

2014 Conference



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**Manchester Regional Group of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain
Celebrating 12 YEARS of hosting the Northern Annual Conference**

Sponsored by the FFHS to celebrate the Federation's 40th Anniversary

**Twelfth Northern Annual Conference
Sir David Wilmot Conference Suite
Greater Manchester Police Training College**

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Sunday, 11th May 2014

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Manchester Regional Group of the JGSGB is *for the twelfth year* hosting the Northern Annual Conference. The venue is again the prestigious **Greater Manchester Police Training College** in Sedgley Park, Prestwich - location directions are included with this programme. As in previous years, this will be a full day event and a light buffet lunch will be served ***under full kosher supervision***. Refreshments will be served on arrival and during the day. We appreciate the continued support of our "regulars" and look forward to seeing new faces also. We hope you will continue to support our events, and we again have a really top class team of speakers to inform, enlighten and possibly surprise you. I look forward to seeing you on the 11th May. See back page for our super February and March meetings.

Lorna Kay: Chairman - Manchester Regional Group.

On receipt of your payment and registration form, we will e-mail your admission ticket & parking permit to you. See registration form on page 6.

NB: For security reasons, we ask that you show your parking permit at the gate and present your ticket to gain admission – thank you.

Conference Programme

09:15 – 10:00 am	Registration and Coffee
10:00 – 10:10	Lorna Kay: <i>Opening Address & Welcome</i>
10:15 – 11:00	Kevin Bolton - <i>Jewish Archives at Manchester Central Library</i>
11.00 – 11.10	<i>Short interval</i>
11:15 – 12.00	Mike Gordon – <i>Shemot, Newsletter & dipping a toe into self-publishing</i>
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Michael Tobias – <i>JRI - Poland: updated databases</i>
12:45 – 14.00	<i>Lunch - Exhibitors - Slide show</i>
14.00 – 14.10	Saul Issroff - <i>JGSGB President</i>
14.15 – 15.00	Reva Hill – <i>The value of wills to the genealogist</i>
15.00 – 15.10	<i>Short interval</i>
15:15 – 16.15	Stuart Rosenblatt – <i>The oldest profession in the world -Irish style</i>
16.15 – 16:45	Speakers & Invited Experts Panel: <i>"Genealogy questions you always wanted to ask"</i> Please hand your questions in on a paper on the day – thank you.
17:00 pm	Conference ends

Please note that the speakers and the running order may be subject to change without notice.

We apologise if this becomes necessary.

It would be very much appreciated if people would be seated in the auditorium by 10.00am. Thank you.

PROFILES OF OUR SPEAKERS ARE LISTED IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY WILL SPEAK AND NOT IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

KEVIN BOLTON: *Jewish archives at Manchester Central Library*

Kevin Bolton has worked for Manchester City Council for over 10 years. He is currently the Archives+ Manager in the newly refurbished Manchester Central Library. He previously worked at Liverpool Central Library.

For the last 5 years Kevin has worked on the Manchester Central Library Transformation project and the creation of Archives+ - a new archive and family history centre of excellence for Manchester. Kevin has substantial experience in digital engagement, change management, and project management. Click on this link to read all about the new Archives+ centre at the Library.

<http://www.archivesplus.org/stories/place/>

Lorna's notes: Kevin is very modest and gave us the very minimum to describe himself. Our association with him goes back 10 years and he has been helpful in countless ways, including arranging full day group visits when we have been able to access original archive material. He helps very many individuals with their inquiries, willingly and always with a smile. His knowledge and expertise is greatly valued by us, and without him, we could not have achieved the level of success that we have done.

MICHAEL TOBIAS: *Jewish Record Indexing Poland, updated databases*

Michael Tobias has a BSc Honours degree in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy (Physics) and is a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries.

He is a co-founder of Jewish Records Indexing – Poland and Vice President, Programming of JewishGen, Inc. He was Database matching consultant to the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims. Michael assisted Steve Morse with his Ellis Island Database developments.

He has contributed to various Journals, Radio and TV Programmes including “Who Do You Think You Are” both in the UK and USA.

