

Jewish Heritage Days 2015

B'nai B'rith UK



Building Bridges

Encounter Jewish cultural heritage

Sunday 6 September and Sunday 11 to Sunday 18 October

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This year's theme will be 'Building Bridges', which can be interpreted in so many ways: making connections across the different faith communities; or building relationships with representatives from local multi-faith organisations; or it could be interpreted as outreach across the various shades of Judaism or even across the generations.

Synagogues and organisations across the UK will be holding talks linked with this theme as part of the Heritage Day activities. They are contacting their local interfaith groups or representatives from other faiths, to invite them to speak at their synagogue or to their community. Some are mounting exhibitions for their community on the importance of building bridges with local faith communities.

Following the success of its first panel event on the subject of 'Women in Judaism' last year, B'nai B'rith UK will once again be organising our own event to mark this year's theme: we will be screening a fascinating film called 'David' on the subject of reaching out between faiths (you can view a trailer for it here: <http://www.ruthfilms.com/david.html>) and we will then be inviting a panel of four distinguished, high profile guests, all representatives from different faith organisations, chaired by Dame Helen Hyde, to discuss the issues raised in the film and how they relate to relationships between the various faiths in today's society.

It will take place on Thursday 15th October at the Jewish Museum. For more information and to book tickets, please check the listing inside this booklet.

In the spirit of interfaith outreach and understanding of Jewish culture, everyone is welcome!

The following have generously sponsored parts of this booklet:

Alf and Ella Silverman • Barbara and Brian Nathan
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Valerie Bello in memory of her late husband Ernest
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

LISTINGS

Events are subject to alteration and possible cancellation up to the last minute, so it is essential to phone or email the organisers or venues in advance.

AUGUST 18-21

LONDON

Jewish Music Institute

August 18-21. Klezfest. Join the world famous music school and learn klezmer this summer at KlezFest 2015. A peek into what you can expect: • Lectures from the cutting edge of academic research • Traditional klezmer; history, melodies, ornamentation, dance and accompaniment • Play music in ensembles and delve into improvisational techniques • Interpret scores, jam and perform to the public. The international faculty will feature some of the very best klezmer musicians from around the world: Alan Bern (piano/accordion - Germany), Ilana Cravitz (violin - UK), Joel Rubin (clarinet - USA) and outstanding guest tutors. Vernon Square Campus, SOAS, London. WC1X 9EX. Contact: Gil Karpas [gil.karpas@jmi.org.uk](mailto:karpas@jmi.org.uk) 0207 898 4307

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

AROUND THE UK

York - York Walk

Walk. Private tours on request. A walk recalling the Jewish contribution to York's history, visiting sites connected with medieval and modern Jews. The tour ends at Clifford's Tower, the site of the dreadful massacre of the Jews. £6 adults, £5 students, YHA, Disabled, Yorkcard. 2.15 pm. Museum Gardens Gates Museum Street, York . YO1 1DR. Contact: Warwick Burton info@yorkwalk.co.uk 01904 622303 **DA T DI**

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

LONDON

Bevis Marks Synagogue (1701)

Open doors.. 10am to 12.30pm. . 4 Heneage Lane , EC3A 5DQ. Contact: Maurice Bitton mauricebitton@bevismarks.org.uk 0207 621 1188

East London Central Synagogue (1923)

Open doors. Only purpose built synagogue remaining in Stepney/Whitechapel area, birthplace of Anglo-Jewish community. Beautiful interior with many original features intact. Ornate pillars, oak panelling, excellent acoustics. Iconic building within Tower Hamlets. FREE. 11am - 2.30pm. 30-40 Nelson Street, E1 2DE. Contact: Leon Silver 0207 790 9809 **DA S T**

Go London Tours

Sept 6th & October 11th. 'Blooms to Burgers, Bagels to Bhajis'. From the days of bagels, Boris and Bloom's, Whitechapel Road now embraces a new immigrant community. Join Rachel and Isabelle to explore the different and parallel stories of the Jewish and Bengali communities including anarchists, Altab Ali and the much-loved London Hospital. Pre-booking required. Meeting place will be provided on booking. £12 per person/£11 B'nai B'rith Members. 11am. Contact: Rachel Kolsky info@golondontours.com 0208 883 4169

West London Synagogue (1870)

