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European Days of Jewish Culture & Heritage 2021

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B’nai B’rith UK was established in 1910. It is part of an international organisation founded in 1843, which advocates for global Jewry and champions the cause of human rights. B’nai B’rith is active in 59 countries with representation at the UN, UNESCO and the EU.

B’nai B’rith UK is a cross-communal organisation whose aim is to bring Jewish people together to promote tolerance, strengthen the Jewish Community, combat racial and religious prejudice, to help the less fortunate and the disadvantaged.

Local groups provide innovative cultural, educational and social programmes. These have, in the past, included speaker events, concerts, theatre outings, quizzes, debates, visits to places of interest, walks and trips abroad. These provide a great social network and the opportunity to participate in and support our humanitarian and heritage projects.

This year, due to the effects of the Covid pandemic, many activities are continuing to take place online and BBUK’s hugely successful programme of online talks, established at the beginning of lockdown in March 2020, continues throughout 2021 and is attracting a large number of attendees around the world.

The European Days of Jewish Culture and Heritage, run by a team of volunteers, is a mainstay of our calendar.

B’nai B’rith UK’s Bureau of International Affairs engages with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Department for International Development and foreign embassies on behalf of Jewish people internationally and to support Israel. More widely, we promote the human rights of minority groups.

We sponsor a food aid programme for needy families and after school activities for children in the southern Israeli development town of Kiryat Gat. We also support a humanitarian medical programme for elderly Jews and righteous gentiles in Kiev, Ukraine and a shoe programme for a children’s orphanage in Odessa.

Other B’nai B’rith UK activities include providing scholarships for Jewish final year civil engineering or postgraduate students or for those studying other pure or applied sciences; and supporting the British Armed Forces Jewish Community Annual Faith Training Weekend.
2021 has continued to be a challenge for us all, starting the year with a third lockdown. Once again, here at B’nai B’rith UK, like many other organisations and charities, we wondered whether we would be able to go ahead with our heritage activities this year.

However, we are delighted to announce that, as we emerge from what we hope will be the final lockdown, we are going ahead with our European Days of Jewish Culture and Heritage and have once again created an online booklet, which will include both real and virtual events, talks, open days, exhibitions and guided walks.

Many sites have taken the decision not to open, as they are not set up to welcome visitors safely or are unable to run online events. But we are thrilled to have over 30 organisations, synagogues and walking guides taking part in our heritage activities this year, with some holding more than one event. Most are virtual events, but there are some venues that are now opening up with safety measures and social distancing in place, to welcome back visitors with open arms.

Initiated by the B’nai B’rith Lodge in Strasbourg, the EDJCH rapidly spread across Europe and celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2019. It is organised by a partnership between B’nai B’rith Europe, the European Council of Jewish Communities and the Spanish Jewry Network and is part of the Council of Europe’s project ‘Europe - A Common Heritage.’ As a result of the EDJCH, the European Route of Jewish Heritage has evolved and is now one of the major cultural routes of Europe.

For 2021, the European Days of Jewish Culture and Heritage will once again run from 1st September to 31st December inclusive. The National Heritage Open Days will run from 10th to 19th September this year, which ties in nicely with our own dates.

Our theme for 2021 will be ‘Dialogue,’ which lends itself to a huge range of potential events, whether real or virtual. All of these interpretations offer a wealth of opportunities for open days, talks, virtual guided walks and online exhibitions.
**SOME OF THIS YEAR’S HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Chatham Memorial Synagogue:** virtual talk on ‘Foreigners, Aliens, Citizens – Medway and its Jewish Community’ on 12th September.

**Jewish History Association of South Wales:** virtual event on 12th September: ‘Our photographs and your imagination - an introduction to the Cardiff Jewish Heritage Trail’ The talk will describe the creation of the trail with insights into the JHASW’s research and tips on how to get the most from the trail and learn more about the Jewish communities of Cardiff.

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain:** virtual event on 3rd October: ‘Family research for beginners’ Plus, help for those budding genealogists who may have come up against a brick wall with their research with mentors on hand to assist.

**AJR (Association of Jewish Refugees):** virtual event on their ‘My Story’ project on 14th October. Their ‘My Story’ project tells the life stories of Jewish refugees and Holocaust survivors through the production of individual life story books to be kept as treasured memories and tools for reminiscence and to raise awareness about the Holocaust and Nazi oppression. In this online event, participants can listen to the dialogue between one of AJR’s members and their volunteer interviewer.

