



Manchester Regional Group of JGSGB presents
Northern Jewish Genealogy mini conference
Sunday 20th July 2025
1.30pm – 5.30pm

Introduction

Since March 2020, COVID-19 and, latterly, the Israel-Gaza war, has limited face-to-face meetings and presentations within the Manchester Region. But now, the Manchester Regional Group is proud to present its 4th half-day, mini conference over the Zoom platform.

To appreciate some of the Zoom facilities we will be using, please ensure you have the latest version installed.

There will be no restrictions on the numbers attending the conference, so we look forward to welcoming members from around the globe and especially those who would not normally be able to join us.

There will be a small charge for registration to cover the Society's costs. This will be **£5** for members, and **£10** for non-members. The charge will cover all persons within a household and using the same electronic device.

*****THREE Fascinating Presentations*****

1. Working Creatively with Archives and Testimony: Family History and Textile Art

Laura Nathan

Laura has worked on a series of textiles projects exploring her family history surrounding World War 2 and the Holocaust. Within these, she incorporates archival documents, photographs and testimony. In her presentation, Laura will share a series of her projects. She will discuss her research techniques, offering insight into the archives and museums she has worked with. She will also share the creative techniques she uses to transfer archival imagery and testimony into her textiles art.

Laura is a textile artist who works with archives, testimony and symbolic materials. Being the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors has shaped who she is, and she focuses on how we uncover, process and share difficult histories. She's worked as an artist in residence in museums and with archives, and has produced artwork for exhibitions, commissions and documentaries. She has an undergraduate degree in Embroidery and a master's degree in Art as Environment from Manchester School Of Art.

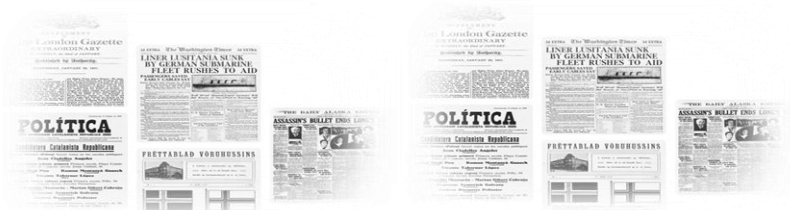
2. Unearthing your ancestor's stories in historical newspapers: OldNews.com.

Daniel Horowitz

The information in historical newspapers can teach you fascinating details about your relatives' lives that you won't find anywhere else. In this session, Daniel will show you techniques that can help you find your ancestors' stories in historical newspaper collections — even if your previous attempts were unsuccessful.

Dedicated to Genealogy since 1986, Daniel was the teacher and the study guide editor of the family history project "Searching for My Roots" in Venezuela for 15 years. Daniel is involved in several crowdsource digitization and transcription projects, and holds a board-level position at The Israel Genealogy Research Association (IGRA). Since 2006 Daniel has been working at MyHeritage liaising with genealogy societies, bloggers, and media, as well as lecturing, and attending conferences around the world.

[MyHeritage](#) have very kindly donated a year's subscription to [OldNews](#) and we are raffling this prize. All you need to do is register for the **Manchester conference** and your name will be entered into the prize draw. The winner will be drawn out of the "digital hat" on the day of conference.



3. The history of Manchester Theatres, their Jewish contributions and some unusual and interesting facts.

Marilyn Shalks

Marilyn will talk about some of the old and new theatres, and the many artistes who entertained Manchester audiences over the years. She will explore Jewish contributions from theatre directors, playwrights and impresarios to pop stars, opera, ballet and even Wild West shows. Interesting publicity playbills of the time advertise what's on when and where. From Tiller girls to Freemasons, this is an unmissable, entertaining presentation.

Marilyn grew up in Glossop, a small town in the Peak District of England. After she married, she and her husband lived in Leeds but later moved to Manchester where they have lived for over 40 years. Following early retirement, she became a volunteer at Manchester Central Library Archives+ and she also volunteers at Manchester Jewish Museum in their archives. Her interests range widely over history, theatre, anything to do with Manchester, and all things with a Jewish theme.

PROGRAMME

1.30 to 1.40 pm	Welcome. Leigh Dworkin, JGSGB Chairman.
1.40 to 2.40	Laura Nathan
2.40 to 2.50	Break
2.50 to 3.50	Daniel Horowitz
3.50 to 4.00	Break
4.00 to 5.00	Marilyn Shalks
5.00 to 5.10	Closing remarks. Michael Tobias OBE, JGSGB President.
5.10	Close

Registration

To register for places at the Conference:

Click to: <https://www.jgs gb.org.uk/manchester-conference-527> to go to the booking page, or visit JGSGB homepage at www.jgs gb.org.uk and select Programme → Current Programme

This takes you to an area on the JGSGB website where you can purchase tickets. Members can login and purchase discounted tickets for £5.00; non-members can purchase tickets for £10.00.

IMPORTANT: If you are a JGSGB member, you must sign into the website **BEFORE** booking to ensure you get the discounted price.

Please register before Friday 11th July 2025. A Zoom link will then follow.

If you have any difficulties or problems booking or paying, please contact us by either telephone (0794 237 5463) or by email to manchester.genealogy@gmail.com

Looking forward to receiving your application.

Kind regards

Anthony Rosenthal
Chairman JGSGB Manchester Regional Group