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Contributions for the next Newsletter, planned for January 2010, are very welcome. Articles, reports of meetings, reviews etc. may be e-mailed directly to the Editor (Dr Sidney Budd) at sidneybudd@aol.com and please include a copy to the Administrator, David Freeman at info@jhse.org. Communications on hard copy should be sent to the Editor, c/o Jewish Historical Society of England, 33 Seymour Place, London, W1H 5AP. Tel: 020-7723 5852.

The final date for receipt of contributions is November 27th 2009

The JHSE and Jewish Book Week

On 2 December 1948 Lord Justice Cohen, the President of the Jewish Historical Society, convened a conference under the auspices of the JHSE. The object of the conference was to consider how best to encourage the revival of interest in Jewish books. Those present at the meeting were representatives of Jewish institutions interested in cultural matters including the Board of Deputies, the Jewish Memorial Council and others. At that meeting Jacques Cohen, the Chairman of the Central Jewish Lecture Committee of the Board of Deputies, informed those present that the Board was in the process of organising a Jewish Book Exhibition with help and advice from the JHSE. Subsequently that exhibition was referred to in minutes of the Board and in the *Jewish Chronicle* as Jewish Book Week. The conference decided to establish a Jewish Book Council with the purpose of encouraging the revival and establishment of Jewish libraries by synagogues and other institutions and to advise in the selection of Jewish books by municipal and other non-Jewish public libraries.

The provisional Committee of the Jewish Book Council (JBC) appointed at that conference was presided over by Albert Hyamson, a Vice-President of the JHSE. Their first meeting was held on 21 March 1949, again under the auspices of the JHSE, and they decided that they should become independent but retain close links with the JHSE. In practice there has frequently been a JHSE Council member on the JBC. At its next meeting on 20 June 1949 the JBC elected an Executive Committee with Dr George Webber as Chairman. Dr Webber was a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Deputies.

Jewish Book Week opened on 17 October 1949 with Dr. A Cohen, the President of the Board of Deputies, in the chair and the opening speech was delivered by Lord Justice Cohen the immediate past President of the JHSE. In that speech he paid tribute to the late Jacques Cohen (who had recently died) and who had been the inspiration behind Jewish Book Week. There was an exhibition held in conjunction with Book Week and it only lasted four days although the original intention was for it to last a week - apparently the hall was only available for four days.

After that the mantle seems to have been passed by the Board to the Jewish Book Council. George Webber was a very close friend of Jacques Cohen and it is likely that

MONEY MATTERS

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they had discussed a continuation of Jewish Book Week. At a meeting of the JBC on 8 May 1950 it was announced that a Jewish Book Fair would be held from 4 to 7 December 1950, but there is no further reference to this in the minutes of the JBC. A Hebrew Education Exhibition was held on 7 December 1950 including a display of Jewish books, and maybe this replaced the book fair, although the JBC were not involved in it. At a meeting of the JBC on 8 July 1952 it was announced that the Chief Rabbi had agreed to the holding of a Jewish Book Week in November 1952 and this was confirmed in a letter from Dr Webber published in the *Jewish Chronicle* on 24 October 1952 announcing that the first Jewish Book Week under the auspices of the Jewish Book Council was about to be held.

The *Jewish Chronicle* of 3 June 1949 heralded the forthcoming Jewish Book Week, implying that it was the first such in Europe. I am grateful to Anne Webber, the current President of the Jewish Book Council, for pointing out to me that this was misleading as there had been two prior Jewish Book Weeks - one in February/March 1937 in Glasgow and the other in Manchester in April 1938. In fact the *JC* had misled itself as in its edition of 12 March 1937 under the heading 'Glasgow's Jewish Book Week' it wrote '*For what is believed to be the first time in the history of the Jewish Communities of Europe a Jewish Book Exhibition, arranged by a Jewish Organisation, has been held*'. Anne has researched these first two Book Weeks. The Glasgow one was organised by the Glasgow Women's Lodge of the B'nei B'rith under the chairmanship of Mrs. Maude Joseph and the Manchester one by the Manchester Women's Lodge of the B'nei B'rith under the chairmanship of Mrs. Collette Hassan. Both seem to have been great successes. There does not seem to have been any involvement by the JHSE in these two except that at the Manchester book week the opening address was made by Cecil Roth, at that time the President of the JHSE.

