



B'nai B'rith UK

**CORE ACTIVITY AND LODGE ANNUAL
REPORTS
and EXTRACTS from the
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
for the year ending
31 December 2017**

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- 10.00 Registration
Coffee and Biscuits
- 10.30 Welcome by the President
Candle lighting ceremony
Mission Statement
Long Service Awards
In Memoriam

AGM – AGENDA
Sunday June 3 2018
ORT House, 126 Albert Road, London NW1 7NE

1. Formal opening of AGM 2018
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 7 May 2017
4. President's Report
5. Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ending 31 December 2015
6. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts
7. Discussion of reports previously published
8. Motions for discussion
9. Election of Honorary Officers/Trustees
10. Election of representative to the Board of Deputies
11. Any Other Business
12. Video presentation produced by recipient of award from the Max Rothschild Scholarship Fund
13. Presentation to BBYO recipient of Cyril Trup Memorial Cup

LUNCH

Dan Mariaschin, CEO and executive vice president of B'nai B'rith International interviewed by Jeremy Havardi, Director LBIA



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of B'nai B'rith is to bring Jews together to work in friendship, to improve communal harmony, to strengthen the Jewish community, to combat racial and religious intolerance and to help the less fortunate.

The core objectives of B'nai B'rith United Kingdom are:

- To foster friendship through social, cultural and recreational programmes
- To support the State of Israel and world Jewry
- To work for charitable endeavours
- To initiate and develop community projects – and
- To strengthen B'nai B'rith links across Europe



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B'nai B'rith UK President's Annual Report 2017

The year has seen our organisation reach some great highs and also some sad lows. My ability to function as your President was greatly improved by the move to Hertfordshire by Edna and myself in December 2016. I have now been able to visit every Lodge and participate with more ease in the activities of our Lodges.

I am delighted to report that all our BBUK projects have expanded this year under the expert guidance of our professional directors. The Heritage and Culture committee, ably assisted by Lydia Drukarz, organised sixty events throughout the length and breadth of the UK adopting the pan European theme of "The Diaspora" the events took place in September and October. This year we are promoting the 2018 events by via Twitter and Facebook which we hope will further encourage people to join in, whilst also increasing the public awareness of our activities which we hope will lead to higher membership.

The London Bureau of International Affairs is I believe playing a most valuable part in advocating issues of importance to our community, such as Human Rights, anti-Semitism, defending and promoting Israel to our own government, foreign embassies and NGOs by making specialist, well researched visits to their representatives in the UK. The Breakfast Meetings with foreign ambassadors and the reception held at the Belgian Embassy were all events of the highest standard which made me proud to be a member of B'nai B'rith. I encourage all members to support future events. Jeremy Havardi, the Director of the LBIA, has this year produced an excellent handbook giving a fresh perspective called "Israel and the Middle East" which is now available to all members in PDF form, at no charge, and to non-members via the internet, for a small charge.

The B'nai B'rith Young Professionals has continued to grow and there have been many successful events, the highlight of which was a weekend trip to Luxembourg last April. Twenty BBYPs met up with a similar number from Luxembourg and from throughout Europe. I would like to thank Valerie Tesler for the vast amount of work that this trip entailed. Our hope is that we can encourage BBYP members to commit to the work of BBUK.

The work of our core charities is reported on in more detail in this booklet but I would like to thank Walter Breindel for his continued hard work and dedication in our efforts to support the underprivileged in Qiryat Gat, Israel. I am pleased to report that our



Lodges have been very generous during 2017 and the Chanukah Gelt appeal, direct to the members, brought a record response.

Our project in Kiev, Ukraine, has been reassessed and relaunched by Malcolm Factor after a lot of research and hard work. Our efforts are now concentrated on the provision of medical aid which is organised on the ground by the B'nai Brith Lodge of Kiev. Malcolm has also organised the Concerts for Shoes Project in Odessa and I thank him for all his efforts.

A real highlight of 2017 was the centenary of the Balfour Declaration and almost all Lodges held special events to mark the occasion. BBUK organised a three day trip to Manchester in September and forty people participated as we explored the work and influence of our most famous member, Chaim Weizmann. This was followed on the Anniversary of the Declaration with a highly successful, sell out event organised by First Lodge at ORT House.

In October we had a terrific visit to "See the Real Israel ", which has left the participants with some outstanding memories that few other trips could have provided. I thank Greg Wand of Yad B'Yad Lodge for all his hard work and for the time spent organising the visit. We look forward to the next visit in 2020.

The Inter Lodge Quiz was resurrected in June and organised by Maxine Cohen of the Abraham Lewin Lodge. This was a huge success despite very hot humid weather we had a full house and raised £1,500.00 for our core charities. My thanks to Maxine and all the organising team.

The Annual Chicago Bridge Lunch was organised in August by Ernest Simon of S.A.U.L., to whom I express my sincere thanks. Once again this proved a boost for funds, also being well supported.

We have continued to support the Jewish Armed Forces Committee, through their Moral Leadership weekend held in the Chaplaincy Centre in Amport, Hampshire, where excellent and important opportunities are provided to Jewish personnel serving as both full time and as reservists in Her Majesty's Forces.

This year, after a long absence, we have opened up avenues of communication with BBYO and several other organisations within the Jewish community.

On the internal front immediate Past President Eve Swabe has taken over the running of the BBUK office following the retirement after ten years of Valerie and Joe Melnick. This has involved a lot of time and has been coupled with our preparations to meet the forthcoming



General Data Protection Regulations. Thank you Eve for taking this on and to Valerie and Joe for their efforts in the past.

The downside of this year has been the closure of the Leo Baeck Lodge after seventy years and the Jerusalem Lodge after fifty years of activities. The loss of these Lodges, once such an important part of BBUK, is a blow, both socially and financially, but one that has been anticipated for some time. We have not been successful in defending these lodges from the effects of age and infirmity.

