



# B'NAI B'RITH YAD B'YAD LODGE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018

President :  
Maureen Daniels

Secretary :  
Myra Wand

Compiled by : David Gould


**Important: Before attending any event**, please contact the appropriate person from the list at the bottom of this page, month by month. For security reasons, this is critical for **main meetings**. Also please contact the same person if you find later that you cannot attend.

## April Summary

Ramble Wednesday 4  
Bridge Thursday 12  
Ramble Sunday 15  
Main meeting Wednesday 18  
Rummikub Thursday 19  
Canterbury break 22 to 25

## Main Meetings at 8:15 pm

Wednesday 18 April  
**Ernst Leitz of Wetzlar :**  
**Helping the Persecuted**  
Rabbi Frank Dabba Smith

Wednesday 23 May at 8:00 pm  
**Yad B'Yad AGM**   
followed by :

 **Shaare Zedek Hospital**  
**Good News from Israel**  
Ros Goldfarb

Tuesday 12 June  
**Jewish Settlements**  
**in Japan**   
Rabbi Jeff Berger

## Arts & Literature at 8:00 pm



Monday 4 June  
**Play Reading**

## Book Club at 8:00 pm




Wednesday 2 May  
**Best Laid Plans**  
By Sidney Sheldon

## Bridge – Thursday at 8:00 pm

12 April  10 May  
14 June 12 July

## Music at 8:15 pm

Monday 25 June   
**Desert Island Discs**  
Bring your own selection

## Outings

Thursday 13 September  
 **Postal Museum**  
& Mail Rail, £13.50

Sunday 16 September   
**Northampton Heritage**  
Coach, entrance & cream tea £30

## Rambles – Midweek

 Wednesday 4 April  
Thursday 3 May  
Wednesday 6 June

## Rambles – Sunday

15 April  13 May  
24 June 22 July

## Rummikub - Thursday at 8:00 pm


19 April  31 May  
28 June 26 July

## Short Walks



Wednesday 23 May  
Tuesday 12 June

## Tea Parties – Sunday at 3:00 pm


To be announced 



## Dates for your Diary

Sunday 22 to Wednesday 25 April  
**YBY Break, Canterbury**


 Wednesday 23 May at 8:00 pm  
**Yad B'Yad AGM**

Sunday 3 June   
**BBUK AGM**

 Sunday 17 June at 7:00 pm  
**YBY 30th Anniversary Party**  
Dinner and cabaret, £30  
To book, contact Susan Russell

 Sunday 8 July   
**Interlodge Supper Quiz**  
Radlett United Synagogue, £19.50

Thursday 9 August 10:30-3:00 pm  
**BBUK Chicago Bridge Lunch**  
Grim's Dyke Golf Club, £19.50 

 Sunday 12 August  
**London Treasure Trail**

Sunday 7 October   
**Heritage Storytelling**  
Pippa & Derek Reid



From the Editor's Desk



Are we ready for the Spring? Hopefully, this will bring us much kinder weather than in previous months. Of course, Pesach is upon us - seems to come around too quickly, like all holidays, etc.

Enjoy the Seder.

Sylvia



**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Speaker: Rabbi Dr Frank Dabba Smith**

**Ernst Leitz of Wetzlar: Helping the Persecuted**

Frank Dabba Smith was born in 1955 in California and earned his first degree in Linguistic Anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley. After working as a freelance photographer and teacher, he trained to be a Liberal Rabbi at Leo Baeck College in London and since 1997 has served at Mosaic Liberal Synagogue (formerly known as Harrow and Wembley Progressive Synagogue).

His PhD dissertation at University College London (UCL) is concerned with the behaviour of the renowned camera manufacturer Ernst Leitz of Wetzlar during the Holocaust.

Rabbi Smith holds MA degrees in Hebrew and Jewish Studies as well as in Photographic Studies. He teaches courses on dying, death and bereavement as well as on the Holocaust to rabbinic students at Leo Baeck College.

His publications include *My Secret Camera* (Harcourt and Frances Lincoln, 2000) and *Elsie's War* (Frances Lincoln, 2003). Solo photographic exhibitions include Leica Gallery (New York City, 2012), SAK-Art Museum (Svendborg, Denmark, 2012) and co-exhibiting with sculptor Jane McAdam Freud at the Priory Psychiatric Hospital (Roehampton, London, 2014).

He serves on the International Advisory Committee of EcoPeace-Middle East, as Vice-Chair of the Brent Multi-faith Forum, on the Independent Advisory Group of the Metropolitan Police in the London Borough of Brent and as a trustee to Berakah-Arts.

Frank Dabba Smith has been married to Cathy since 1986 and they have three children: Miriam (1991), Lewis (1995) and Sarah (1997).

**Lesley Urbach Talk - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March *Report by David Gould***

The Lodge was treated to a talk by Lesley Urbach on the work of Eleanor Rathbone.

Eleanor Rathbone (1872-1946) came from a wealthy Liverpool family. Her father was a Unitary MP and was always a supporter of social justice. The family motto was "What ought to be done, can be done".

Eleanor Rathbone was herself an Independent MP representing the Combined English Universities from 1929-1946. Lesley Urbach's talk focused on her lifelong interest on women's rights and her pioneering work in promoting the Family Allowance.