The JHSE can take credit for the establishment of the Jewish Book Council under whose auspices Jewish Book Week has been running continuously since 1952 and has become one of the most important cultural events in the British Jewish calendar.

Raphael Langham

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BOOK REVIEW

Charles R. Gallagher, S.J., *Vatican Secret Diplomacy: Joseph P. Hurley and Pope Pius XII*
(Yale University Press, New Haven and London) Hardback 283 pages £25

The Vatican Secret Archives for the period of Pius XII's pontificate have not been revealed to historians, so Father Gallagher has studied the papers of Joseph P. Hurley who was a Jesuit Monsignor working in the Vatican Secretariat of State from 1934 to 1940. They throw a great deal of light upon the mentality and policy of Pius XII (Eugenio Giovanni Pacelli), the man justifiably described as "Hitler's Pope."

Joseph Patrick Hurley was an Irish American from Cleveland Ohio and his role at the Vatican was to act as a liaison officer with the Catholic nuncios and hierarchy in the United States. He became very close to Pope Pius XI (Achille Ratti), who came to see Naziism as a threat to the Catholic Church and issued an anti-Nazi encyclical in 1937. When Cardinal Pacelli was elected Pope the policy changed. Pius XII saw Communism as the primary threat. He did not admire the Western democracies and saw Fascism and Nazism as the best defence against Communism. He took the line that the Church must be neutral during World War II and made no criticism of the Nazis until the German army in Rome started deporting

the Roman Jews. The practical effect of Pius XII's policy of neutrality was to cause Catholic Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary to be subjected to Communist rule. Hurley worked closely with the American State Department in opposing the Nazis. Pius XII got rid of him by appointing him bishop of St Augustine in Florida in 1940, where he did everything he could to mobilise the American Catholic church behind the war effort, to the horror of the Papal Nuncio. In 1943 Hurley published an article attacking the barbarity of the Nazi extermination of Jews in Europe before any other Catholic bishop had done so and made every effort to swing the Catholic Church against the Nazis, when American diplomats had got nowhere with Pius XII. When the war was over Hurley was sent to Yugoslavia as Regent and Nuncio, after which he was given the title of Archbishop and returned to his diocese in Florida, where he backed Senator Joseph McCarthy's witch hunt against Communists.

This biography of Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley is a superb piece of historical research and beautifully written.

Edgar Samuel

JHSE Members' Publications

An ongoing list of members' recent publications, compiled and arranged by Stephen Massil

Malcolm Brown, *Henry James and family in and about St John's Wood*, in: Westminster History Review, No. 5, 2009

David Cesarani, *Major Farran's hat : murder, scandal and Britain's war against Jewish terrorism, 1945-1948*, William Heinemann, 2009

John Cooper: *Raphael Lemkin and the struggle for the Genocide Convention*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2008

Charles Corman, *My cousin: the Chinese general*, in: UCL Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies Newsletter, Purim 2009, pp. 16-19

Cyril Fox, *Mosquito Net : a Story of the Pioneers of Tropical Medicine*, i2i Publishing, 2008

Lloyd P. Gartner: *American and British Jews in the age of great migration*, Vallentine Mitchell, 2009.