I also need to report to you that despite our very best efforts, no real progress has been made in our negotiations with BB Europe after our new proposals were rejected by their Executive in September. We are continuing with our efforts to seek a satisfactory solution.

I sincerely believe that the twenty first century Jewish community does require a multi-faceted, unifying and outward looking organisation such as ours and I know that if Lodges can continue to provide stimulating, vibrant programmes accompanied by the support and leadership of BBUK then we can have a great future.

I thank each and every one of the Executive, together with all members, for their support and dedication over 2017 without which our successes could not have been achieved.

Alan Miller.

National President B'nai B'rith UK



Alan Miller, B'nai B'rith UK President, with the Israeli Ambassador, Mark Regev



CORE ACTIVITY REPORTS

B'nai B'rith International Highlights from 2017

B'nai B'rith International is a global leader in Israel advocacy; advancing human rights; ensuring access to safe and affordable housing for low-income seniors and advocacy on vital issues concerning seniors and their families; diversity education; improving communities and helping communities in crisis.

B'nai B'rith's International Center for Human Rights and Public Policy held a number of high level leadership delegations throughout 2017. In May, President Gary P. Saltzman and Executive Vice President and CEO Daniel S. Mariaschin led a delegation to Argentina, Uruguay and Chile. The delegation met with President of Argentina Mauricio Macri, Vice President of Uruguay Raul Sendic, Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs Susana Malcorra and other government officials, diplomats and Jewish community leaders.

In late June, we sent a leadership delegation to Georgia and Azerbaijan and met with Prime Minister of Azerbaijan Artur Rasizade and Georgian Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili, along with other government representatives, the ranking American and Israeli diplomats in both capitals, representatives of the local Jewish community and religious leaders.

An international delegation of more than 25 B'nai B'rith leaders and supporters participated in the annual B'nai B'rith advocacy delegation to the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva. Immediately following that, some of our delegates traveled to Paris to continue advocacy at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

We are working relentlessly to ensure UNESCO doesn't erase Jews' thousands-of-years connection to Israel. In the Times of Israel, we wrote: "The campaign to not just re-write history, but to eliminate it, has been a priority agenda item for the Palestinians for years."

In the fall, a B'nai B'rith International delegation met with dozens of world leaders on the sidelines of the 72nd United Nations General Assembly in New York. During these meetings, the delegation discussed priority issues including Iran's sponsorship of terrorist organizations, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, global anti-Semitism and continuing mistreatment of the Jewish state within U.N. bodies.



B'nai B'rith International has a full-time presence in Brussels, the home of the European Union, where we focus on promoting EU-Israel relations and advocate for Jewish issues at European institutions in Brussels

In June, the B'nai B'rith World Center-Jerusalem hosted the recently-appointed U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman for his first public address, as keynote speaker at the B'nai B'rith World Center's 25th annual Award for Journalism Recognizing Excellence in Diaspora Reportage.

B'nai B'rith International has long recognized the desperate need for safe, affordable housing for low-income seniors. Currently, we are the largest national Jewish sponsor of U.S. government-assisted housing for seniors in the United States, with 38 apartment buildings in 28 communities. We also sponsor six properties in Canada (Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver), as well as other facilities around the world in Great Britain, Australia and Israel.

In 2017, our housing experts met with staffs of 18 Senate offices, 14 House offices as well as with staff for the committee which funds the government's low income housing program for seniors. In addition, U.S. lawmakers visited some of our senior housing buildings to see firsthand the needs of our seniors and the creative programming our senior housing program provides.

B'nai B'rith International continues with our global disaster relief, a tradition we began in 1865.

In 2017, B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief provided funds to the B'nai B'rith World Center-Jerusalem to purchase and deliver infant formula to vulnerable Syrian children as part of the Israeli military's humanitarian aid project called Operation Good Neighbor. This purchase provided 9,000 feedings. A utility truck paid for by B'nai B'rith, in cooperation with NECHAMA, had its first deployment to Florida to assist with clean-up after Hurricane Irma. We helped in the wake of the three major hurricanes that hit in short succession in the fall.

B'nai B'rith has members all over the world, and so does the Young Leadership Network. There are groups in the United States, Australia, Europe, Israel, Latin America, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

B'nai B'rith Europe and B'nai B'rith United Kingdom ran a workshop during the Young Professional Weekend in Luxembourg focusing on B'nai B'rith's work advocating for Israel and combating anti-



Semitism in London and Brussels. Participants from across Europe attended.

In March, B'nai B'rith International sent 13 young leaders to Japan, sponsored by the Japanese government. This was the second Young Leaders trip to Japan, as part of the country's friendship ties program called the Kakahashi Project.

The Zero.Dot.Two initiative launched in May 2017. Since then we have asked Jewish leaders from across the U.S. the question, "What does it mean to be Jewish?"

The videos collectively have been seen more than 50,000 times. The archive of responses can be found here: <http://www.bnaibrith.org/zerodottwo-initiative>

Sharon Bender
VP Communications

EUROPEAN DAYS OF JEWISH CULTURE AND IDENTITY 3 – 17 SEPTEMBER 2017

Based on the theme 'The Jewish Diaspora', the European Days of Jewish Culture and Heritage once again enjoyed a great success, with many events based on the subject, including the wonderful Family Day at the Jewish Museum which focused on different aspects of the Sephardi Community and the Interfaith event at West London Synagogue, with a panel of representatives of different faiths describing their experience as immigrant communities. We welcomed the Museum of Liverpool for the first time, whose exhibitions reflect the city's global significance and the contribution of its immigrants; and are delighted that Heritage Days have now spread to five Scottish Jewish communities. As in previous years, heritage synagogues and Jewish historic sites were open all over the country, as were the Ben Uri Art Gallery and the Wiener Library. Guided walks and heritage trails proved as popular as ever; and several Lodges held their own well supported events.