In 1897 Eleanor Rathbone became the Honorary Secretary of the Liverpool Women's Suffrage Society. As a suffragist she was a tireless campaigner for women to get the vote. She was never a militant, believing their activism came close to wrecking the movement. She always sought to influence by persuasion, networking and making compromises. She was delighted to see women over 30 who owned property given the right to vote in 1918 and women over 21 to be able to vote in 1928.

Her championship of family allowances arose from her observations of poverty relating to the casual dock labourers in Liverpool, the exploitation of charwomen and the unequal pay of men and women.

In 1924 she published her landmark work, *The Disinherited Family*

In 1945 she finally saw the Family Allowance Act pass into law. It was payable to mothers for a second child. It was first paid on 6th August 1946, 7 months after her sudden death at the age of 73.

Lesley Urbach was able to tell us about the life and times of this determined and influential women. Eleanor Rathbone was also very involved in aiding refugees which could be the subject of another talk.

In giving the vote of thanks, David Gould was able to recall his own mother being involved in Eleanor Rathbone's legacy and, on behalf of the lodge, he presented Lesley Urbach with a donation to her favoured charity.



Lesley Urbach receiving a cheque from David Gould

*Photograph by Liz Koten*

**Walk from Ayot Green - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** *Report by Gill Bernard*

The weather forecast the week preceding March 7<sup>th</sup> changed constantly but David took an executive decision that we should go on the Walk from Ayot Green, led by Robert Bernard

The rain ceased as we arrived at the car park of The Waggoner's Pub and after pre-ordering our lunch we began the trail in beautiful sunshine which lasted until we drove away in rain.

We began the walk in the very pretty village of Ayot Green descending from Cat's Gallows, the starting point, crossing the undulating golf course which afforded lovely views, taking care to walk together to avoid inconveniencing the golfers on the green!

We had a good view of Brocket Hall, which, after an interesting history, is now a conference centre and hotel, and then followed the meandering River Lee which, at this point was fairly shallow.

After crossing a ford, we branched away from the river to follow the dismantled former branch line from Welwyn Garden City Railway Station towards Luton and Dunstable. The line opened on 1 September 1860 and was operable for more than 100 years. Passenger numbers declined sharply after the Second World War and passenger services ended in 1951, although commercial traffic continued until 1966.

Luckily, we did not encounter the muddy paths we had feared and returned, via the road, passing clumps of snowdrops through the village to the pub where lunch (some said 'the best fish and chips we have ever had') was served.



*Photograph by David Gould*

Music Evening - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Report by Greg Wand

*A Game of Fives Redefined  
Presented by Brian Moser*

Brian returned to this theme to give us another selection of classical music.

He highlighted that many of the best pieces of classical music are associated with the number '5'.  
He demonstrated this by playing 10 tracks from 9 different composers.

He started with a performance of George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* performed on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its composition. This was followed by:



Mozart's *Clarinet Quintet*

Beethoven's *Piano sonata 25*

The opening movement from Beethoven's *5<sup>th</sup> Symphony*

The third movement from Tchaikovsky's *5<sup>th</sup> Symphony*

The finale from Schubert's *String Quintet*

Mahler's *5<sup>th</sup> Symphony*

The finale from Sibelius *5<sup>th</sup> Symphony*

The finale from Shostakovich *5<sup>th</sup> Symphony*.

Finally he played something completely different, the rousing *Pennsylvania 65000* by Glen Miller.

He accompanied his presentation with a constant stream of anecdotes and interesting facts about the different composers without consulting any notes.

The receptive audience is now looking forward to the next round of a **Game of Fives**.

*The President and  
her Council*

*wish all members a  
very happy Pesach*



Art and Literature - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March *Report by Vivienne Gould*

### London in Art and Literature

No other city comes close to London in the world of literature. Some writers loved it, others hated it. From Dickens' bustling panoramas to Zadie Smith's postcolonial north-west suburbs, its streets, parks and buildings have provided homes for its authors, inspiration for their imaginations and settings for their stories.

A dozen members (all but one London born and bred!) gathered for this meeting with a marvellous selection of contributions starting with Wordsworth's "On Westminster Bridge". We also heard the "Descriptive Jottings of London" by William McGonagall written on his visit in 1880 which he describes as the biggest empire he had ever seen.

We welcomed new members Derek and Pippa Reid who entertained us with their original compositions on the East End portraying the "Tailors' Union in Brick Lane" in verse and "Belgians for Sunday Lunch" in song. Other members original verse was recited on Cricklewood and travelling to school in the city.

From the art world we enjoyed Monet's Houses of Parliament in various hues, Pissaro's London views and Paolozzi's impressive sculptures that adorn our city.

From literature we encountered the Fire of London from Pepys' diaries, life after WWI from *The Wastelands* of T S Elliot, Zadie Smith's NW and Christopher's harrowing journey finding Chapter Road, Willesden in Mark Hadden's *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*.

And to complete the evening, while the tea was brewing, we listened to an amusing "Underground Stations" song written and performed by a friend of tonight's host!

Introducing

Itai

Born on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

in Los Angeles

Son of Stephan and Shelley Altman

a Brother for his Sisters Tal and Matan

3<sup>rd</sup> Grandchild for

Mireille & Bernard Altman



Introducing

*Oliver Blake Goldstein*

*Born on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018*

*Son of Mark & Charlotte Goldstein*

*a Brother for Zack*

*A second Grandchild for*

*Sheila & Howard Goldstein*



Get Well Wishes!



*from the President and her Council  
to those members who are not in the  
best of health at present.*