Nicholas de Lange, trans.: Amos Oz, *Rhyming life and death*, Chatto & Windus, 2009

Raphael Langham, *The other Richard Burton*, in: UCL Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies Newsletter, Purim 2009, pp. 6-7

Raphael Langham, *The oldest synagogue in the United States*, in: UCL Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies Newsletter, Purim 2009, pp. 12-13

Stephen W. Massil, *America Square in the Minorities : some notes and a question*, in: Newsletter of the London Topographical Society, No. 68, May 2009, pp. 5-7

Jonathan Romain, ed., *God, Doubt and Dawkins : Reform Rabbis respond to the Dawkins delusion*, Reform Synagogues of Great Britain, 2008

Members are invited to notify me of their *recent* and *imminent* publications

SWM

The Other Richard



In March 1909, almost exactly 100 years ago, the Board of Deputies of British Jews bought the manuscript of a vicious antisemitic book which they locked away. This is the story of that manuscript.

Sir Richard Burton (1821 – 1890) was a Victorian polymath. He was an explorer, spy, translator, writer, soldier, ethnologist, linguist, poet, hypnotist, fencer and diplomat as well as a religious fanatic and pornographer. He was totally unconventional and well known for his travels and explorations within Asia and Africa as well as his extraordinary knowledge of languages and cultures. He went on the Haj to Mecca disguised as a Moslem and for this purpose he had himself circumcised. He tried but failed to find the source of the Nile and was credited with discovering Lake Victoria. This was later successfully disputed. He translated the *Kama Sutra*, *The Arabian Nights* and *The Perfumed Garden* into English.

But he had a darker side to his character, and it is this darker side that involves the Jews. In the early 1870s he wrote a book, provisionally titled *The Jew*, which he tried to get published. The book stated as fact that the Sephardim had a practice of human sacrifice, and used the alleged and discredited accusation of the murder of Father Thomas in Damascus in 1840 as an example. Burton received advice that due to its antisemitic nature publication was inadvisable and would be harmful to his reputation, particularly as at the time he was in the British diplomatic service. He accepted this advice deciding to attempt publication again after his retirement. He died a few months before retirement.

The manuscript then fell into the hands of his wife Isabel, who on her death in 1896 left instructions to her literary executors that it should be burnt. It wasn't, and her sister Elizabeth Fitzgerald, who was one of her literary executors, was anxious to publish the manuscript. In early 1897 the Board of Deputies discussed an advertisement for a book by the late Sir Richard Burton and edited by William Wilkins, who was Isabel's editor, entitled *Human Sacrifices amongst the Sephardim or Eastern Jews* that was about to be published. They entered into correspondence with the publishers, editor and the trustees of Isabel's estate, requesting to see a copy of the proposed book. They got nowhere, and at a Board meeting on 18 March 1897 it was resolved that if the book was found to be a defamatory libel on the Jewish people they would take criminal proceedings against anyone involved in its publication. The following day the Board's solicitor wrote to Isabel's literary executors pointing this out and asking them to prevent the book's publication. The Board were subsequently told that the book would be published in a much abridged form. On 16 October 1897 the *Athenaeum*

published another advert for the book, still with the same title, but the Board decided to wait until publication before taking any further action. In the event the book, re-titled *The Jew, The Gypsy and El Islam*, was published in 1898 and most of the offending antisemitic material had been excised. The Board were advised that there was no case for legal action against what was actually published.

The manuscript remained with Wilkins although it was unclear whether he had legal title to it. In 1903 Wilkins sold the unexpurgated manuscript of the whole book to a firm of booksellers who sold it on to Henry Frederick Manners-Sutton who owned a publishing business. In 1908 Manners-Sutton approached Isabel's executors asking for permission to reprint the book including the expurgated parts. They refused so he decided to sell it, and in March 1909 the Board purchased the manuscript including the offending and unpublished chapters as well as a galley proof of the unpublished book. One of the conditions of the sale laid down by the literary executors was that the Board would never publish the manuscript. However Manners-Sutton who had physical but no longer legal possession of the manuscript refused to hand it over, and in March 1911 the Board took legal action to force him to do so. The court so ordered and at a meeting of the Board on 9 April 1911 the President announced that they had the documents and that they would be suppressed forever. This statement subsequently led the Board to refuse anyone access to read the documents.

