

## LONDON

### SYNAGOGUES & EVENTS

#### LONDON EAST

##### Bevis Marks Synagogue

*Britain's oldest synagogue which celebrated its 300th anniversary in 2001. Grade I listed.*

Bevis Marks, EC3 10.30 am – 1 pm prompt D T TD S

##### Congregation of Jacob Synagogue

*Last remaining East European folk art synagogue in the East End which celebrated its centenary in 2003.*

351-353 Commercial Road, E1. 3 – 5.00 pm

◆ Event: 3.30pm Lady Jakobovits & The Cantors: Holocaust survivor and social activist Lady Jakobovits chooses her favourite psalms and songs from the Jewish musical tradition, accompanied by Cantors (including Yakov Potash and Cyril Hiller) In association with the Jewish East End Celebration Society (JEECS) Refreshments £10 donation (concessions £7, JEECS members £5) Tube Shadwell DLR Tel 020 7790 2874 [www.congregationofjacob.org](http://www.congregationofjacob.org)

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##### East London Central Synagogue (Nelson Street)

*Period synagogue of the 1920s by*

*Lewis Solomon & Son.*

30-40 Nelson Street, E1 1 - 5 pm

◆ Event: 5.30 pm JEECS AGM free entry

◆ Event: 6 pm An Evening with Bernard Kops

Readings from the works of one of the great literary figures of the Jewish East End.

£10 (concessions £7, JEECS members £5)

contact Clive Bettington 07941 367 882, email [c.bettington@jeecs.org.uk](mailto:c.bettington@jeecs.org.uk) D T S

##### Fieldgate Street Great Synagogue

*Originally constructed in 1899 and part of the ethnic mix of East London.*

41 Fieldgate Street, Whitechapel E1

10 am to 4 pm D T S

##### Princelet Street, Museum of Immigration and Diversity and the old Synagogue

*Synagogue of 1870 built onto a Grade II\* listed Georgian town house once occupied by French Hugenot silk weavers.*

19 Princelet Street, Spitalfields, E1

10 am to 5 pm Entry free but voluntary donations welcome (usually £4 each). Art Exhibitions [www.19princeletstreet.org.uk](http://www.19princeletstreet.org.uk)

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## **Sandys Row Synagogue**

*London's Dutch synagogue housed in a Grade II Huguenot chapel built in 1766 and remodelled by Nathan S. Joseph in 1870.*

4a Sandys Row, E1 11 am – 4 pm T S

## **Sukkat Shalom Synagogue**

*New synagogue housed in the restored Victorian Wanstead Hospital Chapel, featuring interior fittings from the former Tottenham Jewish Home & Hospital. A model conservation project.*

1 Victory Road, Hermon Hill, E11 2 - 5 pm

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## **LONDON WEST**

### **New London Synagogue**

*Grade II Italianate interior, originally built by H. H. Collins for the United Synagogue in 1882.*

33 Abbey Road, St. John's Wood, NW8

◆ Event: 6pm Historical overview & Tour

◆ Event: Virtual Tour 'And The Memory Lingers On' - Jewish London from the City to the East End. With Blue Badge

Guide Rachel Kolsky £6 including Refreshments

Booking essential via synagogue

Tel 020 7328 1026 T D P

### **New West End Synagogue**

*London's most splendid synagogue interior. High Victorian 'orientalist' opulence, opened 1879 and Grade II\* listed.*

St. Petersburg Place, Bayswater, W2

10am to 1 pm D T S

### **Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue**

*Quality Grade II listed 1890s Sephardi synagogue with imposing domed roof.*

9 Lauderdale Road, Maida Vale, W9

9.30am to 12 noon D T DT S

### **West London Synagogue**

*Britain's oldest Reform synagogue, opened in 1870, magnificent interior featuring an impressive pipe organ. Grade II listed.*

33 Seymour Place, W1 1.30 to 5 pm

◆ Event: 2 – 4.30 pm A Sweet History of WLS (Living History Food Fair)

2.45 pm Talk 'It Doesn't have to be a Heart Attack on a Plate. The Art of healthy Jewish Cooking' and Book Signing by

Michael Van Straten. Recipe Demonstration 'All Shook Up, Milkshakes, Smoothies & Juices to make at Home' by Sally

Van Straten and children from the Religion School. £3:Tasting £5:Talk, Demonstration and Tasting D L T DT S

## **Westminster Synagogue & Czech Memorial Scrolls Centre**

*Exhibition telling the story of the rescue from Prague in 1964 of 1564 Torah scrolls, their restoration and distribution to communities throughout the world.*

Kent House, Rutland Gardens, SW7

11 am to 5 pm

◆ Event: 3.30 pm Talk 'Understanding the Legacy of the Scrolls' by Michael Heppner

◆ Event: Calligraphy Workshops 'The Work of a Scribe' - Learn about the work of a scribe (sofer) and the features of a Scroll, then try your hand at Hebrew calligraphy.