To mark the 100th Anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, at the beginning of Heritage Days, B'nai B'rith organised a visit to Manchester to commemorate the all-important role of Chaim Weizmann. Our journey took us to Manchester University and its modern Chemistry Department. We learnt about the science behind Weizmann's experiments with the fermentation of acetone, leading to the production of cordite, which helped to quicken the end of the First World War; and heard about the history and politics of the



Balfour Declaration, with glimpses of Weizmann's personal life, too. We were also shown the houses where he and his wife lived as they progressed up the social scale.

An essential part of our work is to attract more visitors and our media partnership with *The Jewish News* continues to give us wider publicity.

Looking ahead, Heritage Days in 2018, will be held on Sunday 2nd September and from Sunday 7th-Sunday 14th October, and will be based on the theme of 'Storytelling'.

Valerie Bello

B'nai B'rith London Bureau of International Affairs - BBLBIA

2017 has seen some significant domestic and international challenges, including the growth of Labour's antisemitism problem, the continuing threat from the BDS movement, the surge in nationalism from Eastern Europe and anti-Israel bias in many major institutions. BBUK's Bureau of International Affairs has continued to advocate for Jewish, Israeli and minority interests in London's diplomatic and political community. The Bureau has met dozens of ambassadors and senior diplomats from countries across the globe. It has also been represented in Geneva at the UN Human Rights Council and at the roundtable discussions held at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. In addition, the Bureau has spoken to two UK based charities regarding their biased perspective on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

During its meetings, Bureau members have raised concerns about endemic anti-Israel bias and helped to counter the many misconceptions abounding in political circles. Many of these misconceptions focus on the reasons for the breakdown in the peace process, the legality of settlements and the role of the Palestinian Authority and Hamas in heightening regional discord. The Bureau has also condemned the rise in European nationalism, which has been accompanied by resurgent support for wartime fascists and a denial of Holocaust restitution rights. In these meetings, the Bureau advances a fact and evidence based approach using carefully produced research.

The Bureau has conducted significant research this year. It has published a number of papers, including one on the status of the West Bank in international law and another on how UNRWA actively undermines the chances of peace and reconciliation between Israelis



and Palestinians. The Bureau has just published a 70 page mini book, 'Israel and the Middle East: A Fresh perspective', an electronic version of which is available free to all BBUK members.

Bureau Director, Jeremy Havardi, has spoken on a number of occasions, both within BBUK (at Young Professionals Events and at Lodges) and also at public meetings. He has met with representatives of other organisations, including Stand with Us, WIZO, Quakers for Israel and UJS. His articles have been published in a number of outlets including *The Jewish News* and *Times of Israel*.

Jeremy Havardi
Director BBLBIA

The Ukraine

B'nai B'rith Kiev

In January 2017 B'nai B'rith Kiev and the Jewish Foundation of Ukraine held an official requiem meeting "Six million hearts" to honour the memory of the Jews murdered during the Holocaust.

In May we, with the Jewish Foundation of Ukraine and the Embassy of Germany held a presentation of a book about the Holocaust, written by B'nai B'rith Kiev President Felix Levitas, for Ukrainian and German students.

We organized for our members a celebration of Pesach, Israel's Independence Day, Rosh Hashanah and Hanukkah.

In December, we organized a film screening of «Madonna of Babi Yar» about a Jewish girl Tatyana Marcus, who was a famous fighter against the Nazis.

Also in December, our Kiev President and members of the Lodge, together with many Jewish community leaders from Ukraine, participated in a big requiem meeting in the concert hall «Ukraine» to honour the memory of B'nai B'rith Kiev Vice-President Arkady Monastyrsky.

In January 2018 German Gold, B'nai B'rith Kiev member with the honorary title of "People's Artist of Ukraine", started his personal art exhibition, dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust.



B'nai B'rith Kiev Lodge continues to support and administer the projects of giving food and medication to the elderly and infirm Jewish people.

Svetlana Levitas

B'nai B'rith Kiev



B'nai B'rith UK in the Ukraine

This time last year, I took over responsibility for BBUK's activities in The Ukraine from Alex Faiman. For many years Alex, with enthusiasm and passion, had been dealing with the charitable efforts of B'nai B'rith in that country. Unfortunately poor health made it impossible for him to continue his magnificent efforts.

The first thing necessary that I had to do, was to clarify, as precisely as was possible, as to what was the existing situation with regard to B'nai B'rith's involvement across the board in Kiev and Lvov, where the charitable efforts are concentrated. This was no easy task as the involvement of B'nai B'rith Europe proved to be difficult to ascertain.

It has to be recognised that BBUK's contributions of recent years have not been what they were. If we are to be of use it was necessary to recognise that we have to be realistic in our efforts with regard to what we are supporting. I made extensive enquiries



especially with World Jewish Relief and also with the B'nai B'rith Lodge in Kiev, who run the centre for the elderly in Kiev.

Having determined with both WJR and BB Kiev as to the costings of the food programmes and the medical programmes, and following Executive discussion, it was decided that BBUK would pin point our contributions to finance the medical programme; that is £8000 for the coming year. Our contribution is spread over four quarterly periods. Judging by past experience it was felt that is within BBUK's abilities to raise this amount of money.

To this end I would urge all lodges to ensure that within their programmes real efforts are made to ensure that BBUK ensure that the money for the very much needed medicines are supplied as needed.



Members of the Kiev community

The Shoe Programme

The Shoe Programme, which provides new shoes for some 300 children in the Tikvah home in Odessa, is now in its 22nd year. During this time more than £100,000 has been sent and the children have received a new pair of shoes every year, normally at Rosh Hashanah. Over the almost 22 years the money has been raised through the Concerts for Shoes Programme and increasingly with individual donations.