It remained in the Board's archives and when they were catalogued in 1978 the file was given the title 'The Burton Book'. In December 1984 Professor Geoffrey Alderman, then a member of the Board, asked for the book to be made available to *bona fide* scholars but this was refused. In 1986 the new President, Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, wrote to Professor Alderman giving him permission to examine the book under certain conditions. It took another two years before Professor Alderman was able to do so. Forever had lasted 75 years.

A few years later there was a remarkable change of policy. At a plenary meeting of the Board in May 2001 the President, Mrs Jo Wagerman, announced that the manuscript was to be auctioned to raise money to enable the Board to obtain new premises. This was a unanimous decision of the Honorary Officers and the Executive Committee. They had taken advice from worldwide experts on antisemitism, and in a letter to Board members the President wrote '*we were assured unequivocally that its contents, though ridiculous and racist, pose no threat to the Jewish Community of today, either from the extreme right or the Arab world.*' Its possible sale created a furore in the Jewish community in Britain and overseas. The issue was not the selling of the 'family silver' but rather that in the wrong hands it could be used to foment even more antisemitism. A former President of the Board,

Burton

Lord Greville Janner, wrote to all deputies informing them that he had been contacted by a benefactor who was prepared to offer £150,000 if the Board withdrew the manuscript from sale. They did not do so, as withdrawal would have cost the Board £40-50,000 and the Board had been advised by Christie's that the sale would fetch considerably more than the £150,000 on offer. In the event the book failed to reach its reserve price and was withdrawn. Subsequently the benefactor donated £75,000 to the Board on the understanding that it would be kept securely at its London offices and only bona fide scholars could have access to it.

I have examined the manuscript and it is a most unpleasant read. In my view it should remain under lock and key. Although the book *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* has been exposed as a fabrication it is regrettably still around and continues to be cited by antisemites and others as evidence that there is a worldwide conspiracy among Jews. If the Burton manuscript got into the wrong hands and was published there is a more than strong risk that it would be cited as evidence that Jews kill non-Jewish children so as to use their blood in the baking of matzot.

*Most of this article has been extracted from a book I am writing on the history of the Board of Deputies that is due to be published next year by Vallentine Mitchell to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the foundation of the Board. My sources were the archives of the Board and a paper by Geoffrey Alderman and Colin Holmes 'The Burton Book', published in the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, Volume 18 part 1 (January, 2008). My title has been plagiarised from an article of the same name written by my cousin Michael Fox and published in the English edition of *Ha'aretz* on 12 December 2008

Raphael Langham

From **Professor Geoffrey Alderman**, DLitt (Oxon)
In his review of my book *Controversy & Crisis* (JHSE Newsletter January 2009) Raphael Langham writes that Dr Lionel Kopelowitz denies ever having made it a condition of my access to the Burton manuscript held by the Board of Deputies of British Jews (of which Dr Kopelowitz was President at the time of my application to consult this archive) that I should maintain a silence about another "totally unrelated communal matter."
Dr Kopelowitz may have forgotten that on 20 May 1988, as President of the Board, he wrote to me laying down precisely such a condition.

Editor's note: Professor Alderman sent us a scan of the letter from Dr Kopelowitz which can be viewed at:
<http://www.geoffreyalderman.com/pdf/Kopletter20May1988.pdf>

And the Author ?

Raphael Langham has just retired after ten years as Honorary Treasurer of the Society. After National Service he trained and studied to become an actuary (finding accountancy too exciting!) and on qualification spent almost all of his career managing and advising on pension funds. He published a couple of papers in the *Journal of the Institute of Actuaries* and was a regular contributor and member of the editorial board of the principal occupational pension scheme journal *Pensions World*. Fifteen years ago he decided to enjoy the fruits of his labours, so he retired and joined, as a rather mature undergraduate, the Hebrew and Jewish Studies Department of University College London where he obtained a first class degree in Jewish History. He has remained associated with the department and one day hopes to complete his PhD so he can fulfill his parents' dream of their son becoming a doctor.