Family workshops (children & adults))

11.30 am–12.30 pm & 2–3 pm D L T DT S

## **LONDON NORTHWEST/MIDDLESEX**

### **Edgware & District Reform Synagogue**

*Celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, EDRS has been completely rebuilt. Now housed in a striking octagonal-shaped building designed by architect Jeffrey Howard, with unique stained glass windows.*

118 Stonegrove, Edgware, Middlesex HA8

10.30am to 1 pm

◆ Event: Talk & Tour of new building

◆ Event: Talk on Jewish Cuisine and Cookery Demonstration D L T DT S

### **North Western Reform Synagogue**

*Inter-war building by German architect Fritz Landauer, featuring stained glass by Roman Halter. Now enclosed in a newly refurbished and extended state-of-the-art building.*

Alyth Gardens, Finchley Road, NW11

10.30am to 12.30pm

◆ Event: Demonstration of International Jewish Cookery and Brunch

£2.50 D L T DT S

### **Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue**

*The Ark incorporates a beautiful carved timber Arch rescued from Kolin (in pre-war Czechoslovakia) and four Torah scrolls from destroyed Eastern European synagogues.*

Oaklands Gate, Green Lane, Northwood, Middlesex HA6

11am to 4 pm

◆ Event: Czech Communities exhibition in synagogue Art Gallery

◆ Event: Food Fair Lectures: Kashrut, Festival Foods and History of Cholla

Tasting: Specialities including Latkes, Cholla bread and Gefilte fish D T DT P S

## **LONDON SOUTH**

## South London Liberal Synagogue

*Historic early 20th century building designed by S.E.J. Smith, architect of the Tate Gallery. Rescued from the same destroyed Czech synagogue in Kolin, and on display, are the Rabbi's chair and a Torah Scroll in the Ark.*

1 Prentis Road, Streatham, SW16

11 am – 5 pm    D L T DT P S

## LONDON ALLIED EVENTS

### Jewish East End Celebration Society (JEECS) events

*(see individual synagogue entries)*

◆ Lady J & the Cantors: 3.30 pm    Congregation of Jacob Synagogue

◆ AGM of JEECS: 5.30 pm    East London Central Synagogue (Nelson St)

◆ An evening with Bernard Kops: 6 pm

E. London Central Synagogue (Nelson St)

### Spiro Ark Tour

9 for 9.30 am Coach pickup from Brent Cross, Hendon, London NW4 for guided tour of Chatham & Canterbury (**see**

**REGIONAL EVENTS** for details)

### Stepney Community Centre

#### (Jewish Care)

*The East End's last remaining Jewish Centre, founded by B'nai B'rith in 1937 as Stepney B'nai B'rith Jewish Settlement, now part of Jewish Care.*

2-8 Beaumont Grove, Stepney E1

◆ Event: 12 noon    Exhibition about the Jewish East End                      Lunch    Salt beef, Latkes, Strudel (vegetarian alternative)

Followed by Jewish Cuisine Cookery Demonstration and Talk by celebrity chef Denise Phillips.                      Coach pickup from Stanmore 10.30, Golders Green 11 am

Ticket £25 with coach, £22.50 without transport.                      From Joyce Saffron (Tel. 020 7435 9121) D                      L                      T

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Organised by B'nai B'rith Past Presidents Association in association with B'nai B'rith First Lodge of England.

## GUIDED WALKING TOURS

*Listed by starting time, with reference number*

**1 'Jews within the City walls'**

### **From Restoration to Emancipation 1650-1880.**

10.15 a.m. Meet Tower Hill LT station. The return of the

Jewish Community 1650 onwards. Menasseh Ben Israel & Oliver Cromwell. The first modern synagogues in the city including Bevis Marks and the Great Synagogue Dukes Place. Jewish communal life in the 1750s, Jewish trades, the fight for political representation. Walk lasts approx 3 hours, finishes at the Guildhall, Gresham Street.

