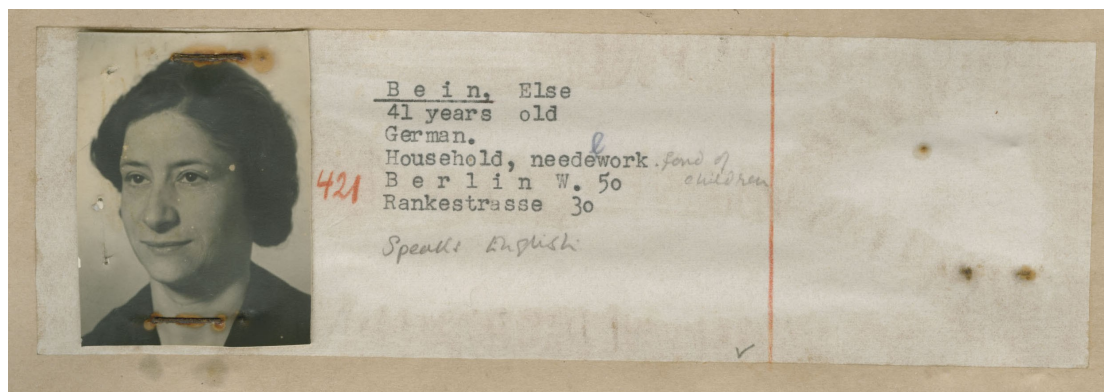


## Manchester Central Library

### Records of the Manchester Jewish Community

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GB127.M533/1/5/1/1 Manchester Jewish Refugees Committee Domestic Case Book

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## **1. Representative Council of Greater Manchester and Trades Advisory Council, Manchester Area**

### **Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester and Region**

(Established in 1919 as a body of delegates from every section of the community which henceforth discussed its collective interests and served as an effective means of liaison with the wider society. Formerly known as the Council of Manchester and Salford Jews.)

Council Minutes 1919-1990, Executive Committee minutes 1943-1986, Honorary Officers' minutes 1943-1987, Finance Committee minutes 1944-1977, Defence and Press Committee minutes 1943-1964, Public Relations Committee minutes 1964-1990, Defence Appeals Committee minutes 1962-1975, Youth Committee minutes 1946-1987, Constitution Committee minutes 1943-1966, Welfare Committee minutes 1971, Polish Jewry Appeal Committee minutes and papers 1981-1982, Synagogue Council & Shechita Board minutes 1961-1982, Manchester Salford and District Deputies minutes 1944-1950, Provincial Representative Councils Conferences minutes 1945-1978, Lecture Committee minutes 1977-1978, Bicentenary Committee minutes 1986-1988, Manchester Jewry 1788-1988 Bicentenary Brochure, Constitution 1967, 1981, Annual reports and accounts 1941-1975, yearbooks 1973-1999, Manchester Jews' Benevolent Society Annual report and accounts 1966, Service of rejoicing and thanksgiving to mark Israel's 10th anniversary, miscellaneous leaflets 1960s-1970s, Diamond Jubilee correspondence 1978-1979, various correspondence files 1986, papers relating to Israel crisis (Six Day War) 1967, Bi-Centenary festival files 1987-1989. (ref [GB127.M663](#))

### **Trade Advisory Council, Manchester Area**

(In order to try and counter the activities of the British Union of Fascists and other bodies the Board of Deputies of British Jews in 1936 created a Co-ordinating Committee, which became the Defence Committee, concerning itself with social, political and economic matters in which anti-Semitism played a part. As well as addressing defamatory statements, its work included investigating periodic complaints about economic discrimination. In 1938 an ad hoc committee, known as the Trades Advisory Council, was set up to advise the Defence Committee on trade practices and related matters. It met infrequently until the outbreak of war in 1939. In 1940 it was reconstituted and a Secretariat appointed. It continued as an ad hoc committee, but in 1941 adopted a constitution as a democratic organisation based on a membership encompassing Jewish traders, industrialists and professional men. These are the records of the Manchester Area Council.)