Unfortunately, support for The Concerts for Shoes Programme has been waning for the past few years (age, illness and demise, has reduced the numbers able to actually go). To this end, The Concerts for Shoes programme, as it has existed in the past, will end. It will continue for those music lovers who do enjoy the concert outings. The necessity for The Shoe Programme continues. With enough



donations, large and small, BBUK will be able to continue to provide new shoes for the Odessa children.

Malcolm Factor

Qiryat Gat Report

Once again we have managed to raise our suggested total of £15,000.00 from AGM 2017/18 for the HamishBa Qiryat Gat Feeding Programme. However we must remember when we set our suggested total, many years ago, the exchange rate was 6 or 7 NIS to the £, and it is now only 4.60, which means we must continue our efforts more and more for the coming year. I'm also pleased to report that in addition to our feeding programme, the lodges have managed to raise an additional approx. £10,00.00 one way or another for various other projects required. This includes the magnificent sum of £1,703.00 collected by the lodges for our Chanukah appeal. I look forward to report at the next AGM that collectively we will have raised a similar amount, despite our loss of both lodges and members.



*Walter Breindel
BBUK Israel Portfolio*

Membership and Information Coordinators Report

By the time you read this, we will be enjoying our retirement. After a decade (yes, 10 years), as Membership & Information Coordinators, we have gently slipped into retirement from this



interesting hobby and handed it lock, stock and barrel over to the efficient and capable Eve Swabe, who, we know, will do a great job.

The reason we are retiring is simply that age is creeping up on us and we thought we would like to have a rest from this fairly busy job and lead a more restful existence.

The past year has been much the same as previous years as far as the overall amount of work is concerned. We have tried to deal with all the queries we received, the information seekers, and any odd enquiries that came along, to everyone's satisfaction. We trust that all those we have helped distributing messages, both internally and externally, have been pleased with what we have done for them.

We will miss the camaraderie, the good humour of members, and the satisfaction of trying to do a useful job. The friends and acquaintances we hope will always remain and we have enjoyed the everlasting feeling of having spent 10 years working with some of the nicest people ever and being part of this wonderful organisation.

We wish Eve all the luck in the world and hope she enjoys the experience as much as we did.

*Valerie & Joe Melnick
Formerly, Membership & Information Coordinators*

Armed Forces Jewish Community

It's been an exciting year for the Armed Forces Jewish Community, which as always starts with the annual gathering of serving troops at Amport House, the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre near Andover. It's thanks to BBUK and its sponsorship that we can hold this event to such a high standard, attracting interesting guest speakers and including a post-Shabbat regimental style dinner.

We have noticed an increase in Jewish personnel making themselves known to us and they are coming from all parts of the community. Our Jewish chaplaincy is responsive to the varying need of all our members irrespective of their persuasion. The Jewish Committee for HM Forces has lobbied over the past years to return to uniformed chaplaincy and we presently have three chaplains who serve all faiths at unit level. Our senior Jewish chaplain, Rabbi Reuben Livingstone, who has faith specific Jewish faith responsibility, also serves as chaplain to an Royal Logistics Corps reserve Regiment. Other Rabbis are considering applying to serve as Reserve chaplains and will undergo selection in the near future.



The highlight of the year was a very successful Battlefield Tour to Israel under the leadership of Major Danny Sharpe, which attracted many new members of our military community. Serving members have supported AJEX at the national annual parade at The Cenotaph and during Armed Forces Week at the national Memorial Arboretum. A high profile service was also held recently at Bevis Marks Synagogue to receive our chaplains into the Royal Army Chaplains' Department and to rededicate two Sefrei Torah in memory of past Vice Presidents of the Jewish Committee for HM Forces. It was attended by the Minister of State for Defence, senior Armed Forces officers of all three services and leaders of the Jewish Community. We feel it is important to raise the profile of the Jewish community's service to the Crown in these days of rising anti-Semitism.

We also re-launched Menorah Magazine to incorporate The AJEX Journal to establish one publication for the whole Jewish military family, serving and veterans and their families.

We are grateful to BBUK for its support and sponsorship and look forward to its continued support in the future.

Martin Newman
Chairman Jewish Committee for HM Forces

The Max and Gladys Rothschild Scholarship Fund and the Maxine Schiff Fund

The Rothschild Scholarship

During 2017 the Trustee received four applications, using the forms on the BBUK web site. One, from an Israeli, was to study the History of Design at the Royal College of Art. This we refused, as it was outside the remit of the trust. Another application was for someone whom we had already funded and this was declined.

Daniel Greenblatt applied for assistance in his final year of a M. Eng. at Cambridge and we gave him £2000. He comes from Bushey, Herts. The second grant of £2000 went to a 29 year old Israeli, Itzhak Ben-Or, toward an M.Phil in Engineering for Sustainable Development in the Civil Engineering Department, Cambridge, so this was exactly the target beneficiary of the Trust

It was disappointing to hear that Charles Langford who we funded for 2016 – final year for MSci Theoretical Physics - was going into Banking. On a more positive note, Oren Yefet, who received a grant for 2016-17, graduated with Merit in his M. Eng. in Civil Engineering



from Cambridge and in September began work in that industry in London.

