He has recently published his book "Hitler, Stalin, Mum & Dad". The event will be First Unity's contribution to the EDJCH and also their annual Unity Lecture. Applications to attend should be sent to jo@biebernet.co.uk Free to B'nai B'rith members, £5 donation for others. 8.00pm. Venue given on booking. Prebooking Required. Contact: Jo Bieber jo@biebernet.co.uk

Wednesday 15th November

Virtual

B'nai B'rith UK - Rabbi Joseph Dweck

Talk *Virtual only* 'Identity Sits in Memory - Thoughts on Being Jewish in the 21st Century'. Rabbi Joseph Dweck is the Senior Rabbi of the Spanish & Portugese Sephardi Community of the United Kingdom. Free. 8pm-9pm. Prebooking Required. Contact: events@bnaibrithuk.org 07588 087324 www.bnaibrithuk.org



Rabbi Joseph Dweck

Thursday 16th November

London

B'nai B'rith Raoul Wallenberg Lodge

Talk *Live only* 'Numerus Clausus': How Jews were prevented from going to Medical Schools in the 20th Century from Budapest to Leeds. Alan Silman will give a talk on how antisemitism operated and why in influencing admission to medical schools in Europe and North America in the 20th century including Leeds. Alan was Medical Director of Arthritis Research UK responsible for developing national strategies for research into arthritis and education curricula for students and health care professionals. He also advised parliamentary enquiries on arthritis and similar health problems.

Alan was a member of government committee on medicine safety, chaired Appeals Panel against NICE decisions not to fund medicines. He is a Trustee of Limmud and led Jewish heritage tours to 10 countries in Europe and Asia. £18 including refreshments 8pm. Hendon, London NW4. Venue given on booking. Contact: Wendy Fishman 020 8455 3852

Saturday 18th November

London

Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue, Holland Park

Service *Live only* Interfaith Service. Our annual Interfaith service held in conjunction other religious groups in the area. Free. 09.00-12.30. Holland Park Synagogue, 8 St. James's Gardens



Spanish & Portuguese
Synagogue, Holland Park

London, W11 4RB. PaybyPhone parking on the square. Prebooking Required. Contact: Lorna Perez admin@hollandparksynagogue.org.uk 0207 603 7961 www.hollandparksynagogue.org.uk

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Saturday 2nd December

London

The Liberal Jewish Synagogue

Talk *Virtual and Live* 'Lily Montagu and her club' - illustrated talk by Rabbi Dr Jackie Tabick to celebrate Miss Lily Montagu 1873-1963. She was a very typical Victorian Lady, interested in bettering the life of the poor through education, work and good deeds. To help the young women working in the sweatshops, (whom she believed to be in moral danger from the young, sweaty, bare chested young men!) she founded a club which then morphed into West Central Liberal Synagogue and she was a prime mover behind the creation of Liberal Judaism and the World Union of Progressive Judaism. The Liberal Jewish Synagogue in St John's Wood with its grand ionic columns of Portland Stone seated 1,350 people when it was dedicated on 13 September 1925, just in time for that year's High Holy Days. However, the building was seriously damaged by an enemy bomb in 1940 and,

although it was repaired, the ongoing serious structural defects prompted the community to undertake a major redesign and re-build in the late 1980s. The present building was opened in 1991. Free. 1.00pm. 28 St John's Wood Road, London, NW8 7HA. Prebooking Required. Contact: Ally Short ljs@ljs.org 0207 286 5181 www.ljs.org

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Wednesday 6th December

Virtual

B'nai B'rith UK - Beverley-Jane Stewart

Talk *Virtual only* 'L'Chaim! Memories of Jewish Life Around Britain'.

Beverley-Jane Stewart's work is centred around cultural identity. Through her feminine intuition and own religious



Beverley-Jane Stewart

Memory

beliefs, she sensitively explores the importance of embracing history. As a visual writer, she looks in intricate detail at how Jewish heritage operates in a contemporary multi-cultural society. She tells the story of the Jews from past to present, displaying history in its various periods...a rollercoaster in time. She observes the workplace, and the home, recognising how memories, customs, faiths, and family patterns help to shape the individual

person and the communities they share. Within her works she addresses displacement and the forced adaptation to new environments. She is a painter and printmaker who has exhibited in Britain, Romania, Israel, and Italy. Her work is permanently hung in museums, synagogues, municipalities, and public collections.

Free. 8pm-9pm. Prebooking Required.
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Today, it is one of the largest Jewish volunteer organisations active in humanitarian, human rights and cultural and charitable work in 59 countries, many of which are affiliated to B'nai B'rith Europe.

Launched in 1996 by the B'nai B'rith Lodge in Strasbourg, the Open Days became pan-European in 2000 and are now under the aegis of the European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage (AEPJ), with the participation of 31 countries.

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For further information about Jewish Heritage Days, both here and on the Continent, please contact B'nai B'rith UK.

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