Executive minute books (including constitution and rules of TAC) 1941-1952; Honorary Officers minutes file May 1944-Dec 1948; recovery of tax on treasury stock, correspondence file 1959-1963; finance file, 5½% Treasury bonds 1962-1964; statements of account 1970-1973; Guardian Insurance: documents and correspondence 1946-1963; arrangements with Communal Council; correspondence, inventories etc Oct 1954-Sep 1966; membership correspondence file 1960-1965; membership applications file 1960; congratulations and condolences correspondence file 1960-1964; TAC London Minutes (local copies) May 1960-Nov 1964; TAC London Quarterly Circulars (not full series); TAC Bulletin Winter 1984; case files 1940s-1960s; Honorary Officers Committee minutes Jan 1949-Jan 1955, 1971-1980; Area Administrative Committee minutes, July 1944-Nov 1956; alphabetical case index c. 1954. (ref [GB127.M664](#))

University College London holds records of the national Trades Advisory Council, 1936-1983 (ref: GB 0103 TAC). See

[http://www.aim25.ac.uk/cgi-bin/search2?coll\\_id=3326&inst\\_id=13](http://www.aim25.ac.uk/cgi-bin/search2?coll_id=3326&inst_id=13) for a summary catalogue of this collection.

## **2. Synagogues**

### **Cheetham Hebrew Congregation**

(Formed in 1958 as a result of the amalgamation of four Manchester synagogues: Rydal Mount, Sellei, Chevra Tillim and Chayim Adam.)

Minutes 1958-1985, contract with Messrs Harold Firth & Son Ltd for the building of a synagogue under the direction of architect Eric Levy 1957, title deeds re purchase of Chief Rents of property in Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester 1871-1963, photographs 1959; accounts, 1961-1962; 1978 (ref [GB127.M409](#))

### **Chevra Tillim Synagogue, Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester**

(The synagogue joined with other synagogues in 1958 to form the Cheetham Hebrew Synagogue.)

Minutes, 1935-1957; accounts, 1935-1959; Annual statements of account, 1941-1955; valuation of contents and fixtures, no date (ref [GB127.M408](#))

### **Higher Crumpsall Hebrew Congregation**

(A building near the junction of the Bury Old Road and Leicester Road. which was purchased in 1922 to serve as a temporary place of worship for residents of the Crumpsall area, was replaced on the same site by the new Higher Crumpsall Synagogue in 1929. Joined by Higher Broughton Synagogue in 1969.)

Minutes of the Building Finance Sub-Committee, 1928-1933 and Executive Committee, 1940-1946 (ref [GB127.M609/1](#))

### **Manchester Central Synagogue, Heywood Street, Cheetham**

(The Chevra Walkawishk was founded by Lithuanians in 1871 from the neighbourhood of Walkawishk. In 1894 it translated to a rented chapel at corner of Park Street / Cheetham Hill Road and became the Central Synagogue. It moved to Heywood Street in 1928.)

General and committee minutes, 1895-1978; draft committee minutes, 1926-1941; finance committee minutes, 1926 -1929; Education Committee minutes, 1929 -1948; Cemetery and Gardens Sub Committee minutes, 1928,1948 -1949; Grave and Burial Register Index, 1900 -1948; Membership books, 1924-1978; Burial Board subscription books, 1961-1979 (ref [GB127.M442/1](#)). The Manchester Central Library holds a copy of *The Manchester Central Synagogue (Incorporating Hightown Central Synagogue and Beth Jacob Synagogue) Centenary Souvenir 1871-1971* (q296.094273 Ma(501)).

### **North Manchester Synagogue**

(Founded in 1892 as the Brodyer Synagogue on Bury New Road. In 1956 it moved to a converted Methodist Chapel on Leicester Road. It was later joined by Hightown's Beth Jacob Synagogue and in 1978 by the Central Synagogue.)