Rothschild Scholarship Fund

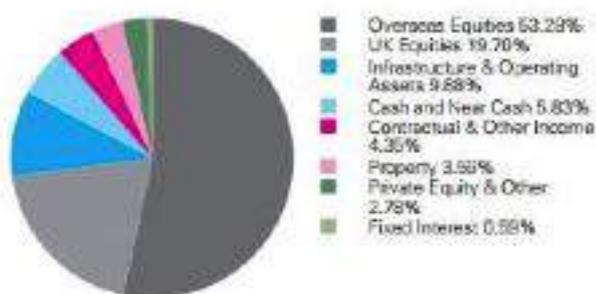
Value					
Close of	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Capital£	119243	109997	102757	102624	965312
Income£	4496	4263	#6453	4542	5133
Grants £	4000	6000	5000	5000	7500

CCLA manages the two trust funds and 90% of the total was invested as below, in 2017

The Maxine Schiff Fund continues to support BBUK's additional annual funding, with £35,000 provided for The Way Forward project. Of that £32,000 was raised by sale of capital, in March 2017 and the balance came from income. At the close of 2017, the Capital value of the Schiff fund was £346,483 and £10019, held as cash from investment income, compared with the value at the close of 2016 of £352,334. This reflects the considerable rise surge in the UK stock and overseas stock markets in 2017, and nearly recovered the capital taken out by the above sale.

Of course, as I write the world stock markets have fallen rapidly by about 9%. However a recent call to raise funds for the Y.P. programme was made before the fall took place, as will be reported for 2018.

Asset allocation 31 December 2017



Fund size £2,118 million

Overseas equities	%
North America	32.26
Developed Europe	12.54
Asia Pacific ex Japan	4.10
Japan	3.80
Other Americas	0.58
Total	53.28

Gerald Diamond, Joint Trustee



Website Report 2018

The website is continuously updated and members should look regularly to see the latest news. The website is our showcase to the world and demonstrates what BBUK and the individual Lodges are doing. If we communicate all our programmes then we will generate interest in BBUK and attract new members.

It is clear from the analytics that the website is viewed by many people all over the world.

Publishing information on the website should be the first strategy that is used to send out information. This can be followed up by social media and mailing items out.

By creating a lively and modern means of communication it will demonstrate to all those who read it that we are an active and vibrant organisation.

Please send information to me as below. Thank you

David L Koten - BBUK Web Admin - davidlkoten@btinternet.com

Board of Deputies - working for our community

The Board of Deputies published its Jewish Manifesto for the General Election, distributing it to all parliamentary candidates, requesting 10 commitments on important matters on which the Board had consulted. Separate manifestos were produced in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Board was heavily involved in the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. At a Parliamentary Reception Boris Johnson was photographed with the Board's Gillian Merron holding a facsimile of the declaration. He highlighted "the magic, the genius and miracle of Israel".

The Board persuaded public bodies and political parties to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism to protect Jews from hatred.

The Board lobbied tirelessly for Jewish faith schools, its Pikuach education service (the Jewish Ofsted) rigorously inspected religious education programmes and the Jewish Living Experience exhibition gave schoolchildren a flavour of Jewish life.



The Board launched its Invest in Peace programme, inviting communities to support Israeli-Palestinian Peacebuilding through nationwide events.

The Board's interfaith team engaged with Muslim communities nationwide, involving difficult conversations on tough topics, including the Middle East, hate crime, violent extremism and religious values.

The Board's Family Law Group launched an updated booklet entitled "Family Life and Customs: A Practical Guide", intended for lawyers and judges who need a trusted resource to understand Jewish practices. It was launched at the Supreme Court. As a Group member, I participated in its drafting.

This illustrates a fraction of the Board's vital work. It can continue to represent us only if we continue to support it.

Deanna Levine, BBUK's Representative on the Board of Deputies

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are funding a demanding number of activities. Although all the honorary officers are unpaid and pay most of their expenses out of their own pockets, we still have the normal office expenses of telephone, postage, audit etc but our main expenses are the key focus areas: LBIA, Heritage and Young Professionals. Fortunately we are able to augment our income from membership fees with drawdowns from the Schiff Fund. Rising share and property prices have enabled the fund to replace most of the withdrawals.

Our membership income has also declined as the older Lodges close. An effective cap on membership charges is imposed by competition from synagogues and organisations such as U3A. Also, of course, most of our members are retired and on fixed incomes so even our current fees are not affordable by some of our members.

The good news is that we are in a financially sound position for the next year or so and we must do everything possible to continue the B'nai B'rith movement and its important work.

*Tony Etherton
National Treasurer*



Simplified & Condensed
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for YEAR ENDING 31
 DECEMBER 2017**

Income	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Subscriptions	32,030	36,243
Donations	729	4,800
Ring-fenced donations	43,531	36,610
Interest received	95	443
Investment income	17,306	17,397
Other income	<u>2,363</u>	<u>4,149</u>
Sub-totals	96,054	96,642
Expenditure		
Scholarships	6,000	6,000
Israel and Ukraine	22,189	20,001
Advocacy (LBIA)	27,047	24,295
Jewish identity and Heritage	18,238	17,378
B'nai B'rith Young Professionals	29,024	22,013
B'nai B'rith Europe	0	5,000
B'nai B'rith International	0	2,509
Support and back-office	7,493	14,716
Professional examination of Account	<u>0</u>	<u>3,410</u>
Sub-total	109,991	115,322
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)	(13,937)	(18,680)
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2016		
Investment – Rothschild Fund	118,617	110,851
Investment – Schiff Fund	346,483	353,441
Current Assets – Cash at Bank	<u>119,486</u>	<u>99,671</u>
	584,586	562,963
Creditors & provision – due within one year	(10,521)	(8,771)
NET ASSETS	574,065	555,192

Copies of the full accounts are available on request.

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B'nai B'rith UK Southern Regional Council

Lodge Presidents or their representatives continue to feel the Southern Regional Council (SRC) is a worthwhile forum for exchanging ideas and raising questions or concerns on a range of B'nai B'rith issues both locally and nationally.



Tom Heinemann, Jerusalem Lodge President, announced that sadly in December 2017 the lodge would close after 50 years - Anno Domini being the over-riding factor, likewise the Leo Baeck Lodge.