**Kehillat Kernow, Cornwall:** virtual interfaith forum on 24th October with members of the Hindu, Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, B’Hai, Pagan, Humanist and Jewish faiths, discussing each faith’s concept of G-d, their similarities and differences.

**Salomons Museum:** ongoing new website, presenting the story of Salomons Museum.

**St Albans Masorti Synagogue:** new online exhibition, ‘Arriving Belonging,’ where Jewish community members with roots from around the world welcome visitors into their lives, telling some of their stories through personal objects and family photographs. Viewers can connect with the members’ individual experiences and see how they became part of the vibrant city of St Albans.
Strawberry Hill House: online exhibition running until December 2021. Strawberry Hill House is internationally known for its creator, the writer Horace Walpole (1717-1797), but little attention has been given in the past to the story of the house after Walpole. As part of the Jewish Country Houses Project, Strawberry Hill House curator, Silvia Davoli has researched two subsequent owners of the Villa from the 19th and 20th century, both of whom came from a Jewish background, for this online exhibition.

Museum of Liverpool: permanent museum trail featuring objects connected to Liverpool’s Jewish community available at the museum.

B’nai B’rith UK’s First Lodge of England: live virtual tours of Rome (13th September), Budapest (19th October), Krakow (18th November) and Lisbon (30th December).

IN THE SPIRIT OF INTERFAITH OUTREACH & UNDERSTANDING OF JEWISH CULTURE, EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

As Covid has affected us - like all charities - this year, we would be very grateful for any donations that you are able to make towards our heritage activities  Charity Number: 1061661
PANEL DISCUSSION

The History of Interfaith Dialogue through Culture, Art, Literature & Politics

Sunday 24 October 2021 - 8pm

CHAIR: DAME HELEN HYDE DBE

Dame Helen is a Fellow of the Imperial War Museum. She is a Trustee of the Holocaust Education Trust, the National Holocaust Centre and Museum and the Foundation for Jewish Heritage. She was appointed a Holocaust commissioner and sat on the Educational Advisory Board of the National Holocaust Commission. She organises a large annual Holocaust Conference for 6th formers and leads many adult and student educational trips abroad. Helen is Patron Director of the Rwandan Sisterhood supporting African Women and works with survivors of the genocide and deprived women in Kigali, Zimbabwe. She is a patron and trustee of the One Vision Charity.

AVIVA DAUTCH

Aviva is an author, lecturer, poet and contributor to courses and programmes for the British Library, British Museum and Radio 4, among many other arts organisations. Aviva’s writing was first acclaimed by former poet laureate Andrew Motion, who in 2014 named her as “one to watch for the future”. In 2018, she was one of the winners of the Primers publication scheme for emerging talent. Her poems have been widely published in magazines and anthologies and she has performed at the Hay Festival, Jewish Book Week, Poetry International at the Southbank Centre and at numerous festivals and events nationally and internationally. Aviva is director of Jewish Renaissance, the UK’s national Jewish arts & culture quarterly: www.jewishrenaissance.org.uk

ELIZABETH HARRIS-SAWCZENKO

Elizabeth, is a recent recipient of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Award for Reconciliation and Interfaith. She is currently a Director at the Good Faith Partnership, a social consultancy group, as well as the former Director of the Council of Christians and Jews and she also worked as Public Affairs Director at the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Elizabeth is a British Israeli now living in the UK. During her years in Israel, she was part of the Oslo Accords ‘People to People’ encounters between Palestinians and Israelis and subsequently a Director at New Israel Fund in Jerusalem. Elizabeth has worked extensively with parliamentarians, faith communities and leaders, promoting dialogue and understanding in particular on Israel and Palestine.
SPEAKERS
AVIVA DAUTCCH - TINA BEATTIE
SYIMA ASLAM
ELIZABETH HARRIS-SAWCZENKO
CHAIR: DAME HELEN HYDE DBE

TINA BEATTIE
Tina is a former Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Roehampton and is now Director of Catherine of Siena College, based at the University of Roehampton. Much of her research focuses on the relationship between the Catholic tradition and contemporary culture, particularly in areas to do with gender, sexuality and reproductive ethics; Catholic social teaching and women’s rights, and theology and the visual arts. She has co-edited several books and is a contributor to The Tablet, The Guardian online, The Conversation, and several other publications as well as appearing on TV and radio, including BBC, Sky News and Al Jazeera, BBC Radio 4’s ‘Thought for the Day’ and the BBC World Service.