£7 including entry to Bevis Marks Synagogue. Led by City of London Guide John Thei. Booking not necessary for individuals, but groups of 10+ should advise beforehand. Tel. 020 8904 6021, email tycho\_tours@hotmail.com

### **2 'The Literary History of the Ghetto'**

10.30am Meet Aldgate East tube station (north side of Commercial Road and Whitechapel High Street) The rich literary history of the East End and its distinguished Anglo-Jewish writers, playwrights and poets; including the plays of Arnold Wesker, novels of Israel Zangwill, poems of Isaac Rosenberg and others; how their work was influenced by the unique atmosphere of the Ghetto. £9 (concessions £7, JEECS members £5) Led by Clive Bettington Jewish East End Celebration Society

Information Tel. 07941 367 882 Booking contact c.bettington@jeeecs.org.uk

### **3 'Rabbis, Rothschilds & Rogues' Tour of Willesden Cemetery**

10.45am Meet Prayer Hall of Willesden Cemetery, Beaconsfield Road, NW10

Fascinating tales of this historic United Synagogue cemetery, last home to the elite of the Anglo-Jewish community from Victorian times to the present. Talk and Guided Tour led by Elkan Levy. Ends approx. 1.30 pm £6 for talk & tour, payable on entry. Free access to cemetery.

To book a place, ring 020 7387 5278

quoting Willesden Cemetery Tour

### **4 Historic Jewish East End**

11am Meet outside Aldgate tube

Walk back in time through the atmospheric streets of Spitalfields to discover an old soup kitchen, historic synagogues, the site of a Yiddish theatre and some of the best preserved early Georgian domestic architecture in the capital while hearing about the history of the Jews in London. £6 Led by City Guide Julian Romain. Booking not necessary for individuals, but groups of 10+ should advise beforehand. Tel. Julian 020 8599 6500 steppingout1@hotmail.com

### **5 'From Rothschilds to Radicals'**

#### **In and Around the Mile End Road**

11 am Meeting venue details to be given with booking confirmation. This walk leads from the surprisingly quiet Stepney Green to the Jewish Whitechapel of philanthropy and anarchy, including the Ashkenazi cemeteries of Alderney Road and Brady Street, both open today especially for this tour. New tour by Blue Badge guide Rachel Kolsky £11 to include optional bagel lunch at the legendary Rinkoffs bakery (£6 without lunch) Booking essential as numbers limited.

Secret London Walks & Visits. For booking form & further details. Tel. 020 8881 2933 or email

diane@secretlondonwalks.co.uk

## **6 Historic Jewish Soho and Fitzrovia – West End tour**

11am Meet outside Warren Street tube.

Explore Jewish connections in the heart of London's West End, learn about the area's rich social history with its clubs, schools and synagogues, walk streets where the West End Jewish community worked as teachers, tailors, dressmakers, milliners, retailers and market traders. Visit sites of a Jewish school, a synagogue now converted to a theatre and London's most famous literary pub run by Jewish landlords. A new walk led by Blue Badge Guide Diane Burstein. £6 Booking not necessary for individuals but groups of 10+ should advise beforehand. Secret London Walks & Visits. Tel. 020 8881 2933, email diane@secretlondonwalks.co.uk

## **7 'Secrets of the Kabbalah - Building the New Jerusalem'**

1.30pm Meet St. Paul's tube station

The Kabbalah: a mystical cult or a body of ancient Jewish texts concealing secrets and mysteries dating back to the earliest days. It is not widely known that Christopher Wren rebuilt London after the Fire of 1666 according to Kabbalist rite in their bid to recreate the capital of England as the New Jerusalem, capital of a non-Papist world. Key sites forming the Kabbalist pattern of London, from St. Paul's to the Tower, including Old Jewry, the Hawksmoor church of St. Mary Woolnoth and the Monument. Will the secrets of the Kabbalah locked within London be unveiled? £9 (concessions £7, JEECS members £5) Led by Ed Glinert. Jewish East End Celebration Society. Information Tel. 07941 367 882. Booking contact c.bettington@jeecs.org.uk

## **8 'Pickles, Pimps and the Palais'**

2 pm Meet Tower Hill Underground station. From Tower Hill, where thousands of Jewish refugees first arrived, past the first shelters for new immigrants, the markets, synagogues and clubs to the Yiddish theatres. £9 (concessions £7, JEECS members £5) Led by Clive Bettington