The Chanukah Gelt Appeal to raise money for the Kadima after school club in Qiryat Gat was once again well supported by members. During the highly successful *See the Real Israel* trip in October we visited this project.

The Balfour Centenary provided the perfect excuse for a BBUK trip to Manchester - *Following in the Footsteps of Chaim Weizmann*. With his knowledge of the area, Alan Miller organised an excellent three day trip.

Maxine Cohen is to be thanked for volunteering to resurrect the Interlodge Supper Quiz. As always, events such as this don't happen without the hard work of those organising and the June event was a great success.

In August the Chicago Bridge Lunch was held at a new venue, the Grimsdyke Golf Club. Another successful event thanks to Ernest Simon and those lodge bridge players and friends who supported this.

Much needed donations were collected for BBUK's core projects, Qiryat Gat and the Ukraine, at these events.

With your support, the Concert for Shoes Programme continues to raise money to provide shoes for children in an orphanage in Odessa, thanks to Malcolm Factor.

*Eve Swabe
Chair, Southern Regional Council*

B'nai B'rith Young Professionals

2017 built on the success of last year's Luxembourg trip and other annual events. These included a further trip to Luxembourg which was a big success and led to some becoming members prior to the trip. The group included 20 people from the UK, 19 people from Europe and approx. 15 locals. The itinerary included three Shabbat meals, a Saturday morning workshop, a walking tour of the city and a Saturday night party in a club. On Sunday we went on a day trip to Vianden castle and enjoyed a cable car ride and boat trip on the Moselle river.



We also had Breakfast Briefings where several YPs who have attended LBIA Breakfast Briefings and one participant from the Luxembourg trip/new member joined the LBIA team.

Friday Night with WMA was a sold-out Friday night meal, with YPs attending and many new names added to the YP database. I gave a short talk on BB/BBYP and its activities.

We had a private view of the Amy Winehouse exhibition at the Jewish Museum, which was a joint event with SJW Young Professionals.

Annual Klezmer in the Park was successful, despite the weather. This annual event attracted approx. 60 people.

Our annual UKJFF Partnership gave us the opportunity to offer BBYPs a discount to several films, including Milk & Honey & Q & A, Saving Neta, And Then She Arrived and The Boy Downstairs.

Friday Night with Hendon United Synagogue was our first Friday night organised solely by BBYP (catered by the White House). We had over 60 YPs who all had a great time. Jeremy Havardi and Richard Millet spoke on 'A toxic prejudice: Labour's anti-Semitism problem' and took questions.

A Saturday night 'Evening of Magic and Mystery!' in December with Laniado's group of young married couples featuring mind reader and mentalist Nick Einhorn.

Our annual 'Valentine's -themed' dinner went well with a meaty three-course meal and wine. Approx. 30 people attended. James Sorene, CEO of BICOM spoke and took questions.

I spoke about BBUK/BBYP and announced the 'sponsor a child initiative'. £85 was collected for this in lieu of our usual raffle. Follow up emails were sent regarding membership and the sponsorship initiative.

There were a further 15 BBYP members who joined since September.



Young Professionals on a visit to Luxembourg

Valerie Tessler

REPORTS FROM THE LODGES

Abraham Lewin Unity Lodge.

During the past year we held regular monthly meetings, which we are now having in the afternoons in the winter and evenings in the summer. They were a mixture of extremely interesting speakers on a variety of subjects, and we also had Lodge discussions and musical evenings. We visited the Jewish Museum during Jewish Heritage week, where they had a wonderful display about the life of Sephardi Jewry, which was fascinating. In November we arranged a tea to celebrate the 100 years since the Balfour Declaration. This was a joint event with Enfield and Winchmore Hill Synagogue, and was attended by a number of BBUK hierarchy. A large crowd enjoyed a wonderful afternoon, which was very successful.

Our intention is to continue in the same vein in the coming year.

Avril Joseph, President

Cheshire Unity Lodge

Cheshire Unity Lodge continues to steadily grow and we were delighted to have welcomed four new members this year. We hold regular, well attended monthly meetings, mainly in members' houses – which blesses us with a great atmosphere, but has the downside of needing to ask members to book in to attend meetings



as otherwise we would not have room for everybody. Council is looking into how the Lodge may continue to grow, where to meet and the sort of programmes needed.

We were delighted to welcome and join with our southern BB brothers and sisters on their 'Chaim Weizmann' trip to Manchester.

Among our many meetings were:

Ceri Aston, Producer of Dragons Den, giving us a fascinating insight into her career and the inner workings of the TV programme Dragons Den

Our famous Men's Dinner Party – where the men of the Lodge cook and serve a cordon bleu meal for the ladies – was a successful social and financial evening.

Roger Bower chaired a 'Who do you think you are' evening, when several members shared interesting family stories with us.

Frank Vigon, Educationalist and Producer, lead and coached us in a play reading.

We had a trip to sites of Jewish interest in Belarus, ably organised by Alan Silman. One of the highlights was being entertained at the British Embassy and meeting various Ambassadors and Government Ministers.

Alex Crawford organized a couple of rambles which were good exercise in pleasant company.

A magnificent BBQ was hosted by Sonya and Roger Bower – another social and financial success.



We had an escorted trip round Sharston Waste Recycling Centre – a £3billion project, which gave us an insight into how Greater Manchester is aiming for a zero land fill target:

Daniel Levy updated us on the various ISIS and Jihadi groups.

Dr. Raymond Goodman gave an entertaining talk about his 'Memoirs of a Jewish Sexologist'.

Prof Bobby Garson provided insight and clarity in his talk 'Trump, one year on'.

