



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

Ramble	Wednesday 1
Short Walk	Monday 6
LBIA Breakfast	Wednesday 8
Bridge	Thursday 9
Main Meeting	Monday 20
Ramble	Sunday 26
Book Club	Wednesday 29
Rummikub	Thursday 30

**Book Club at 8:00 pm**

**Wednesday 29 May**  
 **The Lost Boy**  
By Sara Downing

**Bridge – Thursday at 8:00 pm**

<b>9 May</b>		<b>13 June</b>
<b>11 July</b>		<b>8 August</b>

**Rummikub - Thursday at 8:00 pm**

<b>30 May</b>		<b>27 June</b>
<b>25 July</b>		<b>29 August</b>

**Short Walks**

 **Monday 6 May**  
**Thursday 27 June**  
**Wednesday 10 July**

**Main Meetings at 8:15 pm**

**Monday 20 May**  
**Memories from before and during the Holocaust**  
Lesley Urbach & Fred Weil

**Wednesday 19 June at 8:00 pm**  
 **Yad B'Yad AGM**  
Followed by slide show :  
**Travels with my Camera**  
Presented by Les Spitz

**Monday 15 July**  
**Life, Art & Heinz Spaghetti**  
Paul Mendelson 

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

**Tuesday 4 June**  
**Topic to be announced**

**Music at 8:15 pm**

**Tuesday 25 June**  
**Jewish-American Entertainers**  
 **No. 6 - Neil Sedaka**  
Presented by David Cohen

**Tuesday 24 September**  
**Richard's Journey**   
**Through Europe**  
Presented by Richard Stanton

**Outings**

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

**Rambles – Midweek**

 **Wednesday 1 May**  
**Thursday 6 June**  
**Thursday 4 July**

**Rambles – Sunday**

<b>26 May</b>		<b>16 June</b>
<b>28 July</b>		<b>18 August</b>

**Dates for your Diary**

**Wednesday 8 May**  
**LBIA Breakfast with Polish Ambassador**

 **Sunday 2 June**  
**BBUK AGM**

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

 **Sunday 7 July**  
**Interlodge Supper Quiz**   
£19.50

 **Sunday 4 August**  
**Treasure Trail**

**Wednesday 18 September**  
**BBUK Chicago Bridge Lunch**   
£19.50



# The Flipside

## Yad B'Yad

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A  FROM YOUR EDITOR: By the time you receive this, Pesach will be over. We hope you have had a lovely festival, wherever you are or have been.



33 BB @ Leigh Park Hotel, Bradford-on-Avon



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





**INTRODUCING** Fred Weil and Lesley Urbach  
**FOR OUR NEXT SPEAKER MEETING :**  
**MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY**

Memories from Before and During the Holocaust

**Lesley Urbach and Fred Weil** are the children of people who came to Britain from Nazi- controlled Europe before the start of the Second World War. They are both concerned about the future of



Holocaust Education once the generation who lived through this period of history are no longer able to talk about their experiences to groups, particularly schoolchildren. They both believe that the Second Generation has a role to play that is not being given the consideration it deserves by organisations involved in Holocaust Education.

They have each produced a presentation and their aim will be to facilitate discussion in the future role of such presentations by second or third generations or even friends of survivors.



**ARTS & LITERATURE GROUP VISIT: TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**

***LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES -  
A TALK BY RACHEL KOLSKY  
ABOUT JEWISH LONDON***

The magnificent seven ventured to the London Metropolitan Archives, Clerkenwell, to hear the renown blue badge guide Rachel Kolsky, co-author of "Jewish London" where she described her work as a coffee-table book of self-guided tours.



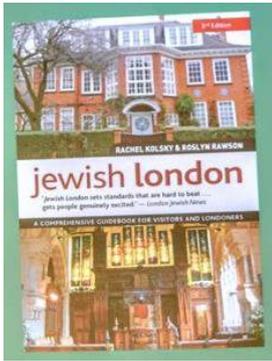
Rachel first defined "Jewish Time"- turning up late, and Jewish goodbyes -lasting 45minutes! The talk was then illustrated by slides from her own picture research including the East End's synagogues, shops and the soup kitchen. She showed pictures of murals in the East End with particular mention of the one commemorating the Battle of Cable Street in 1936 and discussed the anarchist movement.

Rachel explained that Jews in London did not suffer from having to live in ghettos and mentioned that some non-Jews such as Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, worked with many social ventures to help the poor of the East End.