SYIMA ASLAM
Syima is the founder and Director of the Bradford Literature Festival (BLF), which she established in 2014. A 10-day literary and cultural celebration, BLF welcomes more than 70,000 visitors to Bradford annually and is celebrated as the most socio-economically and ethnically diverse literary festival in the UK. Under Syima’s directorship, BLF has made a significant impact on the country’s literary landscape, hailed as ‘one of the most innovative and inspirational festivals in the UK’, bringing together literature from all genres, promoting intercultural fluency, providing a platform for marginalised voices, and reflecting the changing face of contemporary Britain through a programme which celebrates diversity, empathy and artistic excellence.
B’nai B’rith UK will be hosting our own series of heritage-related online talks by a range of fascinating speakers including:

JTrails guide Marcus Roberts, 13th October
‘The Jews of Bletchley Park’

Rebbetzen, lecturer and author Ilana Spitz-Epstein, 27th October
‘The History of the Jews and the Potato’

Professors Abigail Green and Tom Stammers, 3rd November
Jewish Country Houses

Julie Siddiqi, 10th November
‘Working Together: Jewish-Muslim relationships in action’

Malcolm Singer, 1st December
‘Dialogues - Yehudi Menuhin and Ernest Bloch: The relationship between these two great Jewish musicians and their attitudes towards Judaism’

Art historian Monica Bohm-Duchen, 8th December
‘A Jewish Jesus: Art and Faith in the Shadow of World War II’

Professor Brad Blitz, 20th December
‘Between Empire and State: A family tale of Habsburg and Post-Habsburg Bukovinian Jewry’

More BBUK events in the listings

**BOOKING BBUK EVENTS**

Email: events@bnaibrithuk.org

Include your full name, email address, your lodge (if applicable) and how you heard about the talk.

Enquiries 07588 087324 www.bnaibrithuk.org

All these events are **FREE**. A suggested voluntary donation of £5 goes towards B’nai B’rith UK’s core charities in Kiev, Ukraine, providing essential medical supplies for the elderly and frail of the Jewish community, and our Food Programme in Qiryat Gat, Israel helping the most disadvantaged in the community.
Permanent Exhibitions

Around the UK

**Museum of Liverpool**

*Exhibition.* Permanent museum trail featuring objects connected to Liverpool’s Jewish community. Please check our website for information on adjustments being made to the museum in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and also for opening hours. There are six blue badge parking spaces directly opposite the museum entrance, by the Great Western Railway building. These are about 30 metres from the entrance and need to be pre-booked. To book a space please call 0151 478 4545. Pier Head, Liverpool L3 1DG. Contact: Lisa Peatfield Lisa.peatfield@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk 0151 478 4465. https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/museum-of-liverpool

Virtual Exhibitions/Websites

**Salomons Museum**

*Virtual Exhibition.* Website presenting the story of Salomons. www.thecivicsociety.org/Salomons.htm

**St Albans Masorti Synagogue (SAMS)**

*Virtual Exhibition.* In this exhibition, Jewish community members with roots from around the world welcome visitors into their lives, telling some of their stories through personal objects and family photographs. Connect with the individual experiences of Jewish people in Britain and see how they became part of the vibrant city of St Albans. Their fascinating stories bring to life the universal themes of sanctuary, courage, compassion, work and community. Explore the timeline of Jewish life in St Albans and England and take a virtual stroll around St Albans to see where the Jewish community settled.

St Albans Masorti Synagogue Exhibition

See how its members have contributed to the wider community and listen to their stories. The online exhibition is at www.arrivingbelonging.com and the in-person exhibition will be in the Keeper’s Galleries of the St Albans Museum + Gallery from 4th February - 15th May 2022. www.arrivingbelonging.com

**Board of Deputies of British Jews**

*Virtual.* ‘Hidden Treasures’, celebrates the archives in Britain that tell the story of Jews in Britain. Over 50 archives throughout the country are part of the Hidden Treasures network. They hold material - photographs, documents, audio and video recordings - about Jews in this country, dating from the eleventh century to 2021. www.celebratingjewisharchives.org

