



**B'NAI B'RITH
YAD B'YAD LODGE
NEWSLETTER
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November Summary

Ramble	Thursday 1
Book Club	Thursday 1
Bridge	Thursday 8
Ramble	Sunday 11
Main Meeting	Tuesday 13
Short Walk	Wednesday 21
Music	Tuesday 27
Rummikub	Thursday 29

Main Meetings at 8:15 pm

Tuesday 13 November



***A Modern Jewish
Experience of the
British Army***

Sergeant Dan Fox

Tuesday 4 December

***Unrivalled Entertainment and
Music Hall Memories***

Nigel Coleman

We will light Chanukah candles and enjoy doughnuts. There will be a £3 charge for all members.



Wednesday 16 January

Ports and Port Jews

Tony Zandle

Arts & Literature at 8:00 pm

Thursday 6 December
***Chanukah Stories & Art
Gallery***



Book Club at 8:00 pm



Thursday 1 November
A Gentleman in Moscow
By Amor Towles

Bridge – Thursday at 8:00 pm

8 November  **13 December**
10 January **14 February**

Music at 8:15 pm

Tuesday 27 November
Viennese Connections



Presented by Michael Morris



Tuesday 26th February
Traveller's Tales

Presented by Greg Wand

Outings

To be announced

Rambles – Midweek



Thursday 1 November
Wednesday 5 December
Thursday 3 January

Rambles – Sunday

11 November  **16 December**
13 January **17 February**

Rummikub - Thursday at 8:00 pm

29 November  **27 December**
31 January **28 February**

Short Walks



Wednesday 21 November

Dates for your Diary



Sunday 3 February

Yad B'Yad Supper Quiz



Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue

Sunday 7 to Wednesday 10 April

Walking Break

Bradford-on-Avon





The Flipside



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November 2018

*What a busy lodge we are
with such a varied programme of activities to offer!
After finding it difficult to fit in our usual walks in September
due to the Yom tovim we had lots of walks in October
to get us fit again after all that eating!*

INTRODUCING DAN FOX FOR OUR NEXT SPEAKER MEETING : TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Sergeant Dan Fox of the Army Reserve has served in the UK and Afghanistan. He will outline the work done by young serving Jewish men and women in today's British armed forces, the challenges they face and the role of the Jewish military chaplains.

Sgt Dan Fox with Mike Bluestone



Dan's illustrated talk entitled '**A Modern Jewish Experience of the British Army**', encompasses the following:

- history of British Jews in the armed forces, especially their role in the two world wars.
- his own personal experiences as a Jewish serviceman and those of some of his contemporaries.
- an analysis of the ways in which Jewish life reflects military life, in particular the similarities between Jewish and martial mourning and remembrance.
- how the laws of war found in Torah-Talmud and the principle of tikun olam guide military activity for all in the 21st century

The talk will be introduced by Mike Bluestone, Chair of the Friends of Jewish Servicemen and Women.



A FROM YOUR EDITOR:

Please do not panic if asked to do a write up of a meeting or walk.....we do not expect a lengthy epistle, just a concise account of the occasion.

Just a 1/3 to 1/2 a page of A4 is all that is needed for readers to appreciate the event. (eg see page 5 of this flipside)

Thank you.





*From the President
& her council
to those members
who are not in the best of health at present*



SHORT WALK : WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
BEST BITS OF BERKHAMSTED

In perfect walking weather, Marcia and David Korman led a group of 7 on a very enjoyable short walk in the historic market town of Berkhamsted.

The first section followed the Grand Union Canal, past a number of heritage buildings and plaques recalling the heyday of the Port of Berkhamsted.

We stopped to admire the beautifully carved Canadian totem pole which was shipped to Britain and erected by the canal in Berkhamsted in 1968. After crossing the canal we walked north along the High Street passing several fine eighteenth and nineteenth century homes, including the childhood home of Clementine Churchill as well as the Rex Cinema - a 1938 building listed because of its fine period Art Deco interior features. Then we deviated from the High Street to view the birthplace of Graham Greene - an author whose works feature many references to the town in which he lived for many years.



Also along the High Street, no.173 (now an estate agency) is considered to be the oldest jettied timber framed building in Great Britain; its structural timbers are dated between 1277 and 1297. In the town centre we walked round the exterior of the Grade II* listed Parish Church of St Peter and we passed by the Elizabethan Court House, to the original buildings of Berkhamsted School (founded 1541) in Castle Street which are still in use.



Our final stop was Berkhamsted Castle. The history of Berkhamsted began following King Harold's defeat at the battle of Hastings. After Harold's defeat William marched with his army through southern England, pillaging as he went.