Michael has spoken at many conferences including the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies' annual conferences since 1996 and was awarded their “Lifetime Achievement” award in Washington 2011.

In 2012 he completed a Master's Degree in

Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies at Strathclyde University. For 3 years he has been working on the data compilation for a project of the International Institute for Jewish Genealogy in Jerusalem (IJG) - a “Demographic and Genealogical Survey of Scottish Jewry”. This project is attempting to compile a list of and document every Jew who has ever set foot in Scotland - the first attempt of its kind to document an entire National Jewry.

Lorna's note: We are delighted to welcome Michael for the second time to speak at our Conference, and the topic is relevant to those who have looked at Polish records previously and not found what they wanted.

REVA HILL: *The value of wills to the genealogist*

Reva Hill was born in Glasgow and moved with her late husband and children to London in 1981. She is a founder member of The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain and a genealogist since 1988, well before so much was indexed on the internet and before genealogy became popular. A letter to a local History Library was answered without charge, copies of wills cost 5p per sheet at Somerset House and census records were found by manually rolling the films at St Katherine's House.

She is interested in Jewish social history, particularly English Jewry before the great influx of the 1880's. She has researched in Plymouth, Brighton, Newport, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Coventry, Manchester, Nottingham, Newcastle, Glasgow, London and several more towns, also visiting innumerable cemeteries. Her connection to Manchester is that a great aunt came from Lithuania to marry her betrothed there.

Reva has had several articles published in ‘Shemot’ the award winning magazine of The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain mainly on early 19th century Anglo Jewry, and contributed data on 55 people for the 1851 Database of Jews living in GB at the time. As a legacy for her family she is writing a biography of her life including her childhood, schooling, social life, the influence of her grandparents, important events such as the Coronation in 1953 and the move to London.

A member of Council for six years in charge of programme, she organised more than 20 events each year including Annual Conferences, New Members' receptions, monthly members' meetings, SIG meetings, outings and speakers for outside organisations. She is back on JGSGB council and also answers postal genealogical enquiries sent to the Society from members and non-members. Despite her 25 years as a genealogist Reva still discovers new information about her family and enjoys researching for her friends.

Lorna's note: Just to add a bit to Reva's length of JGSGB membership, her membership number is 1.

MIKE GORDON: A brief explanation of how Shemot and the Newsletter is produced; how to present copy and images; editorial discipline. Moving on to preserving of images and data and dipping a toe into self-publishing

Mike Gordon has been involved in printing and publishing for 50 years, starting as a traditional hot metal apprentice at St Clement's Press, then working for many years in local and national newspapers, eventually managing a multi-lingual documentation department for a large Japanese company producing technical and user manuals (that no one read) in 33 languages and finally ending up as publishing manager for a large magazine producer. After ill-health struck he went into the print and publishing consultancy arena and has just retired.

Mike was also involved in testing early versions of Adobe Acrobat, scanning technologies and various other publishing software-related products as well as localising printers, faxes and similar products.

Got bullied into producing Shemot from day 1 by Graham Jaffe and handed over to David Fielker in 1998 because of too many travelling commitments. Got caught again in Ben Gurion airport in 2003 by the same guy and has now completed 10 more years.

Not a genealogist himself but specialises in making contact and working with individuals and organisations whose activities or locations are of interest to members.

Lorna's note: This talk covers a topic which has not been covered before (self-publishing) and which is of interest to many researchers who have accumulated a mass of information and paperwork. Mike's sense of humour will no doubt make his talk entertaining as well as informative.

STUART ROSENBLATT: "The oldest profession in the world - Irish style". Who has ever heard of the Irish Jewish Genealogical Society?

From humble beginnings researching personal family information to being a contributor in the MTV "Who Do You Think Your Are" TV program featuring Rashida Jones with full frontal and double spread in page 3 in the Irish Sunday Business Post newspaper. Being honoured with becoming a Fellow of the Genealogical Society of Ireland as well as Vice Chairman, the journey which began in 1999 when the genealogical society became a division of the Irish Jewish Museum. The personal printing of 18 volumes on Irish Jewry ascendants and descendants now incorporates 51,000 individual names with personal information. Today's talk will bring you along this unusual journey where the whole of Ireland's 32 counties are codified along with the 7 burial grounds, marriages from 1845, births from 1865 and burials from 1764. While finding everyone's ancestor he is still trying to find his elusive grandmother Marjam Klajnow Rozenblat, who died in

Zarnów, Poland in 1908 giving birth to his father Majer Symucha (Martin Sidney). To the person who can successfully find his grandmother he will personally produce a book on the 1170 individuals who have a Manchester connection.