**Friday 1st January to Friday 31st December**

**Virtual**

**Strawberry Hill House & Garden**

*Virtual Exhibition.* Strawberry Hill House is internationally known for its creator, the writer Horace Walpole (1717-1797), little attention has
been given in the past to the story of the house ‘after Walpole’. As part of the Jewish Country Houses Project, Strawberry Hill House curator, Silvia Davoli has researched two subsequent owners of the Villa from the 19th and 20th century, both of whom came from a Jewish background. [web link]

**Wednesday 1st September**

**Virtual**

**B’nai B’rith UK**

**Virtual talk**, Rabbi David Rosen, KSG CBE: ‘From Disputation to Dialogue - Jewish-Catholic relations in our time’ The competition between Christianity and Judaism for the claim to be the heir to the Divine Covenant with Israel, led to the demonisation of the Jews known as ‘the teaching of contempt’. This presentation will provide an overview of the transformation that took place within Christendom and the Roman Catholic Church in particular, that repudiated this approach and ushered in a new era of mutual respect and dialogue between the Catholic and Jewish worlds and the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the State of Israel and the Vatican of which Rabbi Rosen was a negotiator. 8-9pm. FREE . Pre-booking essential. See page 8 for details.

**Around the UK**

**Plymouth Hebrew Congregation**

**Audio Trail** ‘The Next Generation. The continuing audio story of the Jews in Plymouth.’ Opening in 1859 as the Old cemetery on the Hoe closes. Buried here are many civic dignitaries highlighting the value and involvement of the Jewish community in building Plymouth from the town through the 3 towns and finally the City. Listen to more tales and stories and reminiscences from the families. Vol 1 includes WW1 servicemen and the families of Cohen, Hirshman, Nelson, Brock, Gordon, Peck and Robins The audio is available to hear if you are unable to visit at https://rippletheatreco.com or https://soundcloud.com/ripple-theatre/sets FREE but donations welcome. 10am to 4pm (last entry 3pm). Jewish Cemetery Gifford Place Plymouth, PL3 4JA. Contact: Jerry Sibley phccaretaker@yahoo.co.uk 07753 267616 Plymouthsynagogue.com Pre-booking please
Plymouth Hebrew Congregation

Talk. Guided talk on Jewish History in Plymouth and the Georgian Synagogue with Baroque Dutch ark, Antique Chanukiah (circa 1700) and exceptional stained glass windows showing the 5 festivals. Built in 1762 it is the oldest Ashkenazi synagogue in the English speaking world still in continuous use. NB tours available to book throughout the year. FREE. 2pm. Plymouth Synagogue, PL1 2AD. Contact: Jerry Sibley phccaretaker@yahoo.co.uk 07753 267616

Plymouth Synagogue.com  DA T Pre-booking please

London

New West End Synagogue

Open Doors. FREE. 10am-1pm. St Petersburgh Place, London, W2 4JT. Contact: Eli Ballon nwes@newwestend.org.uk 020 7229 2631

www.newwestend.org.uk  DA

Sukkat Shalom Reform Synagogue

Open Doors. The buildings were designed by Mr George Somers Clarke 1861-63. He was a well-known architect of the day. It is built in the Venetian Gothic style. The building was built as an orphanage for children whose fathers died at sea. FREE. 10am to 4pm. 1 Victory Road, Hermon Hill, Wanstead, London, E11 1UL. Contact: Frank Godson admin@sukkatshalom.me.uk 07545 349999 www.sukkatshalom.org.uk  DA T DT S P

Sunday 12th September

Norwich Hebrew Congregation

Open Doors. The buildings date from 1954 (with improvements) and 1969, but it is the history of Norwich Jewry that makes our Synagogue visit important, and talks are also available. FREE. 10am - 4pm. 3 Earlham Road, Norwich, NR2 3RA. Contact: Maureen Leveton mleveton@aol.com 01603 749706 www.norwichsynagogue.org.uk  DA T DS P
Reading Hebrew Congregation

**Open Doors.** Reading Hebrew Congregation was established in 1886 by 13 families. The synagogue was opened on 31st October 1900 and is a traditional design in a Moorish style. The roof and cupola were restored in 2017. Please book if a group visit is being planned. Preference for pre-booking particularly if social distancing and limited numbers are still in force. FREE. 10.30am - 1.30pm. The Synagogue 7 Goldsmid Road, Reading RG1 7YB. Contact: Sue Clarke secretary@rhc.org.uk 0118 957 3954 (answerphone - not checked daily) www.readingsynagogue.uk