In 2005 he had a book published entitled *The Jews in Britain: A Chronology*, and is currently writing the history of the Board of Deputies to be published next year in conjunction with the 250th anniversary of the foundation of the Board.

Apart from trying to keep the Society solvent and presenting three papers in London and at local groups, he thinks his major contribution to the activities of the Society was chairing the group that was responsible for the development of the new website. He intends remaining actively involved with the Society, and Council have recently honoured him by electing him a Vice-President.

MEMBERS' ENQUIRIES AND RESEARCH TOPICS

We always welcome members' current research interests and enquiries. Any undergraduate student, postgraduate student, professional or independent researcher currently engaged in a research topic relevant to Anglo-Jewish history is most welcome to provide brief details for this section.

Please contact David Freeman at the office
020-7723 5852 E-mail: info@jhse.org

PAPERS FOR JEWISH HISTORICAL STUDIES

Members are reminded that the contents of Jewish Historical Studies are not confined to lectures delivered at the branches. Please contact Edgar Samuel c/o the Society's office if you have a contribution you would like to be considered.

British Library Holocaust Recordings Launched Online

The moving and often disturbing testimonies of Jewish migrants and refugees to Britain, many of whom survived Nazi concentration and labour camps, are being made available online in their entirety for the first time at:

<http://sounds.bl.uk/Browse.aspx?collection=Jewish-Holocaust-survivors>.

Over 440 hours of life story recordings explore 66 personal experiences of persecution across war-torn Europe and the impact of the Holocaust, covering:

- Anti-Semitism before the Second World War
- Pre-war refugees and the 'Kindertransport'
- Ghettos and concentration and labour camps
- Survival in hiding
- Resistance and liberation
- Searching for family in the aftermath
- Building a new life in Britain
- The legacy of the Holocaust

Education is absolutely vital to preserving and honouring the memories of those who suffered during the Holocaust and to helping ensure that such atrocities are never repeated. As well as providing academic researchers the world over with access to valuable source material, the *Jewish Survivors of the Holocaust* resource will also support primary and secondary education, supplementing the study materials and lesson plans provided by the British Library's Learning team and online at:

<http://www.bl.uk/learning/histcitizen/voices/holocaust.html>.

The testimonies now available are drawn from a major oral history programme – *The Living Memory of the Jewish Community* – which between 1987 and 2000 gathered 186 audio life story interviews with Jewish survivors of the Holocaust and their children. It was initiated by National Life Stories based in the BL's oral history section and funded by a number of organisations including the Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation, the John S Cohen Foundation and the Porjes Charitable Trust.

Many other Holocaust oral history interviews are available at the BL, collected through collaborative projects or deposited by other organisations and projects - details about these can be found at:

<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/sound/ohist/ohcoll/ohhol/jewish.html>

Rob Perks, Curator of Oral History at the British Library Sound Archive says: "These oral testimonies personalise the enormity of the Holocaust in a very direct and human way, emphasising the variety and complexity of individual experience. They also provide the broader context: that these individuals are survivors of whole communities that were often destroyed by the Holocaust, and that they have lived lives since the war. They are a cross-section of the many hundreds of Holocaust survivor accounts that we hold in the BL's oral history collection."

Ben Barkow, Director of the Wiener Library notes that, "With the inevitable passing of the generation of Holocaust survivors, the issue of how to preserve their memories for the education of future generations has become pressing. Initiatives to create sound archives and open them up to digital access are vital to this work and the British Library has made a major contribution with its Jewish Survivors of the Holocaust Collection on Archival Sound Recordings."