Other places of Jewish interest mentioned included the Czech Memorial Scrolls Museum, "Kindertransport-The Arrival", the sculpture at Liverpool Street Station by Frank Meisler- himself a Kindertransport child and the Raoul Wallenberg Monument, Marble Arch, sculpted by Philip Jackson. Rachel revelled over the Freud Museum with **two** blue plaques and at other locations for David Gestetner, Minnie Lansbury and Myra Hess. She also included Oscar Nemon's statues of Montgomery and Freud and Nemon's association with Churchill.

Rachel touched on various synagogues. In 1967 the Beatles had attended a memorial service for Brian Epstein at the New London Synagogue and she also mentioned the former synagogue in Princelet Street and the synagogue in Sandys Row that had formerly been a Huguenot chapel. She discussed books and films of London Jewish interest, drawing our attention to "A Kid for Two Farthings", "Expresso Bongo" and "The Small World of Sammy Lee", and recalled Isow's of Soho that served Jewish style food and Grahame's Sea Fare, which had a large Jewish clientele. Rachel pointed out the Nippy at Lyons' Corner Houses and Jewish influence in the theatre, whether this was Freed of London ballet shoes or a production of "Fiddler on the Roof".



Lily Montagu, a founder of Liberal Judaism, the West Central Jewish Girls Club, JFS and the Westminster Jews Free School all featured in her talk. The only question asked by the audience was an enquiry as to what lokshen pudding was!

After Rachel's talk the audience were invited to view the LMA's archives of Jewish interest, such as information about the soup kitchen and WIZO which were on display for us peruse.....but they had nothing on B'nai B'rith!

*Geoff Wolfson*

**MAIN MEETING : WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**  
***"DENTIST IN THE JUNGLE"***

Geoff Bard had retired as a dentist, when he was asked if he wished to join the Health, Hunger and Humanity campaign, under the auspices of Rotary International, and serve a short period as a dentist in Brazil. They had funds to run clinics around the world, where there was little or no treatment available.



Geoff's first period of service was in Santarem, which was a 12 hour flight from Rio. It was a remote town of 300,000 people, the vast majority of them were poor, but the few who had money ran the administration of the town. The clinic had been set up by Catholic missionaries. They started at 6am and they didn't know how long the electricity supply would last. They worked until noon, took an hour's break, and then re-commenced. Geoff performed many extractions and fillings, caused by the cheapness of sugar cane, which caused the teeth to rot. There were a number of cases of large abscesses, because of the lack of preventative treatment.



Geoff's second term was in Fronteras in Guatemala. Geoff visited villages, where they may not have seen a dentist for four years, and he had to teach villagers to boil water to prevent cases of cholera, which was prevalent in the area. Eventually, Geoff was thrown out of the country, because the authorities suspected him of treating terrorists.

In total, Geoff worked in Santarem in 1992, 1994 and 1997. Geoff illustrated his talk with slides of his experiences, some of them showing quite horrifying examples of "bad teeth."

*Iris Kurzon*

WALKING BREAK : SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

## *A LONG AND RAMBLING REPORT*

Many thanks to our wonderful walkmasters Eve and Tony. They devised an energetic and energising four day rambling programme centred on Bradford-on-Avon just east of Bath. The terrain was varied but there was one theme that ran through all our walks... hills!



We arrived early enough at our meeting point, Avebury, to enjoy a guided stroll around the famous rings, an enormous circle of stones, halloed by a deep ditch or 'henge'. It was created during the Palaeolithic period some 4500 years ago, seemingly for ritual purposes. Skipping the final part of this tour we rapidly readied ourselves for our first real walk. This began with a fairly gradual but lengthy ascent to the ancient 'ridgeway' a highway established even before Avebury was conceived. The views from the crest would have been spectacular but were sadly marred by a heavy mist so we missed out. On the downward path, we paused to visit the 'Sanctuary', a sacred site contemporaneous with the rings, before descending into the valley of the River Kennet which led us past the Prehistoric monuments of West Kennet Long Barrow and Silbury Hill before finally returning us to Avebury.

Sustained by a good supper, much needed sleep and a generous breakfast buffet we set off the following morning, walking the mile or so precipitously downhill into Bradford-on-Avon. We briefly explored a couple of churches, the small Saxon church being particularly interesting, and a huge medieval barn before knuckling-down to some serious walking. After crossing the Kennet and Avon Canal we started to climb energetically. Having reached the top, our legs relaxed briefly as we made our way down to a field beside the River Frome where we paused for lunch. After



our picnic we climbed steeply to cross the ridge again in order to return to the valley of the Avon. We stopped at a pleasant pub and tearoom overlooking the river. Leaving the pub, Tony showed us a feat of Georgian engineering, a long aqueduct carrying the canal across the river.