**Virtual**

B’nai B’rith First Unity Lodge


FREE 8pm – 9pm. Prebooking essential Contact Henny Levin hmlevin@waitrose.com 0203 115 0033

Chatham Memorial Synagogue

**Virtual talk.** ‘Foreigners, Aliens, Citizens - Medway and its Jewish community’. Designed by H.H. Collins of London the synagogue was financed by a local businessman Simon Magnus in memory of his son, replacing an 18th century wooden structure situated near the border with Chatham. This Grade II* listed synagogue officially opened on 17 June 1870. Please book your place for the talk in advance Please email nnicholls100@hotmail.co.uk to register for the talk. Please provide your name, email and the first part of your postcode, which will help us to understand where our audience come from. For security reasons you will receive a link to login to the talk on the day. The talk is free, donations are highly appreciated. 3pm to 4pm. Contact: Nathan Nicholls https://www.chathamshul.org.uk

**Jewish History Association of South Wales**

**Virtual Event.** ‘Our photographs and your imagination.’ An introduction to the Cardiff Jewish Heritage Trail. A talk describing the creation of the trail with insights into our research, and tips on how to get the most from the trail and learn more about the Jewish communities of Cardiff. Pre-booking required. FREE. 2pm. Contact: Klavdija Erzen klavdija.erzen@jhasw.org.uk for the Zoom link. 07972 113952

**Monday 13th September**

**Virtual**

B’nai B’rith - First Lodge Of England

**Virtual Walking Tours.** Rome. First Lodge Jewish World Heritage Tours are audio/visual walking
tours of European and other countries of Jewish interest. These events include the dissemination of knowledge of Jewish history and our Jewish heritage. In many instances, we connect with leaders of the local Jewish communities, historians and local B’nai Brith members in the cities visited. September 13th - Rome; October 19th - Budapest; November 18th - Krakow; December 30th - Lisbon All tours start at 8pm London local time. All participants to request Zoom link from firstlodgengland@aol.com Contact: Martin Aaron firstlodgengland@aol.com 07973 375170 www.bbengland.org

Sunday 19th September

**Around the UK**

**Montefiore Synagogue and Mausoleum**

*Open Doors.* Built in 1833 for Moses and Judith Montefiore by David Mocatta, student of Sir John Soane and first Anglo-Jewish architect. Also open on the West Cliff is A. W Pugin's house, The Grange, now owned by Landmark Trust. Donations accepted. 10am to 3pm. Honeysuckle Lane, Ramsgate CT11 8AA. Contact: ramsgate@montefioreendowment.org.uk www.montefioreendowment.org.uk i Shorter access from Honeysuckle Inn. Longer access, better parking: Dumpton Park Drive, CT11 8AD

**The Old Synagogue, Kings School**

*Open Doors.* FREE. 10am - 3pm. 33-34 King Street, Canterbury, CT1 2AJ. Contact: Sarah Beaglesole s.beaglehole@kings-bursary.co.uk 01227 287234 www.kings-school.co.uk i DA T

**The Gregg School**

*Open Doors.* Free entry. 2-5pm. The Gregg School, Townhill Park House, Atlantic Park View, Southampton SO18 3RR. Contact: Mr C. Ingham cri@thegreggschools.org 02380 472133 https://www.thegreggschool.org/our-community/townhill-park-house-gardens i DA T DT

**London**

**Willesden Jewish Cemetery**

*Guided Tour.* Our tour guides will be giving talks on their favourite ‘residents. They will be dotted around the cemetery ready to tell you their story as you walk around. Unlike a standard tour you will be led around the grounds by multiple guides uncovering fascinating tales of people not included on our regular guided walks. FREE. 2pm and 3pm. willesdenjewishcemetery.org.uk 020 8459 6107

**Virtual**

**B’nai B’rith - Yad B’Yad Lodge**

*Virtual talk.* by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Robert Voss CBE, CStJ. ‘My Life as the only Jewish Lord-Lieutenant in English History and My Family Story’. The Lord Lieutenant will talk about his family history (refugees from the Holocaust), background and his role as Lord-Lieutenant in Hertfordshire. Only open to visiting B’nai B’rith members who will need to pre register Please register on heritagetalk@hotmail.com giving your name and the B’nai B’rith lodge you belong to. The link will be sent the day before the meeting. 8pm.

