



15th Annual Northern Jewish Genealogy Conference

Conference programme and Registration form

Sir David Wilmot Conference Suite
Greater Manchester Police Training College
Sedgley Park
Prestwich Manchester
M25 0JT

Sunday 21st May 2017

9:15am – 4:45pm

**Hosted by Manchester Regional Group of the
Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain**

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

- 09:15 – 10:00 am Registration and Coffee
- 10:00 – 10:10 **Anthony Rosenthal** – Opening Address & Welcome
- 10:15 – 11:00 **Jeanette Rosenberg** – The Story of Two Leos: Learning Lessons from
the Holocaust
- 11:00 – 11:15 Short Interval
- 11:15 – 12:00 pm **David Jacobs** – My Forty-year Genealogy, with a Manchester twist
- 12:00 – 12:45 **Debra Brunner** – The Jews of Belarus: Archives, Historical Memories
and Communities
- 12:45 – 14:15 Lunch
- 14:15 – 14:30 **David Jacobs – President’s address** – 25th Anniversary of JGSGB
- 14:30 – 15:15 **Michael Berkowitz** – Family histories: Professional Photography in
Russia, Lithuania & Britain
- 15:15 – 15:45 Tea interval and raffle draw
- 15:45 – 16:30 **Joshua McMullan** – From Hull to Manchester & Beyond: Jewish
Transmigration across The Pennines in the early 20th Century
- 16:45 **Conference close**

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

We apologise if that becomes necessary

SPEAKERS' PROFILES

Jeanette Rosenberg



This presentation explores in-depth the lives of two Jewish boys both called Leo, whose families lived in pre-war Bruchsal, in Baden, South West Germany and who both ended up living in the UK after WW2. Using as illustrations the official records and photographs that have been collected along the way, Jeanette will share information about their lives and those of their immediate families.

Jeanette R Rosenberg OBE is a professional genealogist and a member of AGRA, (Association of Genealogists & Researchers in Archives). She holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical Studies from Strathclyde University. A popular and knowledgeable Jewish/general genealogy speaker around the UK and beyond, Jeanette has researched at both German and UK-based archives.

Michael Berkowitz



This presentation focuses on the Jasvojn family of photographers from Lithuania in the late 19th century to the Holocaust. Stemming from Baisogala, Kovno, Kybartai, Paneveyz, Raguva, the family included photographers, proprietors of studios and photo equipment stores, and court photographers to the tsar. A notable feature of these firms is the extent to which they served the greater community of Jews and non-Jews. The presentation will also reflect on selected photo firms in Britain with origins in Eastern Europe such as the Gamses (Games) and Luboshez families.

Michael Berkowitz, a native of Rochester, New York, is Professor of Modern Jewish History at University College London. Family members originated in towns such as Pasusvys, Shakot (Saukotas), Grinkisis, and Baisogala. His most recent book is *Jews and Photography in Britain* (University of Texas Press, 2015).

Joshua McMullan



Joshua's presentation will discuss Jewish transmigration from Eastern Europe through Hull across the Pennines, moving towards a multitude of different growing communities in Manchester and beyond, across the Atlantic Ocean towards the United States. He will provide a detailed story of how many of these people travelled great distances.

Josh McMullan is an intern at the Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation assisting Dr Nicolas Evans with his current research on anti-trafficking in Edwardian Britain. He graduated from the Department of History at the University of Hull with a first-class BA in History.

SPEAKERS' PROFILES

David Jacobs



David's presentation will detail what his researches have led to and how Manchester has played a vital role in his family and how members of his family have played a role in the development of Manchester Jewry, roles that he is immensely proud of.

Using material both written and oral David will take us on a Jewish Mancunian journey of discovery!

David Jacobs was born and bred in Manchester before leaving for pastures new in 1972. His genealogical journey began in August 1971 in Friendly's Ice Cream parlour in Great Barrington

Massachusetts and has continued ever since. In 1983 he founded the Museum of London's Jewish East End. In 2010 he became the Chair of the Jewish Historical Society of England, a post from which he stepped down at the end of 2016. David became the President of the JGSGB in May 2016.