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GENEALOGY IS NOT JUST A MATTER OF FINDING NAMES AND DATES, BUT OF PUTTING "FLESH ON BONES" i.e. ADDING THIS TYPE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION TO UNDERSTAND THE TIME-SCALE AND LIFE-STYLE OF THAT PARTICULAR PERSON ON YOUR FAMILY TREE. WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY OUR CHOICE OF SPEAKERS.

PHOTO-WALL

You might break down that brick wall.

Please bring COPIES (no originals) to place on the wall on the day. Unidentified family members? Unknown shtetl scenes? War medals & military records?

As last year, there will be a raffle for a one-year subscription to the Who Do You Think You Are? magazine. Thanks to the generosity of one of our committee members, we have a second raffle prize to offer.

Chris Makepeace - author and historian will be with us again with a great selection of maps and books

Chris Makepeace attended Manchester University, was Manchester's Local History Librarian from 1969 until 1973, and then joined Greater Manchester Council to provide historical information on a wide range of subjects. He has taught on many courses and is a regular lecturer and writer on the history of Manchester. He is on the editorial board of the Manchester Region History Review and is author of over 20 books. He has been a member of the Manchester Literary & Philosophical Soc since 1981, and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries since 1986. He was chair of the Library Association local Studies Group for 3 years, and chairman of the North West Branch of the LA Local Studies Group.

He has written almost 50 historical introductions for The Godfrey Edition, and also sells the maps at many local history fairs.

For future events and workshops organized by the Manchester Regional Group of the JGSGB send an e-mail to lorna.kay@talktalk.net if you would like to go on our mailing list.

If you are not a member of the Society and would like information about joining, click onto our website where you can see everything that the JGSGB has to offer
www.jgs.gb.org.uk

The Manchester Regional Group is run by a small committee of just eight dedicated people, namely:

Lorna Kay	Marie Padgett
Errol Gross	Sylvia Seddon
Hyam Freedman	Andy Lister
Denise Stallman	Stephen Brown

If you would like to be more "hands on" with this group, please e-mail lorna.kay@talktalk.net

WE HAVE ACCUMULATED A QUALITY LIBRARY OF ABOUT 250 ITEMS AND WE ARE TRYING TO BUILD ON THIS ALL THE TIME FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD TRADE DIRECTORIES, YEAR BOOKS OR ANNUAL REPORTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL - THANK YOU.

**DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE
AND HAND IN YOUR
FEEDBACK/COMMENTS FORM AT
THE END OF THE CONFERENCE
~~ THANK YOU ~~**

There will be a book stall with the JGSGB publications in the "Jewish Ancestors?" series, namely –

<i>Genealogical Resources within the Home & Family</i>	<i>£5.95</i>
<i>A Guide to Organising your Family History Records</i>	<i>£4.95</i>
<i>A Guide to Reading Hebrew Inscriptions & Documents</i>	<i>£4.50</i>
<i>A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in the UK</i>	<i>£5.95</i>
<i>A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Lithuania (Revised)</i>	<i>£5.95</i>
<i>A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Poland</i>	<i>£4.95</i>
<i>A Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Latvia & Estonia</i>	<i>£5.95</i>

There will be a limited number of copies of Stuart Rosenblatt's book "The Yidiot's Guide to Irish Jewish Ancestry" on sale @ £20 per copy.

FULLY SUPERVISED KOSHER CATERING will be provided by Ros Livshin, and the menu promises to be our best yet. "Locals" will know of Ros's reputation as a professional genealogist, and now everyone will be able to sample her excellent catering.

