



14th 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 15th May 2016

9:15am – 4:30pm

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

DELEGATE INFORMATION

As in previous years, this will be an all-day event and a light buffet lunch will be served under full kosher supervision. Refreshments will be served on arrival and during the day.

The conference is open to members and non-members so 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 our friend Chris Makepeace will have a selection of Manchester books, maps and other wares for sale.

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

Ros Livshin will be providing the kosher supervised catering. She is also a professional genealogist and can be contacted on rosalyn.livshin@gmail.com

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

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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| 09:15 – 10:00 am | Registration and Coffee |
| 10:00 – 10:10 | Anthony Rosenthal – Opening Address & Welcome |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | Cai Parry-Jones – Researching North Wales Jewry: Origins, Notable Families & Manchester connections |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Short interval |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | Gita Conn – Our Big Family Reunion |
| 12:00 – 12:45 pm | Basil Jeuda – Manchester Sephardim: Their Families & Genealogy |
| 12:45 – 14:00 | Lunch – Exhibitors – Slide show |
| 14:00 – 14:15 | Saul Issroff – JGSGB President |
| 14:15 – 15:00 | Myko Clelland – Findmypast's hidden gems – Records to get you further and tell your family story |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Tea interval and raffle draw |
| 15:30 – 16:15 | Mary Vrabcz – The Wiener Library's International Tracing Service Digital Archive as a Resource for Family Research |
| 16:30 | Conference close |

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

We apologise if that becomes necessary

SPEAKERS' PROFILES

Basil Jeuda



Basil Jeuda was born and brought up in South Manchester's Congregation of Spanish & Portuguese Jews. Two brothers of his grandfather had emigrated to Manchester from Greece in the 1870s, and family membership of this community has continued down to the present day. Another strand of his father's family tree can be traced back to Livorno, Italy, in 1640.

Basil has a keen interest in local transport and industrial history and has been an author of 17 books over a 35-year period. In the last 25 years, he has also taken a keen interest in local Sephardi history and in his own family tree. He actively contributed to Lydia Collins' seminal work on Manchester Sephardi Pedigrees (115 families); he has written histories on South Manchester's Sephardi Synagogues, on Sephardi Settlement in South Manchester, and on Manchester's Baghdadian Jews. In 2014, he wrote "World War One and the Manchester Sephardim". In January 2016, he has written "Macclesfield Jews in World War Two – Jewish Life, Art, & Enterprise".

Cai Parry-Jones



Cai Parry-Jones is a Curator of Oral History at the British Library and a historian of Modern Welsh and British Jewry. A fluent Welsh speaker, he holds a BA (hons) and MA in History from the University of Bristol and completed an Arts and Humanities Research Council funded PhD on 'The History of the Jewish Diaspora in Wales' at Bangor University in 2014, under the supervision of Professor Nathan Abrams. Cai is currently turning his thesis into a book with University of Wales Press.

Mary Vrabcz



Mary Vrabcz is the International Tracing Service Archive Researcher at the Wiener Library for the Study of the Holocaust & Genocide in London. She specialises in family research for Holocaust survivors and their family members. She holds a B.A. in Journalism (University of Nevada-Reno) and an M.A. in Holocaust Studies (University of Haifa). In the past she has worked for an international education company that sends American university students to study around the world, and as a digital archivist for a major UK publishing house.

SPEAKERS' PROFILES

Gita Conn



Chaim and Rosa Sugarman, Gita's grandparents, were Orthodox Jews who abided by the Biblical injunction to "be fruitful and multiply". And so did nearly all their eight children.

As a result, 240 of their descendants gathered together for a reunion in Israel five years ago. Gita will tell the story, with illustrations, of that very 'fruitful' journey from Rumania, via Manchester and Palestine, to that wedding hall in Rehovot, Israel.

With an M.A from the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Gita's career has been in BBC Television and print journalism. She now writes a monthly column in the Jewish Telegraph.

As a magistrate for thirty years with a special interest in the Family Courts, she helped found Salford Child Contact Centre and Pro-Contact for which she was recognised with an OBE in 2004.

After leaving the BBC, she served on an NHS Trust, Ofcom, Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel and the Greater Manchester Probation Trust.

Although from an Orthodox background, Gita is now a committed member of Menorah Synagogue (Cheshire Reform Congregation) where she has served as its Chair. She has ten grandchildren...eight of whom were present at that memorable evening in Rehovot.

Myko Clelland



Myko Clelland, family historian for Findmypast has regularly discussed family history on television, radio and in print, as well as presenting everywhere from national institutions & Regional archives to local societies. He's a frequent international speaker, the most popular British genealogist on Twitter and a specialist in records that bring stories to life. His passion for genealogy was inspired by his own experiences researching his family of colourful characters who come from opposite ends of Europe.

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.

Accommodation enquiries to Marie Padgett on manchester.genealogy@gmail.com

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

I wish to register for the JGSGB Fourteenth Annual Northern Conference to be held on Sunday, the 15th May 2016 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 **£25.00**
and a buffet lunch

Cheque enclosed: £.....

Made payable to JGSGB

Registration forms and payment should be sent to:

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