Jewish East End Celebration Society

Information Tel. 07941 367 882. Booking contact c.bettington@jeecs.org.uk

## **9 'Jews within the City Walls'**

'The First Jews of London: The Story of London's Medieval Jewish Community 1169 - 1290' 2.30 p.m. Meet Guildhall Yard, Gresham Street Talk covers the old Jewish quarter; where & how they lived; why they came to London. Jewish life in the 12th & 13th centuries; from Acceptance to Persecution; Expulsion of 1290 and afterwards. Approx 2 hours, ending at Aldgate/Tower Hill LT station. £5 Led by City of London Guide John Thei Booking not necessary for individuals, but groups of 10+ should advise beforehand. Tel. 020 8904 6021, email tycho\_tours@hotmail.com

## **10 Historic Jewish East End**

2.30pm Meet outside Aldgate tube

Details as for Walk No. 4

## 11 Historic Jewish Soho and Fitzrovia – West End tour

2.30pm Meet outside Warren Street tube

Details as for Walk No. 6

## MUSEUMS & EXHIBITIONS

### Ben Uri Art Gallery, London Jewish Museum of Art

*Founded in 1915, contemporary gallery specialising in Jewish art and artists.*

108a Boundary Road, St. John's Wood, NW8 ♦ Event: 12 noon to 4 pm

Exhibition (last day). Winners of International Jewish Artists of the Year Competition ♦ Event: 2 pm Talk and

Guided Tour of Exhibition Tel. 020 8604 3991 (ring to check time before visiting) D L T

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### British Library

*Exhibition Galleries, Hebrew Treasures.*

Discover the British Library's unique collection of priceless historic Hebrew Illuminated Manuscripts. Tour led by the Curator of the Hebraica Collection, Ilana Tahan. British Library, 96 Euston Road, NW1 12 noon Meet at the Library's main Information Desk. Entry free but donations to the conservation of the documents very welcome. Pre-booking essential (deadline Friday 26th August) maximum 15 visitors. Tel. 020 7412 7646, email [ilana.tahan@bl.uk](mailto:ilana.tahan@bl.uk) D L T

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### The Jewish Museum, Camden

*The Museum of Jewish Life. One of the finest collections of Jewish ceremonial art in the world. History Gallery tracing Jewish history in Britain from medieval times to the present.*

Opening Hours 10am to 5 pm (last admission 4.30 pm) Raymond Burton House, 129 Albert Street, Camden Town NW1 £3.50 Adults, £2.50 Seniors, £1.50 concessions. Family Ticket £8. Museum Friends Free. Tel. 020 7284 1997, email [admin@jmus.org.uk](mailto:admin@jmus.org.uk) D L T DT S

### The Jewish Museum, Finchley

*History of Jewish immigration and settlement in London.*

Events: Displays of tailoring and furniture workshops, evoking life in the Jewish East End. Exhibitions in the Holocaust Education Gallery. Talks by Leon Greenman. The remarkable story of 10,000 unaccompanied children rescued from Nazi Europe on the Kindertransport. Display documenting the Life of 94-year old Leon Greenman, British Citizen and Auschwitz Survivor, who will be in attendance. Opening Hours 10.30am to 4.30 pm The Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Road, Finchley N3 £2 Adults, Concessions £1. Museum Friends Free.

Tel. 020 8349 1143, email

[enquiries@jewishmuseum.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@jewishmuseum.org.uk) T DT S

## NATIONAL

### SYNAGOGUES ART GALLERIES, MUSEUMS, EVENTS

## **BRIGHTON Middle Street Synagogue**

*Sumptuous interior of 1875. Victorian applied decoration at its best. Grade II\* listed.*

Check with synagogue office before visiting as restoration work is in progress (tel 01273 888855 office@bhhc-shul.org)

66 Middle Street, Brighton 11am - 1pm and 2 - 4 pm D (ground floor only) T S

## **BRISTOL Hebrew Congregation**

*Unusual Victorian synagogue of 1871, designed by leading synagogue architect H. H. Collins of London.*

9 Park Row, Bristol 10 am – 3 pm T S

## **CHATHAM Memorial Synagogue**

*Eclectic mid-Victorian synagogue with fine decorative interior, unique in Britain with a burial ground behind. Grade II\* listed.*

366 High Street, Rochester. 10am - 12 noon and 2 - 4pm ♦ Events: Historical Talks on Community T  
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## **CHATHAM & CANTERBURY**