Debra Brunner



The presentation gives an insight into The Together Plan Charity, where they work in Belarus, and how communities are eager to develop heritage projects as a route to identity, reconstruction and revival. The talk will offer an insight into current projects that the charity is working on, showing how The Together Plan is connecting descendants in America and in the UK, to family history and materials that have been located in the Belarus archives.

Debra is the Founder/Director of The Together Plan Charity working with Jewish communities in Belarus, Founder of The Polotsk Jewish Cultural Educational Foundation in Belarus, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in London.

DELEGATE INFORMATION

As in previous years, this will be an all-day event and a kosher light buffet lunch will be provided by State Fayre, Manchester. Refreshments will be served on arrival and during the day.

The conference is open to members and non-members. Family, friends and interested others are welcome.

Please use the **registration form on page 7**. On receipt of your payment and form, your parking permit and ticket will be sent to you by email. **For security reasons, you will need to present these at the barrier to gain admission.**

We suggest that you print the programme and bring it with you. No copies will be available on the day.

There will be a book stall selling the JGSGB “Jewish Ancestors” series and other titles of interest.

Family Tree DNA kits will be on sale from Jeanette Rosenberg. Prices from £64 upwards, depending on type of test. Pay by cheque, credit card, or cash.

Jeanette will be available during lunch to discuss your queries about DNA tests.

Chris Makepeace will have a selection of Manchester books and maps for sale.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we have fabulous prizes for our raffle. Please purchase your tickets during the day, 5 for £2.

Our committee members are Anthony Rosenthal (Chairman), Marie Padgett, Sylvia Seddon, Andy Lister, Shirley Nesbit, Sara Rosenthal and Errol Gross.

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CONFERENCE VENUE DIRECTIONS

The Sedgley Park Centre is situated 3 miles north of the City Centre on the A56 Bury New Road.

From Junction 19 of the M60: take the A576 towards Manchester with Heaton Park on your right. Continue through 2 sets of traffic lights and at the 3rd set turn right following the sign to Prestwich - onto A6044 Sheepfoot Lane. Continue straight on at the crossroads junction and turn left onto Sedgley Park Road – there is a sign “GMP Sedgley Park Centre”. At the mini roundabout go straight on and the centre entrance is on your left hand side.

From Junction 17 of the M60: take A56 south towards Manchester for approx 2 miles. After a major crossroads junction there is a petrol station on your right; just past it turn left, sign posted “GMP Sedgley Park Centre”. Turn right at the mini roundabout and the centre entrance is first on the left.

From Manchester city centre: head north along A56 until you reach the Lidl store on your right, as you approach Sedgley Park shops. Pass the pedestrian crossing, turn right opposite the old telephone exchange which is on your left before the petrol station. Then right at the mini roundabout and the centre entrance is first on the left.

Please ensure you bring your ticket and parking permit to present at the security barrier.

The Gatehouse officer will release the barrier, and advise you where to park.

We will be using the Sir David Wilmot Conference Suite. There is on-site accommodation at the venue at very reasonable rates (Room only, £30 single/£42 double). Please click on this

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

to see the venue facilities brochure and a directions map.

Enquiries for accommodation at the venue: Sue Casson 0161 856 0591

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

I wish to register for the JGSGB Fifteenth Annual Northern Conference to be held on Sunday, the 21st May 2017 at the Greater Manchester Police Training College, Sedgley Park Road, Prestwich.

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.

Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone Number: Mobile:.....

E-mail:

Number of tickets required: Number of Car permits required:

Individual Names.....

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Registration Fee per person:

Including refreshments **£27.50**
and a buffet lunch

Cheque enclosed: £.....

Made payable to JGSGB

Registration forms and payment should be sent to:

**Mrs. Sara Rosenthal
13 Butt Hill Road
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