Tereza Ward, from Manchester Jewish Museum, talked about 'Chaim Weizmann, Arthur Balfour and the Manchester connection' – part of the Balfour 100 celebrations.

Jonathan Davies gave one of his wonderful music/lecture talks on 'Richard Strauss and the Nazis'.



In addition our talented band of Thespians gave a number of 'Murder Mystery' plays at which both our Lodge and the other charities raised significant amounts of money for BB and other charities.

Overall, a varied and successful year.

Ernie Hunter, President

Edgware Women's Lodge

During the past year, Edgware Women's Lodge supported the B'nai B'rith core charities, Qiryat Gat in Israel, Shoes for Orphans in the Ukraine as well as the Langdon Centre and The Jewish Deaf Association.

We still maintain personal contact with "our" Israeli family who were victims of a terrorist attack; we gave their now five children gift tokens for Chanukah.

Our charity fund raiser for 2017 was our annual 'Shabbat Candle Fund', when our Sisters and their friends put £1 in an envelope when they light candles for Shabbat. We also contributed to the Chanukah Gifts fund for the children attending the After-School Club in Qiryat Gat.

Our Treasurer, and Lodge Member for 51 years, Sylvia Levy, has sadly died, and we very much miss her friendship and support.

We hold our fortnightly meetings at a Sheltered Housing Complex at Gordon Court, and, as a "thank you", we again hosted a Succoth Tea with entertainment for the residents, and they enjoyed Rosh Hashanah gifts of apples and honey.

This year, our interesting programme of Speakers spoke to us on various subjects, such as "The Jewish East End", "The work of UJIA", and "Lady Judith Montefiore".

Our fortnightly meetings, which include a delicious sandwich lunch, appeal to our older age Sisters. They form an interested and enthusiastic audience, most of whom are involved in the organisation of our Lodge as a co-operative team

We are always looking for new members, and are happy to invite visitors to our meetings, who often subsequently join our friendly Lodge.

Naomi Lesser, Edgware Women's Lodge



Finchley & Hendon Lodge

Although still one of the smaller lodges left in the BBUK family, we have managed to stay afloat and still managed to send donations to Qiryat Gat, the Shoe Programme and Hatzolla from our dwindling funds. In addition we have managed to persuade 2 new members - who have never been shy in putting their hands in their pockets and helping us to be able support various other projects in QG other than the Feeding Programme.

However our treasurer Phillip Klinger since our inception in 1979 is stepping down due to ill health. We wish him well and thank him for all his past services to BBUK. Hopefully we will be able to carry on and hopefully we will be able to send a report next year.

Walter Breindel, President

First Lodge of England

During the year our Lodge held eight evening meetings. We had a number of films, mostly of operas. Our joint vice-President, Martin Aaron, spoke on "Humour - What social function does it serve?", Valerie Boyd-Hellner gave a talk about the Chagall windows at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital and Brian Nathan presented a Desert Island Disks.

In June we had an outing to Blenheim Palace and in August a Sunday Lunch (which is an annual event). At the end of October we had our annual Supper Quiz (which is already booked for 4th November this year). This raised almost £2,000 for our charities.

On 2nd November we held a Balfour Day meeting at ORT House, which was filled to capacity with over 150 people, many of whom came from other Lodges. Martin Aaron and his wife, Jean, represented the Lodge at the Knesset commemorative Balfour Day event in Jerusalem of 7th November and the Lodge and some of its early Presidents were mentioned at the meeting.

We donated £3,500 for the renovation of a room and the supply of computers at a special education centre for youth who have dropped out of the formal education system in Kiryat Gat and a further £4,000 was donated for Jewish Heritage Days, the Ukraine and the food programme in Kiryat Gat. In addition we gave the B'nai B'rith World Centre in Jerusalem a donation and, through them, donated £2,000 for a family whose father was killed in a terror attack.



First Unity Lodge

First Unity Lodge was the first joint men's and women's Lodge in the world. It was formed 50 years ago from a nucleus of members who had previously been members of a B'nai Brith Young Adult Lodge. We now have over 90 members.

2017, our 50th anniversary year, in addition to our popular fortnightly Sunday evening programmes, we have enjoyed a weekend away in Hunton Park and a 50th anniversary tea party. Meetings are held in private homes and we occasionally use the communal lounge at Frances & Dick James Court where tenants are also invited. Afternoon meetings offer an alternative to those who prefer daytime attendance. Monthly Bridge sessions also feature.

Our Annual Unity Lecture was given by Rabbi Mariner on '*Unity through Diversity*'. We also enjoyed a New Year's Eve party, a Summer Party and our Walter Hoffman outing was a tour of the V&A with a Jewish twist. Other programmes have included *Life after Brexit*, Jewish Bletchley Park, a talk on the first woman rabbi and Rabbi Wittenberg who talked about his book. We have plenty of home grown talent and programmes have included poetry, music and contribution meetings.

Our Lodge is drawn from all over North West London, so we have divided our membership into area groups that meet independently, giving people an opportunity to get to know each other better. This initiative will help newer members to become more active. This year we have also held some craft workshops on patchwork, jewellery and mosaic making.

The Fundraising Committee have organised two events during the year: Howard Jacobs spoke about the psychology of early Disney films and Lord Winston regaled us with memories of his early days as a young doctor as well bringing up to date with his latest research. These events raised money for BBUK projects. In addition, we have made extra donations from our funds in recognition of our golden anniversary. We continue with our Quartet of Presidents, each taking three months of the year. It works.

Raoul Wallenberg

The lodge has had another good year with a very full programme, although sadly our numbers are down as some longstanding members have passed away.

However, we were able to donate £600 to the Ukraine for the medical programme and £640 to Kiryat Gat Israel project this year.



In June we had a lodge trip to Edinburgh and the western Highlands, which included a visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia, an old Edinburgh house, the islands of Harris, Lewis, Skye, Eilean Donan Castle, Doune Castle, Glencoe and Pitlochry.