Celebrating the 175th anniversary of the congregation. Open doors, Tour, Tea &

Associated with the National Heritage Open Days: 10-13 September

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER - CONTINUED

Interfaith Discussion. Grade II listed. FREE. 3pm - 6pm. 34 Upper Berkeley Street, London. W1H 5AU. Contact: Kathryn Forro kathryn.forro@wls.co.uk 0207 723 4404 **DA L S T DT**

AROUND THE UK

Bangor University, School of Creative Studies and Media

Walking Tour of Bangor's Jewish History. Meet at Bangor Swimming Pool Car Park, Garth Road, Bangor, LL57 2SD. 2pm. Contact: Dr Nathan Abrams, BA (Hons), MA, PhD, FHEA n.abrams@bangor.ac.uk 01248 382196

Hull - Hull Hebrew Congregation

Talk. FREE. 2.30pm. 30 Pryme Street, St Anlaby, Hull. HU10 6SH. Contact: D Lewis 01482 650282 **DA P T DT**

Kent - Montefiore Synagogue (1833) & Mausoleum, Ramsgate

Sept 6th & Oct 11th. Open doors. Estate synagogue built in 1833 by Sir Moses Montefiore and Architect David Mocatta. Mausoleum contains tombs of Sir Moses and Lady Montefiore FREE. Donations welcome. 10.30am - 2.30pm. Honeysuckle Road, Kent. CT11 8AA. Contact: ramsgate@montefioreendowment.org.uk 0207 432 1314 / 07958 692468 **S T**

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

LONDON

Jewish Museum

Sept 7 2015 - Jan 10 2016. Exhibition. Your Jewish Museum: 'Sacrifice'. This crowd-sourced exhibition explores the theme of Sacrifice through personal items, keepsakes, and works of art. Sacrifice is part of a series of three crowd-sourced exhibitions in 2015 produced in collaboration with the Cultural Institute at King's College London.

Your Jewish Museum is a Cultural Institute at King's project in collaboration with the Department of Theology & Religious Studies and the Jewish Museum London. Contact: admin@jewishmuseum.org.uk 0207 284 7384

London Metropolitan Archives

Open doors. Exploring London Jewish History Through Archives.. We open up the archive collections held at LMA which relate to the history of Jewish communities in London. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about recent cataloguing projects relating to the United Synagogue and the Office of the Chief Rabbi, British Women's International Zionist Organisation, North London Progressive Synagogue and the Nightingale (formerly the Home for Aged Jews). Other events relating to London Jewish history will be coming up in the autumn. You can find out more by looking for LMA events on Eventbrite or visiting our News and Events section at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma Booking essential FREE. 2pm - 4pm. City of London Guildhall PO Box 270, London. EC2P 2EJ. Contact: Jan Pimblett 0207 332 3893

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

AROUND THE UK

Cheltenham Hebrew Congregation

Talk on Jewish Genealogy. Presented by Jeanette Rosenberg, professional Genealogist, Author and Lecturer. Pre-booking essential as spaces limited. 6.45pm. See 11th October for contact details.

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

AROUND THE UK

Devon - Exeter Synagogue (1764)

Open doors. Grade II listing. Built in 1763, third oldest synagogue in UK still in use. FREE.. 10.30am to 4.00pm. Synagogue

Place, Off Mary Arches Street, Exeter, Devon. EX4 3EX. Contact: Stella Tripp stella.tripp@btinternet.com 01392 251529 **DA T**

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

AROUND THE UK

Kent - The King's School (The Old Synagogue), Canterbury (1848)

Sept 13 & Oct 11. Open doors. FREE. 12pm - 4pm. 25 The Precincts, Canterbury, Kent. CT1 2ES. Contact: Lesley Foster lfoster@kings-bursary.co.uk 01227 595544

Liverpool - Liverpool Old Hebrew Congregation (1874)

Walk and Talk. This was the cemetery of the Liverpool Old Hebrew Congregation from 1838 - 1929. Portico is listed. There are a number of illustrious personages buried here. Extensively restored by The Heritage Lottery Fund. FREE. 10.30am - 4pm. Deane Road Cemetery, Deane Road, Liverpool. L7 0ET. Contact: Petula Nevitt loch1@aol.com 0151 709 3431 **DA T DT**