**Sunday 3rd October**

**Virtual**

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain**

*Virtual Event.* Family research for beginners and help for those budding genealogists who might need assistance. Mentors on hand to assist. FREE. 2pm - 5pm. Contact: vicechair@jgsbg.org.uk for the Zoom link. www.jgsbg.org.uk Pre-booking essential.
### Sunday 10th October

**London**

**West London Synagogue**

**Discussion & Tour** Rabbi Helen Freeman and Revd. Lucy Winkett on Sacred Space including tea and a tour of the Sanctuary. Both of these faith leaders support historic communities in central London that sit in historic buildings. Join them as they reflect on what it means to worship and guide others. FREE. 4pm - 7pm. [Book on EventBrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-london-synagogue-discussion-tour-rabbi-helen-freeman-and-revd-lucy-winkett-on-sacred-space-including-tea-and-a-tour-of-the-sanctuary-tickets-47399527518). To watch event on Zoom email: nic.schlagman@wls.org.uk

### Wednesday 13th October

**Virtual**

**B’nai B’rith UK**

**Virtual Talk** Marcus Roberts on ‘Jews and Secret World War II Code-Breaking activities at Bletchley Park.’

The secret code-breaking activities at Bletchley Park was one of the best kept secrets of World War II and the intelligence provided by the code-breakers was decisive in shortening the War. Even today it is not appreciated that there was a significant Jewish story at the Park, as there were many Jewish personnel at Bletchley, both civilian and military and their number included many women. Key Jewish personnel at the Park were key figures in breaking the enemy codes and played a decisive part in the creation of the first modern computers that have defined and created our own era. Professor Maxwell Newman (1897-1984), was the architect of the Colossus computer, the world’s first modern computer. The Bletchley Park Trust now preserves the site as a museum and the speaker traces the Jewish stories of the men and women at Bletchley Park and the back-story of the Jewish Country House that provided the setting for the vital war-time activities, in a well illustrated talk. 8-9pm.FREE . Pre-booking essential. See page 10 for details.

### Thursday 14th October

**Virtual**

**The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR)**

**Virtual Event** The AJR’s ‘My Story’ project tells the life stories of Jewish refugees and Holocaust survivors through the production of individual life story books to be kept as treasured memories and tools for reminiscence and to raise awareness about the Holocaust and Nazi oppression. In this online event, we will listen to the dialogue between one of AJR’s members and their volunteer interviewer. [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ajrs-my-story-life-book-project-tickets-146435298921](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ajrs-my-story-life-book-project-tickets-146435298921) FREE. 2pm. Contact: Debra Barnes debra@ajr.org.uk 020 8385 3070 [www.ajr.org.uk](http://www.ajr.org.uk)

### Tuesday 19th October

**Virtual**

**B’nai B’rith - First Lodge Of England**

**Virtual Walking Tours** Budapest. First Lodge Jewish World Heritage Tours are audio/visual walking tours of European and other countries of Jewish interest. These events include the dissemination of knowledge of Jewish history and our Jewish heritage. In many instances, we connect with leaders of the local Jewish communities, historians and local B’nai B’rith members in the cities visited. September 13th - Rome; October 19th - Budapest; November 18th - Krakow; December 30th - Lisbon All tours start at 8pm London local time. All participants to
Thursday 21st October

Virtual

Yorkshire Heritage Walks

Virtual Walk: Textiles, Carpets & Kiss Me Quick Hats - The Sephardim of Yorkshire.
Nigel Grizzard explores the Sephardi Heritage in Yorkshire, England's largest county. Hear how Sephardi merchants settled in Leeds, Egyptian Jewish refugees were housed in Horsforth, Iraqi traders opened shops in Scarborough and much more! FREE. 8pm. Contact Nigel Grizzard

bradfordjewish@gmail.com 07798855494 www.yorkshireheritagewalks.co.uk

Sunday 24th October

Virtual

Kehillat Kernow - Jewish Community of Cornwall

Virtual Event. Interfaith forum (CFF: Cornwall Faith Forum): Kehillat Kernow will host a dialogue with members of Hindu, Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, B'Hai, Pagan, Humanist and Jewish faiths, discussing each faith’s concept of G-d, their similarities and differences, followed by a Q&A, to increase understanding among our faiths through this dialogue. FREE. 5pm. Contact: Jeremy Jacobson jacobsonzev@gmail.com 01872 562843