Should you wish to contact her for this or for her professional genealogy services, her e-mail address is rosalyn.livshin@googlemail.com

**CONFERENCE VENUE FOR SUNDAY,
11TH MAY 2014**

**Greater Manchester Police Training College
Sedgley Park Road
Prestwich, Manchester M25 0JT**

Click on the link to show the venue and all the facilities:

http://www.cctvinspectorate.org/documents/sedgley_park_facilities_brochure.pdf

We will be using the Sir David Wilmot Conference Suite - scroll down through the brochure and if you need accommodation, you can see the rooms (both single and double en suite) which are available at a very modest cost, and this includes secure on-site parking.

Coming from Manchester city centre, via Deansgate and past Manchester Cathedral. *There are currently road works and a diversion in the area of the Cathedral and diversion signs are in place which will get you back onto the main road with just a very short detour.* By the time the conference comes round these may or may not be finished. Follow Bury New Road (A56). You will see shops and warehouses on both sides of the road, and then several car showrooms. Continue in a straight line up Bury New Road for about a further mile and a half, as far as Sedgley Park and you will see a Lidl store on the right hand side of the road with Carphone Warehouse on the left. Just past there, the third road on the right is a very short road leading into Sedgley Park Road. **As you turn into the road and bear right, you will see ahead of you the gates to the Police College. The first set of gates will be locked - go to the gates which are manned by a security guard, show your parking pass and he will let you through. Access will not be granted without your parking pass.** The distance from the Cathedral to Sedgley Park Road is about 3 miles.

Coming from the M60/M62 motorways, exit at junction 17 and follow Bury New Road (A56) with the Vauxhall dealer (Grimshaws) on the left hand side and then TGI Friday on the right hand side. Follow Bury New Road through Prestwich Village (past Tesco on the right and M&S on the left) and past the parks on either side of the road. Follow the road down to the traffic lights at the junction of Bury New Road and Scholes Lane, where you will see shops on both sides of the road. Sedgley Park Road is on the left. See above **red panel** for final directions. J17 to Sedgley Park Road is about 2 miles.

If you need more detailed instructions, please send an e-mail to lorna.kay@talktalk.net

YOUR PARKING PERMIT WILL BE SENT WITH YOUR TICKET. THIS WILL HAVE YOUR TICKET NUMBER AND YOUR NAME ON IT TO MATCH THE INFORMATION ON THE CHECKLIST THAT THE SECURITY GUARD WILL HAVE. ACCESS WILL NOT BE GRANTED WITHOUT THIS.

THERE IS SECURE ON-SITE PARKING AT THE VENUE

FOR ANYONE COMING TO MANCHESTER FROM OUT OF TOWN, THERE IS ON-SITE ACCOMMODATION AT A VERY REASONABLE RATE

£20 single/£30 double See venue link above for full brochure

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

I wish to register for the JGSGB Twelfth Annual Northern Conference to be held on Sunday, the 11th May 2014 at the Greater Manchester Police Training College, Sedgley Park Road, Prestwich.

(See directions to venue box on previous page)

Wheelchair access is available.

There is free on-site parking in the grounds of the college and a parking permit is necessary. These will be issued with the tickets and must be presented to the security officer at the lodge on arrival.

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Address.....

Please write clearly - thank you

Number of tickets required

Individual
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Registration Fee per person:

Including refreshments **£25.00**
during the day and lunch

Cheque enclosed: £.....

Made payable to JGSGB

We apologise for having to increase the ticket price which we have avoided doing for several years, but unfortunately due to rising costs and additional expenses we have had no choice. However, we assure you that with this year's programme being even better than usual, you will get excellent value for your money. We have always supplied kosher food but not under supervision. This year our catering is fully supervised kosher.

If you require further information, please e-mail Lorna Kay (Chairman, Manchester Regional Group of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain) at the following address:

lorna.kay@talktalk.net

Registration forms and payment should be sent to:

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Salford
Manchester M7 4LP

**PLEASE NOTE:
For security reasons
admission is by advanced booking only.
Please ensure that you bring your ticket
and parking permit
with you on the day.**

**We suggest printing off the whole of the document and bringing it with you so that you have the day's programme and running order
No copies will be available at the venue**