Archival Sound Recordings – <http://sounds.bl.uk>

The Archival Sound Recordings project makes a variety of music, spoken word, and environmental sounds from the British Library Sound Archive available online, and is part of the British Library's ongoing commitment to improving access and ensuring the preservation of invaluable primary source materials for research, teaching and learning. All recordings on Archival Sound Recordings can be accessed from British Library reading rooms and are available for free to licensed UK higher and further education institutions. In addition, over 2000 recordings, including *Jewish Survivors of the Holocaust*, are available to the public via the website.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are happy to report that JHSE member Meir Persoff has gained his PhD from Middlesex University for *Faith Against Reason: Religious Reform and the British Chief Rabbinate, 1840-1990* (Vallentine Mitchell, 2008), and for a follow-up dissertation on the *Sacks Chief Rabbinate, Another Way, Another Time* (to be published). He has also been elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

MUSEUM NEWS

The new Medieval Europe gallery at the British Museum includes, in the section on Trade, a few items of Jewish interest dated to about the 13th century, including

- four small English Jewish moneylenders' deeds for loans to gentiles, illustrating the main occupation of the Jews of which anything survives.
- the seal of a French Rabbi Samson
- a hoard of silver pennies, probably of a Jewish financier
- jewellery inscribed with Hebrew as charms
- an antisemitic ivory plaque

Bryan Diamond

OUR NEW HONORARY TREASURER

In December 1994 Alan Swarc retired as Financial Director of Citroen UK Ltd, the distributor in the UK of Citroen manufactured vehicles, after 23 years service.

As a Chartered Accountant since 1961 he had spent most of his professional career in commerce, where his fluent knowledge of French proved a decided advantage. He always felt, having left school at 16 for economic reasons, that he missed out on the benefits of a university education. The possibility of retiring early at the age of 55 gave him the opportunity to fulfil that desire under the best possible conditions: a good pension, a comfortable home life and no future career to worry about.

Even before his retirement date, Alan had already enrolled as an undergraduate in the Hebrew and Jewish Studies Department of University College London. One of his fellow students was Raphael Langham, the former Hon. Treasurer. Concentrating, in the main, on holocaust

studies, Alan was awarded a BA (Hons.) degree in 1999 and an MA degree in 2000. He went on to study for a PhD and was awarded his doctorate in 2006. His thesis was entitled: Illegal Immigration to Palestine 1945-1948: The French Connection. He has since given a lecture on this subject to the Society's members.

Alan is married to Dot (Dorothy) and they have two sons and two grandchildren. The latter both arrived in December 2007, just three hours apart and in different hospitals. They have kept their grandparents busy ever since.

Alan continues to research various aspects of contemporary Jewish history and would like to complete a biography he has been working on before his 70th birthday next December (but don't hold your breath!)

Both he and Dot are members of the Middlesex New Synagogue (Reform).

The Society welcomes the following new members

Mr Michael Atwell (Surrey)
 Mr Stephen Edson (Australia)
 Mrs Ann Farmer (Essex)
 Mr Mark Field (Preston)
 Mr A.G. Gordon (London)
 Mr Raymond Hart (Surrey)
 Mr Aubrey Hersh (London)
 Mr Norman Jones (Northamptonshire)
 Mrs Sheila Koretz (Essex)
 Ms Christine Mendes (Cyprus)
 Dr D. A. Mogendorff (Leeds)
 Ms Abigail Mowbray (Hounslow)
 Mr Terry Newman (Australia)
 Ms Danielle Sanderson (Hertfordshire)

REMEMBER

THE JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND

Have you made a will? If not, it is important that you should do so to avoid unnecessary difficulty for your family.

Have you made bequests to charity in your will? Gifts to charity are free of Inheritance Tax.

Did you know that our Society is a registered charity? So, when considering the charities to include in your will please remember JHSE.

If you would like any assistance or advice in connection with making such a bequest our Treasurer would be happy to advise you – please phone **020-7723 5852** or e-mail **info@jhse.org**

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BRANCH DETAILS AND PROGRAMMES

LONDON

Unless otherwise listed, meetings are held at 8pm in the Moritz Gertler Hall, St. John's Wood Synagogue, Grove End Road, NW8.

