



**B'NAI B'RITH  
YAD B'YAD LODGE  
NEWSLETTER  
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**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.

**January Summary**

Ramble Thursday 3  
Bridge Thursday 10  
Ramble Sunday 13  
Main Meeting Wednesday 16  
Book Club Wednesday 23  
Rummikub Thursday 31

**Arts & Literature at 8:00 pm**

To be advised

**Book Club at 8:00 pm**

 **Wednesday 23 January**  
**Restless**  
By William Boyd

**Rambles – Sunday**

13 January  17 February  
17 March 14 April  
**Rummikub - Thursday at 8:00 pm**  
31 January  28 February  
28 March 25 April

**Main Meetings at 8:15 pm**

**Bridge – Thursday at 8:00 pm**

10 January  14 February  
14 March 11 April

**Short Walks**

 To be advised

**Wednesday 16 January**  
**Ports and Port Jews**  
Tony Zandle



**Music at 8:15 pm**

**Tuesday 26 February**  
**Traveller's Tales**  
Presented by Greg Wand



**Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday 3 February at 7:30 pm**   
**Yad B'Yad Supper Quiz**  
Northwood & Pinner  
Liberal Synagogue, £21.50

 **Tuesday 19 February**  
**The History of Money**  
Richard Selby

**Tuesday 25 June**  
**Jewish-American Entertainers**

 **No. 6 - Neil Sedaka**  
Presented by David Cohen

**Sunday 17 February**  
**Whose Land ?**  
A Film by Hugh Kitson  
An LBIA presentation 

**Thursday 19 March**  
**Shoplifting and how to do it**  
Brian Wass



**Outings**

**Sunday 30 June**  
**Oxford & Cogges Farm**  
£30 includes coach, entrance, cream tea 

**Sunday 7 to Wednesday 10 April**  
**Walking Break**   
Bradford-on-Avon

**Rambles – Midweek**

 **Thursday 3 January**  
**Wednesday 6 February**  
**Thursday 7 March**

 **Sunday 2 June**  
**BBUK AGM**, Ort House

 **Wednesday 19 June at 8:00 pm**  
**Yad B'Yad AGM**



# The Flipside

## Yad B'Yad

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**A**  FROM YOUR EDITOR:

*2019 -How time flies. Hope this new year brings you a better year than the last and you enjoy our varied programme of events.*



### YAD B'YAD TESCO FOOD BANK COLLECTION : THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER



On Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 nine of our Yad b'Yad members spent the morning at Harrow Tesco asking customers for donations of items for the Harrow Foodbank. We were fortunate with the mild weather which enabled a reasonable customer footfall and were able to collect goods weighing a total of 163kg which is approximately 358 lbs. The Foodbank Project Manager and their volunteers were pleased and send thanks to all those involved.

*Margaret Summers*



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



**INTRODUCING TONY ZENDLE FOR OUR NEXT SPEAKER MEETING : WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**



***PORTS AND PORT JEWS*** -How the ports provided a haven for Jews and how Jews made the ports the centres of their existence.

The Port City was the gateway to settlement for Jews on their many migrations. Sometimes they stayed and settled, often they moved on to the hinterland. Before the advent of the aeroplane Port Cities were vital for the continuance of Jewish life, enabling multi-continental networks to be set up, as well as providing a place of refuge and an escape hatch.

Many of the places have now faded in our collective memory, but remain a vibrant part of the history of the last 2000 years. Tony will show you how those Port Jews adapted, survived, and even flourished.

*Tony Zendle spent 35 years as an educator and has been a member of the English Speaking Union. Following retirement he has given talks to a number of groups of varying size and types on many subjects. He has written 4 books including 'The Definitive Guide to Jewish Miscellany and Trivia' and 'Jews and the Sea'.*



*Warren lighting the Chanukah Candles*



**MAIN MEETING : TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

***NIGEL COLEMAN PLAYS NOEL COWARD***

On the third night of Chanukah, our lodge enjoyed an innovative look at Noel Coward as performed by Nigel Coleman. Nigel, in role, told us Coward's life story. Encouraged by his mother, Noel attended an audition, when still a boy. He soon became a juvenile actor and, supported in his ambitions by the likes of Gertrude Lawrence & Ivor Novello, he became very successful. We were not surprised to hear that, though called up in 1917, he was found unsuitable for the Army. Coward went to

America where he was greatly appreciated.

Nigel gave us an insight into the ups and downs of Coward's career. The downs were mainly due to financial problems, which could have been avoided with a better management of his income. The ups were a long string of famous plays, films and appearances.

Once this look at Noel Coward was over, Nigel gave us very amusing snippets of some famous comedians. It was a pleasure for us to escape into the world of entertainment.

***Vivienne Roland***



*David Korman thanking Nigel Coleman for his talk.*





## CHANUKAH IN THE SQUARE : WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER *FORK HANDLES?*



Not having bumped into any of Yad'B'Yad tonight, we thought we should tell you of this annual event that you are missing, at one of London's most iconic landmarks.

Among speakers this year were Israeli Ambassador Mark Regev and MP Luciana Berger. London Mayor Sadiq Khan, told the crowd "As Mayor of London I'm so proud to see the menorah in Trafalgar Square. I am here to thank you for the contribution you make to making this the greatest city in the world."

Saying the Chanukah story is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago, he stressed the need for Jews to be vigilant and for other communities to show solidarity. "I want the world to know that this Muslim Mayor of London is proud to stand with the Jewish community," he added.

The Chief Rabbi then addressed the crowd before a countdown to the candle lighting (on the fourth night which was suggested should be dedicated to the Two Ronnies.) The sound of *Maoz Tsur* filled Trafalgar Square as Chanukah in the Square - the community's flagship festive party in the heart of the capital with free doughnuts aplenty - continued with revellers partying to the sounds of the Solomon Brothers and the Kedma Band.