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

AROUND THE UK

Glasgow - Garnethill Synagogue (1881)

Open doors. Pre-booking is required. FREE. 10am - 4pm. 129 Hill Street, Glasgow. G3 6UB. Contact: Bernard Goodman vgood1@ntlworld.com 0141 332 4151 **DA S T DT**

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

AROUND THE UK

Leeds - Centre for Jewish Studies & Special Collections, Brotherton Library

Oct 10th - 18th. Exhibition: "Sacred Bridges": Jewish Books, Artefacts and Ephemera from the Cecil Roth Collection and other University Collections. An exhibition of rare Jewish books, artefacts and ephemera from the Cecil Roth Collection and other Collections. FREE. Mon-Thurs 9am-6pm, Fri 9.30am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Centre for

Jewish Studies & School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies, University of Leeds, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds. LS2 9JT. Contact: Dr Eva Frojmovic Ph.D. clsef@leeds.ac.uk 0113 343 5197 / 0113 343 5518 **DA L P S T DT**

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER

LONDON

Go London Tours

'Blooms to Burgers, Bagels to Bhajis'. 11am. See Sept 11 for details

Jewish Historical Society of England (JHSE)

A guided walk round streets and sites associated with the Jewish population of central Islington (from the Angel to Barnsbury/Highbury/Canonbury) between the 1750s and the 1880s. Booking essential no charge - suggested £5 voluntary donation (split 50:50 between JHSE and Islington Archaeology and History Society). 11.00 am - 2.30 pm. Contact: ajdba@btinternet.com 07761 010212 for more information.

Lauderdale Road Synagogue

Open doors.. Street only parking FREE. 10am - 1pm. 2 Ashworth Road, W9 1JY. Contact: Francis Treuherz shamash@lrsyn.org.uk 0207 289 2573 **DA S T DT**

New West End Synagogue (1879)

Open doors. Opened 1879. Described by English Heritage as "the high-water mark of Anglo-Jewish architecture." FREE. 10am - 2pm. St Petersburg Place, London. W2 4JT. Contact: Mesod Wahnnon/Henry Magrill nwes@newwestend.org.uk 0207 229 2631 **DA T DT**

AROUND THE UK

The King's School (The Old Synagogue)

Open doors. See Sept 13 for details. 12pm - 4pm.

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER - CONTINUED

Cheltenham - Cheltenham Hebrew Congregation (1839)

Open Doors. Our Regency synagogue has been home to a small, traditional, orthodox community since it was consecrated in 1839. It contains the oldest Ashkenazi furniture (1761) in the UK. Two unique 18th century prayer plaques are on the walls. See Sept 9 listing for contact details. 12 noon - 3pm. Synagogue Lane, St James Square, Cheltenham. GL50 3PV. **DA L P S T DT**

Kent - Chatham Memorial Synagogue

Open doors. Designed by Hyman Collins, noted for churches and synagogues in South England in the third quarter of the 1900s. Contemporary comment considered this his best interior - baroque style. FREE. 10am - 2pm & 2pm - 5pm. 366 High Street, Rochester, Kent. ME1 1DJ. Contact: Gabriel Lancaster MBE gabelan@blueyonder.co.uk 01634 842893 **I**

Kent - Montefiore Synagogue & Mausoleum

Open doors. 10.30am - 2.30pm. See 6th September for details **S T**

Leeds - Beth Hamidrash Hagadol Synagogue

Talk. Interfaith meeting including a choral concert. 2.30pm. 399 Street Lane, Leeds. LS17 6HQ. Contact: Dr Michael Cohen mb.cohen@btinternet.com 0113 268 5864

Manchester - Manchester Jewish Museum

Open Doors. Discover the story of Manchester's Jewish community from 1740s to present day. Pre-booking required for Jewish Heritage Walk due to limited spaces. To book call 0161 834 9879. FREE. All day from 10am - 4pm. 190 Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester. M8 8LW. Contact: Alexandra Grime curator@

manchesterjewishmuseum.com 0161 834 9879 **I**

Plymouth - Plymouth Hebrew Congregation

We are offering appointment-only visits between 2 and 4pm. Synagogue Chambers, Catherine Street, Plymouth. PL1 2AD. Contact: Mr Jerry Sibley 07753 267616 **DA**