We set off along the towpath soon arriving back in Bradford-on-Avon and after a brief exploration of the pretty riverside town we tackled the return to the hotel, reflecting ruefully on how much easier it had seemed on the way down.

The walkers left the hotel by car the next day, Tuesday, parking in the picturesque village of Hinton Charterhouse. It was not long before we heard an SOS call from a walker who found that his boot's sole was in danger of departing. Successful running repairs were effected by the application of thick elastic bands which Yvette and I, having suffered similar mishaps on previous rambles, keep in our rucksacks, wrapped around our plastic ponchos. In any case those shower-proof but far from glamorous, cover-ups were soon to be needed as the weather deteriorated and other walkers also deployed their hoods and raingear. The scenery was beautiful, we walked through woods, across fields and alongside streams and at one point, due to the trip's only slight navigational lapse, up a steep and muddy track identified, by a local resident who we came across at the summit, as 'heart attack hill'. On our slithery way down again we passed a herd of cows who appeared to be laughing at us. All were glad to reach the top of the long ascent back to Hinton Charterhouse where we found a warm and welcoming tearoom where we treated ourselves to well-deserved and delicious cakes and tea.



Our final day's walk started at Lacock. We walked through the historic village, almost unchanged since Regency times, and found the towpath beside the Wilts and Berks canal, currently under restoration. However it was not long before Tony directed us onto a footpath which, to no one's great surprise, rose inexorably towards the skyline. The sun made a fleeting appearance as we sat down on a rather damp tussock to eat our packed lunches with Lacock laid out in the valley below. From there it was literally downhill all the way! A fascinating feature of this walk was the

sheer number and variety of stiles that we encountered, each needing to be crossed in a different style. Visiting Lacock's medieval Abbey after the ramble Yvette and I discovered that both it and the Hinton Charterhouse (Carthusian Priory) had been both founded on precisely the same day in 1232 by Ela Countess of Salisbury.

**Roger & Yvette Kutchinsky**

*The non-walkers had a varied and interesting few days. There was a tour of the Avebury Stone Circles and then into the Manor (the subject of a recent BBC documentary) on Sunday, a visit into Bath (including the Spa) on Monday and a guided walk around Bradford-on-Avon and onto Corsham Court on Tuesday. Thanks again to Marcia and David, Warren S and Vivienne R for arranging these outings.*

**Sandra Ross**



WEEKEND RAMBLE : SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

## *THE GARDEN ROUTE TO RICHMOND*

On Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> on a bright but cold morning 12 walkers met at Ealing Broadway station for a ramble to Richmond (and beyond for the hardy walkers) ably led by Andrea Gohil. The route initially took us through 4 of Ealing's park starting with Walpole Park , with which a number of us were familiar, followed by Lammas, Blondin and Boston Manor parks. We then walked along the Brentford canal into Syon Park where we stopped for lunch in the Garden Centre.

We managed to mislay half of our party when we reconvened after lunch but eventually they did manage to find their way to our leader and we continued on our way to Richmond along the Thames Path. As we approached Richmond Bridge there was a lively discussion about whether the Meridian line ran/had run through Richmond or Greenwich. I'm not sure I can tell you the answer though probably Google can. Most of the party left at Richmond having had a very enjoyable walk which was noted for hardly involving any walking along roads. A few of the party continued on to Ham House.



Thanks to Andrea for planning and leading the walk.

*Ruth Levere*



**MATZAH RAMBLE: WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
*MUNCHING MATZOS*



**Spot the Matzo boxes!**

With dark clouds threatening overhead, 14 ramblers met at Osterley station for a 6.5 mile circular route. Eve Swabe was leading on her own, as her usual partner husband Tony had a minor foot injury. On entering Osterley Park, the threat became a reality as rain jackets and umbrellas were hastily brought into use. However, after only a few minutes, dry weather resumed and stayed with us for the rest of the ramble.

We passed the elegant Osterley House, remodelled by Robert Adam in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and made our way to the Grand Union Canal and the famously misnamed Three Bridges, built by Isambard Brunel. There are really only two bridges where the canal runs simultaneously over a railway and under a road. The nearby Three Bridges Park was a perfect spot for a matzah picnic, with the name spelled out in large wooden letters making comfortable seats. After our lunchstop we descended the "staircase" of six consecutive locks. After carefully crossing a railway line at a point with poor visibility on a curve, we returned to the grounds of Osterley Park and returned to the station.



This was truly a delightful ramble, all on solid paths with not even a suspicion of mud.

*David Gould*