We have had a series of interesting speakers including Brian Posner on "Can we Cure it – maybe one day", Maurice Raphael on Global Warming, Eddie Josse on being a Medical Detective at Scotland Yard and Huda Jawald on the Advancement of Muslim Women. We had successful visits to the theatre and opera, festive meals, and also our annual summer Barbeque at the Shains, and Chanukah Party at the Berzons'.

Several members visited Manchester in September for the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, and others joined the Israel Tour in October.

The highlight of the year is always our Raoul Wallenberg lecture in November, and this year we were privileged to have Lord Dubs, who spoke and also answered many questions on 'Child Refugees and the British Conscience'.

We have planned another full year of speakers and visits.

In conclusion I should like to thank the council members for all the help and support they have given me in general, and also in putting together our programme and offering hospitality.



Doune Castle has been a location for Monty Python and The Game of Thrones

Lynne Lucas, President



Shlomo Argov Unity Lodge

We have experienced several changes during the year. Sadly, a few longstanding members have passed away and a few have resigned due to ill health. However, all is not negative. We have for some time been unable to persuade members to join our Council in a conventional role; no one wants the responsibility any more - but by asking members to join the Council and do "what they feel they can" we have been able to attract a few new faces.

We still hold an evening meeting once a month, mostly with an outside speaker. Costs dictate who we can book. In the past year we have tried to provide more daytime activities, in order to keep members who will not drive at night, such as an event with a light lunch. For instance a visit to Reveley Lodge, to Bushey Museum, a walk and snack at Shenley Park, a visit to the Aylett's Dahlia Festival and a trip to the Radlett Arts Centre. Whilst these do not generate much in the way of income, they have proved very successful socially, which I feel is equally important at this stage in our lives.

We have also dealt with the shock news that our meeting venue (the Bushey Centre) was to close. Members held back from renewing their subscriptions until we were able to tell them that we had found a local alternative within our budget.

Hopefully the year ahead will be less dramatic, although nobody is willing to be President, or even share it!

*Doris Waxman
Chairman, SAUL Council*

Thames Lodge

2017 was another busy year for Thames Lodge and at the end of the year there were 34 of us. We lost four members during the year through resignation and making Aliyah to Northwest London. The latter is a sign of the times for South Londoners as people move to be nearer their grandchildren.

We have been blighted with sickness but remain resilient and strong, and the vast majority of Thames Lodge is very active.

Our monthly talks are hosted at members' homes with a wide variety of speakers followed by tea, cakes etc. and my thanks are to those who are able to host these evenings. It is hard work putting together an interesting programme but I am ably assisted by the hard work of a few well connected members.



The topics were varied and interesting and included an unexpected visit from Maurice Tobias the President of BB Australia and New Zealand and his wife Tanya. This coincided with a visit from President Alan (and Edna)

Our main social events were the summer garden party and the Chanukah party. We were delighted to welcome President Alan and Edna, and Eve and Tony Swabe in the summer on a lovely sunny day deep in the heart of Surrey. It was very well attended - good food, good wine and great company ensured that all had a great time. We celebrated Chanukah with gusto – all the traditional songs were sung with most of the tunes being recognisable.

At the time of writing we have already held two successful speaker meetings and look forward to a full programme of activities for the remainder of 2018.

Paul Solomon, President

Yad B'Yad

2017 saw the Lodge have a full and varied programme.

Main meetings have been well supported with speakers talking on subjects such as 'Those Were the Krays', 'The Rise and Fall of Green Shield Stamps', 'Jewish Soho', 'Willesden Cemetery' and the 'WW1 project: commemorating London Jews in the First World War. For Heritage Days Dame Helen Hyde and Michael Mail gave a presentation on 'Preserving the Past and Shaping the Future'.

The Lodge participated in BBUK's annual bridge lunch, the Interlodge Quiz and provided volunteers to man the BBUK stand at Klezmer in the Park.

Music evenings continued to be well supported, as were arts & literature, the book club, Rummikub and bridge. Rambles and short walks were ably led by members.

Outings included visits to the theatre, St. Thomas Hospital, Cinema Museum and Kensington Palace. For our annual coach outing we visited Winchester and had a tour of 'Jewish' Winchester. The mini - break to Moreton-in-Marsh was enjoyed by both walkers and non-walkers alike.

Some of our members participated in the BBUK trip to Manchester to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration as



well as the 'See the Real Israel' trip that was organised and led by our member, Greg Wand. Yad B'Yad presented a cheque to Qiryat Gat that has been used to purchase computers for the Centre for Teenage Girls in Distress.



Presentation Plaque Qiryat Gat

We continue to support the Harrow Foodbank by bringing non-perishable goods to main meetings and also volunteered to stand outside supermarkets to collect items donated by shoppers.

Maureen Daniels, President

Yitzhak Rabin Lodge

We can no longer guarantee a good audience for a speaker but the Lodge's new policy of having special interest groups has been working well. So our bridge club, playreading group and film club have all been attracting good attendance.

Rabbi Michael Leigh שליט"א was our founding president and our annual Memorial Lecture, held jointly with Edgware Reform Synagogue was well attended for a lecture by Dr Dave Rich, Deputy Director of Communications for the Community Security Trust and an Associate Research Fellow at the Pears Institute for the Study of Anti-Semitism.

Our annual Musical Soirée and Supper was completely sold out to listen to our musical stars Debbie Diamond (Violin) and Jacqueline Curzon (Piano and accordion). The event raised well over £1000 for



the B'nai Brith causes in Israel and Ukraine. Our catering team (see photo) excelled themselves in providing a super supper.



Members preparing for the musical soiree

Tony Etherton, Council Member