Reading - Reading Hebrew Congregation

Open doors and talk 'Look No Horns!'. Beautiful synagogue, Grade 2 listed, traditional design, in the Moorish style. Has a warm and homely feel and stands today on its original site at the junction of Goldsmid Road and Clifton Street, which is also within a 5 minute walk from the town centre. Donations welcome. 2-4 pm. Reading Synagogue, 7 Goldsmid Road, Reading. RG1 7YB. Contact: info@rhc.org.uk 0118 957 1018 **DA S T**

Southsea - Portsmouth & Southsea Hebrew Congregation

Open doors. Mid-morning to mid-afternoon. The Synagogue, The Thicket, Elm Grove, Southsea. PO5 2AA. Contact: David Clannachan 02392 821494 **I**

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

LONDON

The Liberal Jewish Synagogue

Oct 12th - 16th. Open doors. Founded in 1911, the synagogue has been at its present site since 1924 and was rebuilt in 1991. The Holocaust memorial in the main entrance is by Anish Kapoor. The synagogue is open to visitors 10am-4pm Monday - Thursday and 10am -2pm Friday 16th October. Visitors are also invited to attend the Shabbat service on Friday (6.45-7.45pm) and on Saturday 17th October at 11am (coffee is available from 10.30am). Groups over 10 are asked to register in advance. All visitors should bring some identification

with them for security checks. FREE - but a donation to synagogue activities is always welcome. 28 St John's Wood Road, NW8 7HA. Contact: Caroline Bach ljs@ljs.org 0207 286 5181 **DA S T DT**

B'nai B'rith Shlomo Argov Unity Lodge

"Bridging the Gap": relationships within and without the Jewish religion. Entry: £2.50. 8.15 pm. The Bushey Centre, Bushey Country Club, High Street, Bushey, Hertfordshire. WD23 1TT. Contact: Doreen and Geoffrey Wolf dwardgw@talktalk.net 0208 416 0164 **DA P T DT**

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER

LONDON

Alyth Gardens

Open Doors. 9am - 5pm. North Western Reform Synagogue, Alyth Gardens, Temple Fortune, London. NW11 7EN. Contact: Adam Martin mail@alyth.org.uk 0208 455 6763 **DA T DT**

Yad B'Yad Lodge

Talk: Milestones in Catholic/Jewish Relations. Speaker is Sister Margaret Shepherd. This meeting is being held in a synagogue and for security reasons, it will only be open to B'nai B'rith members. Please contact Liz Koten for venue details. 8.15pm. Contact: Liz Koten lkoten@btinternet.com 020 8907 3144

The Wiener Library for the study of The Holocaust and Genocide

Tour. "Making Connections: Refugee experience" in The Wiener Library archives. Visit our website for booking information: www.wienerlibrary.co.uk 1pm - 2pm. 29 Russell Square, London. WC1B 5DP. Contact: Katy Jackson kjackson@wienerlibrary.co.uk 0207 636 7247 **DA L T DT**

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

LONDON

B'nai B'rith UK

Interfaith film and discussion. An inspiring and thought-provoking film, 'David', will be screened on the subject of reaching out between faiths, followed by a panel discussion by four distinguished guests, all representatives from different faith organisations, chaired by Dame Helen Hyde. They will discuss the issues raised in the film and how they relate to relationships between the various faiths in today's society. Event will also include a viewing of Jewish Museum exhibition on the theme of 'Sacrifice' through personal items, keepsakes and works of art. 5.45pm: reception with finger buffet. 7pm: film screening. 8.30pm: panel discussion. £25. The Jewish Museum, 126-131 Albert Street, Camden Town, London. NW1 7NB. Contact: office@bnairbithuk.org 0207 446 8660 **DA L T DT**

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

LONDON

Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain

Open doors. FREE. 2pm - 5.30pm. 33 Seymour Place, W1H 5AP. Contact: Raymond Montanjees raymusik@aol.com 01277 849852 **DA L S T DT**

AROUND THE UK

Kent - Thanet & District Reform Synagogue

Open doors & exhibition. FREE. 2pm - 4pm. 293a Margate Road, Ramsgate, Kent. CT12 6TE. Contact: Ian Smiler chairman@tdrs.org.uk 01843 851164 **DA T**

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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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