*Vivienne and David Gould*



## ARTS & LITERATURE GROUP : THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER *CHANUKAH IN ART & LITERATURE*

On the fifth night of Chanukah my .....  
thirteen members met for a light hearted look at *our* festival of lights.

Starting with group Six13 performing their spoof video "Bohemian Chanukah" (a Queen adaption), with song sheets distributed, David then lit the Chanukah candles and we all joined in singing heartily. We then proceeded to hear other contributions while enjoying the candles burning brightly.

We sang along to Judy Karbritz's "Maoz Tsurus" praising Chanukah over Christmas, heard two contrasting but amusing versions of "Twas the Night Before Chanukah", and puzzled over the complexity of Florence Greenberg's recipe for doughnuts. We heard poems about miracles, a delightful Lemony Snicket story of "The Latke Who Couldn't Stop Screaming," and the definition of a "High Tech Dreidel". An article from today's Times was read about a Jewish Xmas addict, we were shown some marvellous paintings in Chanukiah form, and watched another hilarious video, "The Yidlife Crisis guide to the Holidays."

But we finished this section of the evening on a serious note with Hugo Gryn's memory of watching his father fashioning Chanukah candles in Auschwitz with the precious fat which might have kept the spark of life going.

Then for part two: we all gathered round the table for an evening of gambling/playing Dreidel. Each armed with a dreidel and 20 nuts we took it in turns to display our spinning skills. After a long run of ך (nisht) Robert was the first to spin a ג (gantz) and claim the large kitty of accumulated nuts. As game proceeded, some winning ה (halb), others paying in ש (stell), players became bankrupt but in the end we left it as a draw between Robert and Gill who had won the most nuts!



And as a reward, latkes and doughnuts were served and enjoyed by all in true Chanukah style!

*Vivienne Gould*



WEEKEND RAMBLE : SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

### *HIKING FROM HATCH END*



On a cold sunny morning an unusually large crowd of 19 B'nai B'rith ramblers met at Hatch End Overground station. Aply led by Tony Swabe, we set off at his cracking pace, with Eve in charge of the stragglers in the rear.

After very heavy rain the previous day, we were expecting plenty of mud, but in fact there wasn't much to impede our progress. We

trudged uphill along field edges towards Stanmore Common and Bentley Priory Open Space, where the deer seemed intensely interested in our progress. After risking our lives crossing Common Road, we meandered through the woods of Harrow Weald Common. Finally we were pleased to ramble downhill (what goes up must come down) back to the Uxbridge Road and the civilised world of Hatch End. Most of us went for a very leisurely pub lunch to finish off a pleasant 6.5 mile excursion.

*David Gould*



SHORT WALK : THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

### *DENHAM DELIGHT*

Midwinter is not the best of times for country walking but our indefatigable walks organisers, David and Vivienne came up with a gem of a short country walk which took place on December 20th. It was a country walk, modest in length and with little mud.



Thus, ten walkers in want of a short walk providing some exercise and not wanting to be out in inclement weather on almost the shortest day of the year assembled at Northwood station buoyed by the promise of a dry day during a period when most days were forecast to be wet. Twenty minutes or so on a number 331 bus took us to Denham Green where we alighted and set off through suburban streets, then via a footpath tunnel under Denham station to the open countryside of Colne Valley Country Park.

It was not long before we were passing along an avenue of trees leading to a magnificent Regency period house which turned out to be the club house of the recently laid out Buckinghamshire golf course. This course is members only and not one for golfing rabbits. The avenue neatly bisected the course and was beautifully manicured and incorporated many water hazards including the lovely River Misbourne. Not one for a beginner.

We then found ourselves entering an area of woodland belonging to Denham Country Park as we made our way to the Grand Union Canal which we followed downstream for about a quarter of a mile before turning off the towpath to cross the woodland again. We emerged from the woodland to find ourselves near the club house which we had previously noted and not far from the Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre with its café where we stopped for lunch.



Leaving the café, we still had about 1.5 miles to cover and, after walking (carefully) over a small section of the golf course, came to Denham parish church and very attractive Village Road flanked on both sides with historic houses, including one previously occupied by painter Ben Nicholson, and pub restaurants. The end of our walk was reached by footpaths running parallel to the route we had taken on the outward section of the walk and we were soon passing through the tunnel under Denham Station on our way to the 331 bus stop.

**Warren Silverman**

*Waiting in the bus shelter.  
These boots were made for walking !*



## LIMMUD FESTIVAL 2018 – BIRMINGHAM 23-27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER



A few Yad B'Yad members spent the Christmas period along with 2500 other limmudniks enjoying a choice from hundreds of lectures and entertainments at this year's festival.

Jewish topics included History, Israeli politics, Worldwide Communities with a new emphasis on Sephardi and Mizrachi culture, and talks from visiting MPs Emily Thornberry, John Landsman and Wes Streeting. Hundreds of people flocked to hear the chief Rabbi Ephraim Mervis give an enthralling shiur on Five Jewish texts that inspire leadership. He also led a session looking at scenarios in which issues of human dignity and upholding the letter of the law come up against each other.

In contrast there was a return concert given by Dana International who won the Eurovision song contest for Israel staged in Birmingham 20 years ago!

There were sessions on how to make the best Israeli Hummus, how to pickle cucumbers and stand-up comedy from Jewish comedians, Rachel Creeger et al.

The last evening culminated with the Limmud Festival Gala bringing together some fantastic presenters and performers for a variety show of music, learning and laughter.