Wednesday 27th October

Virtual

B’nai B’rith UK

Virtual talk. Ilana Spitz Epstein: ‘The History of Jews and the Potato’. Its effect on European Jewish History. Ashkenazi Jews love their potatoes: what would our food be without potato Kugel, potato latkes and a potato knish? Imagine cholent without potatoes! And yet potatoes only became part of Ashkenazi cuisine in 1840s! What did we eat before? And what was the impact of the potato on the Jewish community? So much potato history to share, so little time! Join us to hear more. Ilana Spitz Epstein has had many jobs over the last few decades, from interior designer to international educator, qualifying as a French pastry chef and working as a journalist for a number of publications. An educator with over 25 years’ experience, she has lived in New York, Caracas, Rio de Janeiro and Israel before settling in London in 2014. Ilana is the Rebbetzen of Western Marble Arch Synagogue and the founder and director of Ta’am, which is the crystallisation of over three decades of fascination, excitement and experimentation with Jewish culture and makes Jewish cultural history vivid and alive. 8 to 9pm. FREE. Pre-booking essential. See page 8 for details

Wednesday 3rd November

Virtual

B’nai B’rith UK

Virtual Talk: Abigail Green and Tom Stammers. ‘Jewish Country Houses: Homes, Collections and National Memory’ Tom Stammers is Associate Professor of European Cultural History at the
University of Durham. A specialist in modern French history and the history of collecting, he is co-investigator on the Jewish Country Houses Project. In our research project we investigate houses built, bought or renovated by members of the Jewish aristocracy. Important symbols of our national heritage, country houses were also sites of cultural dialogue, where members of the Jewish elite displayed their multiple relationships to Britain, Europe and the wider world. These relationships were expressed in part through politics and philanthropy, as country houses could function as symbols of Jewish social mobility and sites of Jewish relief. But these relationships were also cultural, as visible in the eclectic collections and works of art that these houses contained. In this talk, we consider two houses in Britain - Salomons in Kent and Upton in Warwickshire - and reflect on what they tell us about the dialogue their owners constructed with British aristocratic ideals. The Jewish elite, we argue, brought their own twist to the idea and function of the country house, and this difference explains why they occupy an ambiguous position in Britain’s heritage landscape. 8-9pm. FREE. Pre-booking essential. See page 8 for details.

Thursday 18th November

Virtual

B’nai B’rith - First Lodge Of England

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Friday 19th to Tuesday 23rd November

London

The Wiener Holocaust Library

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Red Cross and the Deutsches Rotes Kreuz, communication was permitted under the terms of the Geneva Convention, allowing refugees to remain in touch with those they left behind. The telegrams are a poignant and remarkable link between family members living in hugely different circumstances. 29 Russell Square is one of the few remaining 1804 houses, designed by James Burton, from the second phase of the Bloomsbury Estate development. The Wiener Library has occupied these premises since 2011. Free to enter and register: 10am to 5pm daily. 29 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DP. Contact: Tom Collins tcollins@wienerholocaustlibrary.org 020 7467 9678 www.wienerholocaustlibrary.org DA L T DT

Sunday 21st November

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Wednesday 24th November

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B’nai B’rith UK

Virtual Talk: Caron Sethill. ‘The National Library of Israel - a dialogue between time and space.’ Since its founding in Jerusalem in 1892, the rich history and collections of the National Library of Israel have been guided by a constantly evolving conversation with the stories and cultures of the global Jewish community, Israel and its people. Each of the millions of items in the Library’s world-class collection of books, manuscripts, photos, music, maps and more is a conversation in and of itself - expressions of discourse between teachers and their students, singers and their listeners, writers and their correspondents, scholars and their texts. Over the past decade, the National Library has worked diligently to open access to the treasures of Jewish, Israeli and global culture as never before. As a result, the discourse which defines the Library and its work has gone in new, and sometimes surprising directions. 5-6pm FREE. Pre-booking essential. See page 8 for details.
Wednesday 1st December

Virtual

B’nai B’rith UK

Virtual Talk by Malcolm Singer. ‘Dialogues - Yehudi Menuhin and Ernest Bloch. The relationship between these two great Jewish musicians and their attitudes towards Judaism.’ As Yehudi Menuhin pithily said of Bloch: “He was my first composer and I was his last performer.” Bloch’s Abodah was the first piece written especially for the young Yehudi in 1928 and the violinist commissioned the two suites for solo violin just before the composer’s death in 1959. Indeed, the second Suite was his last completed composition. In the intervening years these two great musicians had a warm and fruitful friendship. Both men had fascinating but complex approaches to their Jewish faith. This talk will explore their relationship and their attitudes to Judaism. 8-9pm FREE. Pre-booking essential. See page 10 for details.