*Spiro Ark guided Tour of Jewish Chatham and Canterbury.*

This tour offers an exceptional insight into some of the highlights of Anglo-Jewish provincial history and culture. Visit Rochester's Chatham Memorial Synagogue, epitomising the history of a once thriving Jewish community dating from the Napoleonic era. Explore the medieval Jewry of Canterbury and the modern community re-established there after 1720, visiting the Egyptian-style Synagogue of 1847 and its surviving mikveh building (ritual bath), the recently restored old cemetery of 1760 and many other associated sites. By Coach from NW London. 9 am: Meet Fenwick's Lower Car Park, Brent Cross Shopping Centre, NW4 London. Coach leaves 9.30 am latest. £40 per person. Tel. 020 7723 9991, email admin@spiroark.co.uk

## **CHELTENHAM Hebrew Congregation**

*Delightful Grade II\* listed Regency synagogue, with a simple Greek-style frontage, designed by Cheltenham architect, William Knight, opened in 1839. The interior features an impressive dome in the style of Cheltenham Regency architecture.*

The Synagogue, St. James Square, Cheltenham 11am - 5pm D T P

## **EXETER Hebrew Congregation**

*Rare Georgian synagogue of 1763-4*

Synagogue Place, Mary Arches Street, Exeter 10am - 7.30 pm ♦ Events: Tours & Talk about Jews in the West Country

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## **LIVERPOOL Walker Art Gallery**

*The national gallery of the north for over 120 years.*

William Brown Street, Liverpool 10am - 5pm Free entry ♦ Exhibition: A Focus Display on the Walker's Busts by Jacob Epstein ♦ Event: 2 -2.45 pm Gallery Talk by Paul O'Keeffe about Epstein

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## **MANCHESTER**

### **Manchester Jewish Museum**

*Displays illustrating 200 years' social history of Manchester's Jewish community, housed in the Moorish Grade II\* listed former Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue.*

190 Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester

10.30am - 5pm Museum Shop Free entry

D ground floor only T P outside on main road

## **NOTTINGHAM**

### **Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre**

*Opened in 1995, Britain's first dedicated Holocaust Memorial and Education Centre. Museum, Memorial Gardens, Cinema, Bookshop, Coffee Lounge.*

Laxton, Newark, North Nottinghamshire.

10 am to 5 pm ♦ Event: 2 pm Talk by Holocaust Survivor. Groups of 10+ should ring beforehand. £6 Adults, £4

Concessions

Tel. 01623 836627 [www.holocaustcentre.net](http://www.holocaustcentre.net)

### **PLYMOUTH Synagogue**

*Built in 1762, the oldest Ashkenazi synagogue in the English-speaking world. Grade II\* listed.*

Synagogue Chambers, Catherine Street, Plymouth 10am - 12noon and 2 - 4 pm

♦ Events 11 am and 3 pm Lectures T S

### **RAMSGATE Montefiore Synagogue**

*Grade II\* listed Regency synagogue by the first Anglo-Jewish architect David Mocatta with the curious last resting place of Sir Moses Montefiore next door.*

Honeysuckle Road, Ramsgate

11.30 am - 1.30 pm T

### **READING Synagogue**

*Opened in 1900, built to encourage new immigrants to disperse from London's East End, synagogue in the Moorish style, designed by Reading architect W.G.H. Lewton. Incorporates sphere on the ventilation tower. Grade II listed.*

7 Goldsmid Road, Reading

11 am - 2 pm D T S

## **YORK**

◆ Event: 10.30am Jewish Heritage Trail of York. including Clifford's Tower and York Minster Guided by 'Yorkwalk'. Meet at Museum Gardens Gates, Museum Street, York (No need to book) £5 Students £4.50 Children £2. Private groups can pre-book tours for any time. Tel. Warwick Burton (01904 622303) to book. D T DT P

## **OPENING ON SUNDAY 11th September ONLY**

*for national Civic Trust Heritage Open Days*

### **BIRMINGHAM** Singers Hill Synagogue

*The oldest functioning grand 'cathedral synagogue' left in Britain, designed by leading Birmingham architect Henry Yeoville Thomason, opened in 1856. Grade II\* listed.*

Ellis Street, Birmingham

10 am–1 pm Heritage Tours DT P S

### **LIVERPOOL** Princes Road Synagogue

*Opened in 1874 and one of a handful of outstanding High Victorian synagogue interiors in the country. Grade II\* listed.*

Princes Road, Liverpool Guided talks at 10.30 am/12 noon/3 pm Free, but donations invited. Pre-booking essential Tel. 0151 709 3431. TP S

## **CIVIC TRUST OPEN DAYS**

*8 – 11 September 2005*

[www.heritageopendays.org](http://www.heritageopendays.org)