Nearest underground: St John's Wood, Jubilee Line. Buses: 13, 82 and 113.

Contact: Mr. David Freeman
Tel: 020 7723 5852
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Thursday October 15th Professor Michael Alpert Presidential Lecture at UCL

A lost culture: the literature of the Ladino speakers. Professor Alpert will be launching his translation of Elia Karmona's "feminist" Ladino novel *The Chaste Wife*

In conjunction with the Institute of Jewish Studies, University College London. Reception at 6.15 pm; lecture at 6.45 pm in the Gustave Tuck theatre

Thursday November 12th
Dr Abigail Green (Brasenose College, Oxford)
Rethinking Sir Moses Montefiore and Jewish Internationalism (Preceded by Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm)

Thursday December 17th
Stephen Massil
Naphtali Hart Myers (1711?- 1788)
New Yorker and Londoner

Thursday January 22st
Dr Anthony Bale (Birbeck) and **Hannah Meyer** (Cambridge)
Reconsidering Mosse-Mokke and Avegaye: Jews, documents and caricatures in medieval Norwich

Thursday February 18th
Madge Dresser (University of the West of England)
New approaches to the History of Jews in Bristol c.1750 - c.1906

Thursday March 18th
Irene Lancaster (Manchester)
Ibn Ezra in London and influence of Sephardi scholarship in Northern Europe.

MANCHESTER

Meetings are held at 8pm at the Manchester Jewish Museum, 190 Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester, M8 8LW.

Contact: Frank Baigel 0161 740 6403
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Sunday October 18th
Bill Williams
Manchester Jewish Hospital

Sunday November 22nd
Iain Brown
Seeking the Pimpernel - The Mystery of Flight 777 from Lisbon 1943 - Leslie Howard and Wilfred Israel An audio visual presentation

Sunday December 6th
Dr. Nick Evans, Hull
Anglo- Jewry and the White Slave Trade

HERTS AND MIDDLESEX

Meetings are held at 8.00 for 8.15pm at Allum Lane Community Centre, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree.

Contact: Josef Winroope
01923 850573
hertsandmiddsx@jhse.org

Tuesday August 11th
Harry Balkin ACP BA
Dinosaur- A primary school Head speaks on Jewish Education as it once was

ESSEX

Meetings are held at 8.15pm for 8.30pm at King Solomon High School, Forest Road, Barkingside, Ilford

Contact: Mrs Sheila Lassman
020 8554 9921 essex@jhse.org

SUSSEX

Meetings are held at 7.45pm (unless otherwise stated) at Ralli Hall, Denmark Villas, Hove.

Contact: Joan Melcher
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LEEDS

Meetings are held at 8pm at UHC Synagogue, 151 Shadwell Lane, Leeds, LS17 8DW.

Contact: Malcolm Sender
msender@talktalk.net

Monday September 7th
Dr Julie Gottlieb, Department of History, University of Sheffield
Women and British Fascism

Monday October 5th
Ben Barkow, Director, Wiener Library
The Work of the Wiener Library

Monday November 2nd
Ross Bradshaw, Nottinghamshire County Council
Jews in the Spanish Civil War

Monday December 7th
Professor Michael Alpert, President of the JHSE and Professor Emeritus, University of Westminster
Secret Jews and the Spanish Inquisition

ISRAEL

Meetings are held at 7.45pm at Beit Avi Chai, Rechov King George 44, Jerusalem

Contact: Tel: 02 679 0587

LIVERPOOL

Meetings are held at 8pm at the Harold House Jewish Community Centre, Dunbabin Road.

Contact: Arnold Lewis, 61 Menlove Avenue, Liverpool L18 2EH.
E-mail: liverpool@jhse.org

BIRMINGHAM

Unless otherwise listed meetings are held at 3.15pm at The Post Office Building, 149 - 153 Alcester Road, Moseley, B13 8JB

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