Wednesday 8th December

Virtual

B’nai B’rith UK

Virtual Talk: Monica Bohm-Duchen. ‘A Jewish Jesus: Art and Faith in the Shadow of World War Two.’ This illustrated lecture by art historian Monica Bohm-Duchen will address the fascinating but hitherto under-explored theme of Jewish artists who produced work for the Church and/or employed Christian iconography during the 1930s-50s, a period dominated by the rise of Fascism, WWII and the Holocaust, in which the figure of Jesus was often seen (by Jews and non-Jews alike) as the embodiment of contemporary Jewish suffering. 8-9pm FREE. Pre-booking essential. See page 8 for details.

Wednesday 15th December

Virtual

B’nai B’rith UK

Virtual Talk: Rear Admiral Roy Clare CBE DL “Sea Reflections - leadership is vital in every walk of life, but what do seafarers bring ashore?” Using examples from his own naval experience and drawing on the stories of men and women who feature in the collections of the museums he has directed, Roy will explore timeless themes of leadership that are as relevant now as ever. 8-9pm FREE. Pre-booking essential. See page 8 for details.

Monday 20th December

Virtual

B’nai B’rith UK

Virtual Talk: ‘Between Empire and State: A family tale of Habsburg and Post-Habsburg Bukovinian Jewry’. This talk is the product of an unexpected family history project. Professor
Brad Blitz records how one post on Ancestry.com directed him to previously unknown roots in present-day Romania, and launched a new research project that explores how citizenship was managed in the late Austro-Hungarian Empire, in the old Kingdom of Romania, and in the annexed territories of Bukovina and Bessarabia following World War I. The treatment of Jews, who were subject to different citizenship regimes, also reveals the ways in which these states developed, and put in place administrative systems to manage diverse populations. This talk explores the history of Jewish life in Southern Bukovina and the eventual incorporation of Jews in modern Romania. 8-9pm FREE. Pre-booking essential. See page 8 for details.

Thursday 30th December

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British participation in the European Days of Jewish Culture and Heritage is organised by B’nai B’rith UK, part of B’nai B’rith International, which was founded in New York in 1843 and in 2018 celebrated its 175th anniversary.

Today, it is one of the largest Jewish volunteer organisations active in humanitarian, human rights and cultural and charitable work in 59 countries, 27 of which are affiliated to B’nai B’rith Europe.

Launched in 1996 by the B’nai B’rith Lodge in Strasbourg, the Open Days became pan-European in 2000 and are now under the aegis of the European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage (AEPJ), with the participation of 31 countries.

In 2021, yet another difficult year for heritage, arts and culture organisations, B’nai B’rith UK would like to acknowledge the contribution of the Survey of the Jewish Built Heritage (SJBH) and members of B’nai B’rith UK, for their generous support, as well as our participants who are making these Open Days, talks, guided walks and events, whether real or virtual, possible by opening their buildings to the public and/or arranging events.

For further information about Jewish Heritage Days, both here and on the Continent, please contact B’nai B’rith UK.

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Countries taking part in the European Days of Jewish Culture & Heritage 2021:

Austria ♦ Belgium ♦ Belarus ♦ Bosnia-Herzegovina ♦ Bulgaria ♦ Croatia
Czech Republic ♦ Denmark ♦ France ♦ Finland ♦ Georgia ♦ Germany ♦ Greece
Hungary ♦ Ireland ♦ Italy ♦ Latvia ♦ Lithuania ♦ Luxembourg ♦ Moldova
Montenegro ♦ Netherlands ♦ Norway ♦ Poland ♦ Portugal ♦ Romania
Serbia ♦ Slovakia ♦ Slovenia ♦ Spain ♦ Ukraine ♦ United Kingdom