Crossing the Thames at Wallingford, he reached Berkhamsted, where he was met by the bishops of Worcester and Hereford, Earls Edwin and Morcar and the chief men of London, who swore allegiance to him and offered him the crown. Robert, William's brother, then built the castle, completed in 1070. We walked round the large site and looked at some remains of the castle, which must have been very impressive. Some of us also climbed the remaining tower to get a bird's eye view of the large site.

At the end of our walk most of us were catching a train to Watford Junction - a journey that normally takes about 13 minutes. However, a signal failure at Wembley severely disrupted the whole West Coast main line that afternoon, so we had a much longer wait than expected.

Marcia Korman



MIDWEEK RAMBLE : WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

TRAILING THE THAMES FROM TEDDINGTON

Today 8 intrepid walkers joined our leader Andrea in the wilds of South London to walk from Teddington to Richmond.

We entered Bushy Park which is one of the Royal Parks and were shortly walking amid a large herd of deer whose adult males left us in no uncertainty that our presence was not required near their young .

On entering the Palace grounds, we were confronted by the wonderful sight of several fountains emerging from a long stretch of water (Long Water) leading up to the Palace. This beautiful canal was commissioned by Charles II (1660-85) in preparation for the arrival of his bride, Catherine of Braganza. The couple honeymooned at the palace and boats in the shape of swans sailed up the canal in a romantic gesture.(Not, unfortunately, whilst we were there).



After crossing Kingston Bridge we had a picnic lunch by the river where we chose our favourite (or most disliked) residences opposite . Teas and coffees were consumed at a riverside pub, then we followed the river until we reached Richmond.

The weather was perfect, as was the route Andrea had chosen and we all thoroughly enjoyed our day, hoping to return to the Palace to view the gardens, as time was too short to accomplish this.

Gill Bernard



MAIN MEETING : WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

*SONGS AND FOLKLORE OF THE JEWISH EAST END
WITH PIPPA & DEREK REID*

The meeting on 17th October was part of the B'nai B'rith Heritage Storytelling Programme. It was a joint meeting with Shlomo Argov Unity Lodge and we were happy to welcome many of their members and some other visitors.

Pippa and Derek Reid are new members of our Lodge. For many years this talented couple have written stories and songs, and entertained and educated generations of children and adults.

Derek told us his grandfather's stories about the early days of Jewish settlement in Whitechapel, around the late 19th century. He described extended families living in one house, grandparents on the ground floor, each of their children with their families on a different floor, with a workshop in the basement; and tailoring workers gathering weekly in the central market area, Whitechapel Waste, looking for jobs. He also related an anecdote about his mentor, the Yiddish poet laureate of the East End - Avraham Stencl, who lived in the area in the last years of his life, and a story about Napoleon and a little French Jewish tailor.

In between the stories, Pippa entertained us with songs, accompanying herself on guitar. They ranged from "Bubba's Chicken Soup And Sleep" to the jolly Yiddish ditty "Az Der Rebbe Singt". We did our best to join in the choruses. Many of us found the songs and the Whitechapel anecdotes particularly interesting as our grandparents' generation made their home there or in similar areas. If only we had asked them more about their early lives while they were still around!

Wendy McLeish



Avraham Stencl

WEEKEND RAMBLE : SUNDAY 21st OCTOBER

AMAZED BY OUR SHADOWS IN AMERSHAM



Having had to postpone this 8 mile ramble from last Sunday due to very wet weather, we were rewarded with a bright sunny day for our second attempt.

Expertly and briskly led by Eve and Tony, our group of nine ramblers set off into the Chiltern Hills. Of course like any countryside walk it had its ups and downs but the autumn colours enhanced the beautiful scenery as we followed footpaths through newly ploughed fields and farmland. Being startled by pheasants and captivated by a crowded barn full of cows with calves, all helped to make this an invigorating day in the fresh air!

2.30pm - Oh what long shadows we have!

Photo by Viv G

Vivienne Gould



SHORT WALK : MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER

AN INTRIGUING INTRODUCTION TO ISLINGTON

Our short walk this month was led by John Ashmele. The elegant houses and squares are very impressive and Islington looked very attractive in the sunshine.

There was a literary theme to the walk. We saw the house where Joe Orton, the playwright was murdered and stood on the steps where Salman Rushdie lived when a fatwa was proclaimed by Ayatollah Khomeini. In Colebroke Row we paused at Charles Lamb's house. Stephen Fry, George Orwell and Evelyn Waugh also kindly chose to live along our route.



Photo by Geoff Wolfson

A pleasant lunch was enjoyed by a number of the group. Thanks to John for a very enjoyable walk.

Vivienne Roland

