

Sunday 28 October 2018

JGSGB

25TH ANNUAL LONDON

ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

Introduction

This is the twenty-fifth London Conference organised by the JGSGB, and we hope that it will be equal to the previous twenty-four.

When considering which speakers to invite to the Annual Conference, the Programme Committee aims to extend our knowledge, stimulate our interest, and make us more effective researchers. The Committee hopes that this year this will be achieved. It is a happy chance that the majority of speakers are members of the Society.

Our principal speaker will be Nick Evans, Lecturer in Diaspora History at Hull University, who will be talking specifically about Jewish migration, a subject which touches all of us in the JGSGB.

He will be followed by Jeanette Rosenberg, who will tell us about some of the tools that help her with her research. Some of these will be technology-related and others will be tips and tricks which come from her own experience. Jeanette leads for the Society on education and mentoring, and there should be something for everyone in her talk.



Many of us will have caught episodes of the television series Heir Hunters, which traces the relatives of persons who have died intestate, and it will be fascinating to hear from Saul Marks who is a probate genealogist. He will be talking about his work as an “heir hunter”, blending traditional genealogy with aspects of sales and law, to redirect gelt from the government to the public (and then explaining it all to BBC viewers later!). He also appeared in the recent BBC series A House Through Time, where he drew on his knowledge of the Jewish community in Liverpool.

Rachel Montagu will give us an introduction to the history of the Spanish & Portuguese Sephardi community of London and a description of what records have been preserved in its archives, including the material published as Bevis Marks Records I–VI (copies of which are in the Society’s Library) and the material now stored and available for scholarly research at the London Metropolitan Archives.

To research one’s Jewish ancestors, one needs at least a family name, and the village, shtetl or town of origin. When looking for a woman’s maiden name it can be difficult and frustrating, with variant spellings and very few clues to follow. Errol Gross will seek to unravel the mystery of his great-grandmother’s name and where the family came from. He explores previously unknown branches of the family tree, and follows the routes they took from Eastern Europe to the shores of South Africa, Israel and the USA. Along the way he makes some surprising discoveries using conventional and unconventional sources.

Conference Registration

This year places at the Conference may be booked by completing the Conference Registration Form, which can be found on the final page of this newsletter, or online through the JGSGB Shopping Website. Go to the Shop (<http://shop.jgs.gb.org.uk/>) and then click Downloadable Books & Tickets. If you use this method, please keep the purchase receipt and bring it to the Conference.

Please print this programme and bring it with you, as extra copies will not be available on the day.

If you have any queries about the Conference, please email secretary@jgs.gb.org.uk

Martin Hill
Secretary, JGSGB

PROGRAMME

- 10.00am REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
- 10.30am Welcome: Chairman, Leigh Dworkin
- 10.35am Aliens on the Move - Documenting Jews in Transit
Nick Evans
- 11.45am My Genealogy Toolbox
Jeanette Rosenberg
- 12.30pm Lunch supplied by Deliphone
- 1.35pm The Musings of a Jewish Heir Hunter
Saul Marks
- 2.25pm 1656 to 2018 and Counting: Documents of the
Spanish & Portuguese Sephardi Community
Rachel Montagu
- 3.15pm Tea
- 3.35pm Researching Rebecca
Errol Gross
- 4.25pm Closing speech: President, **David Jacobs**
- 4.30pm Close
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SPEAKERS' PROFILES

NICK EVANS

Dr Nicholas J. Evans is Lecturer in Diaspora History at the University of Hull. He is a former Research Fellow to the National Maritime Museum, Research Associate to the Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies and Research at the University of Cape Town, and twice Research Fellow of the Institute of Migration in Finland. As well as numerous publications exploring aspects of migration to, through or from the UK, he has lectured around the world about Jewish migrant history, which he has spent a lifetime researching. He has also served as historical advisor to national archives, the BBC and numerous museums around the world, and featured in numerous genealogical television programmes including *Who Do You Think You Are?* (BBC, South Africa, America and Australia), *Coast*, and most recently *A House Through Time*. In 2014 he was added to the JGSGB's Roll of Honour for his research into Jewish migrant records.



ERROL GROSS

Errol is a retired medic who has lived in Manchester for many years. He is a committee member of the Manchester Regional Group of the JGSGB and helps with the organization of their events and the Northern Conference which is held annually in May. Most of his family left Lithuania in the early 1900s and emigrated to South Africa. Recent times have seen family members dispersed to other continents. Apart from genealogy, his interests include reading novels and visiting museums and art galleries.



SAUL MARKS

Saul Marks was born in Chester in 1980, the son of London Jews who had left the city for work ten years before. A good education included a psychology degree from Durham University, followed by various postgraduate studies which led to aborted careers in teaching and archives. Genealogy became a passion as a pre-teen and he founded Brother's Wish Genealogy Service in 2003 and joined Celtic Research as a regional case manager in 2008. He has been a member of Liverpool Old Hebrew Congregation (aka Princes Road Shul) since 1991 and was, in 2006, its youngest



elected warden since 1872. Last year, he became its youngest elected Senior Warden since 1884.

RACHEL MONTAGU

Rachel Montagu volunteers in the archives of the S&P Sephardi Community as an Assistant to the Hon. Archivist, Miriam Rodrigues-Pereira. Her day job is teaching biblical Hebrew and Jewish Studies at City Lit and elsewhere. She lives in London with her husband and rather too many books.



JEANETTE ROSENBERG OBE

A civil servant, Jeanette is also a professional genealogist and a member of the Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives (AGRA). She holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical Studies from Strathclyde University. Jeanette leads for the JGSGB on education and mentoring and manages the speaker bureau and exhibition presence, as well as helping to moderate the JGSGB Facebook Group. She also chairs the JGSGB's German Special Interest Group (SIG). Jeanette was appointed a Director of JewishGen's German SIG (GerSIG) in 2009, and is the GerSIG lead for conference arrangements at each year's IAJGS International Jewish Genealogy Conference. Jeanette is the family history and genealogy representative on the UK's ITS Oversight Committee, strategically managing the UK's copyholding of the ITS Arolsen Holocaust Archival Collection. She provided specialist input on behalf of the JGSGB to the Prime Minister's Commission on the Holocaust.



Conference Registration Form

I wish to register for the 25th Annual London One-Day Conference to be held on Sunday 28th October 2018, 10.00am – 4.30pm.

The Jewish Museum, Raymond Burton House, 129-131 Albert St, London NW1 7NB
(wheelchair accessible)

Please write clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS

Name:

Address:.....

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Telephone: Mobile:

Email:

Registration fee per person: £40.00 (£35 if registered before 16 Sept)

Non-members £45.00 (includes lunch and refreshments)

Name(s) of attendee(s):

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Number of tickets:

Cheque enclosed for £..... (Cheques to be made payable to JGSGB)

We also accept credit and debit cards. Please circle the card type: Visa/Mastercard/Eurocard.

Name on card (please print):.....

Card number:

Expiry date: 3-digit security code:

All catering is kosher but not supervised. We regret we cannot provide vegan food.

Please tick here if you require vegetarian food

Please tick here if you require gluten-free food

Registration form and payment should be sent to: Conference, JGSGB, PO Box 689, Edgware HA8 4JX, or book online at: <http://shop.jgs.gb.org.uk>