Minutes, 1904 -1968; Executive and Board of Management Minutes, 1944-1973; marriage registers, 1895 -1915; Burial Board, accounts 1931 -1937 (ref [GB127.M442/2](#))

### **Central and North Synagogue**

(Formed by the merger of the Central Synagogue and the North Manchester Synagogue in 1978. In 2008 it became part of Stenecourt Synagogue)

Executive, Council and AGM minutes, 1978-1983; Membership books, 1979-1989; Burial Board subscription books, 1980-2000 (ref [GB127.M442/3](#))

### **Manchester Great and New Synagogue**

**Manchester Great Synagogue (before 1926 Manchester Hebrew Congregation)**

(The early Jewish settlers worshipped at Garden Street (c.1796) and from 1806 a converted warehouse in Ainsworth's Court off Long Millgate. In 1824 they moved to a custom-built synagogue in Halliwell Street. Halliwell Street Synagogue was replaced by the Manchester Great Synagogue on 140 Cheetham Hill Road. It was designed by Thomas Bird and consecrated on 11 March 1858. Its members were mainly anglicised Jews of German origin and it was known as the "Englischer Schule" (English Synagogue).

The Manchester New Synagogue and Bethamidrash was built on 122 Cheetham Hill Road in 1888-1889 and opened 1889. It has a seating capacity of 400 and a Bethamidrash (House of Study) for 200 readers. Its founders were mostly shopkeepers, travellers and workshop masters of Russo-Polish origin.

On 27 Dec 1964 the Manchester and Great Synagogue amalgamated under the name of "Manchester and Great Synagogue". In 1974 the Great and New Synagogue moved to the Great's former 'Crumpsall branch' at Stenecourt)

Executive Committee minutes, 1902 -1963, including reports on cemeteries; Executive and Finance Committee minutes, 1895 -1941; General and Committee minutes, 1840 -1964; rough minutes and notes, 1932 -1945; Conferences of Synagogues, 1924 -1927; minutes relating to proposed amalgamation with Higher Crumpsall, 1936; ledgers, 1825 -1959; cash books, 1846 -1956; seat rentals cash books, 1890 -1933; cash book-butchers, 1878 -1883; offerings 1873 -1934; cash paying out books, 1881 -1931; Weekly balance sheets, 1911 -1923; Congregational General Fund Balance Sheets, yearly, 1869 -1925; half-yearly balance sheets, 1869 -1923; bank statements, 1931 -1934; out-letter books, 1847 -1951; letters received, 1836 -1942; In and Out letters, 1941 -1961; Building Committee records, 1856 -1869; Inauguration committee records, 1857 -1860; House Committee minutes, 1946-1968; Baths accounts, 1922-1929; Baths lease, 1898; Plans, tenders and specifications, 1857-1934; Insurance papers, 1869 -1965; Inventories, 1901 -1932, 1940 (ref [GB127.M139/1-4](#))

Burial Board minutes, 1876 -1896; ledgers 1887 -1973; cash books, 1884 -1963; subscription books, 1845 -1968 (some gaps); weekly subscriptions, 1900 -1970; Collection books, 1890 -1941; receipt books, 1908-1939; funeral charges, 1880 -1957; salaries counterfoils, 1925 -1936; invoices, 1907 -1932; (Crumpsall Burial Board invoices, 1907 -1921); yearly balance sheets, 1892 -1925; half-yearly balance sheets, 1892 -1923; correspondence, 1912, 1959 -1967; weekly list of interments, 1892 -1894; permits for erection of tombstones, 1936 -1939; agreements with other synagogues for burials, 1874 -1909; agreements of officials, 1889 -1906; agreements with outside bodies and firms, 1889-1915; reserved graves, 1891 -1933; photographs of cemetery gates, no dates (ref [GB127.M139/5](#))

Charities - Benevolent Relief Fund or Passover Relief Fund. Persons relieved, 1860-1869; accounts, 1865 -1937 Manchester Polish and Palestinian Jews Fund, general correspondence, 1915 -1921. Federation of Ukrainian Jews Bulletin, 1921; Jews Temporary Shelter, forms giving information on refugees, no date; Rabbi Daguteski's widow's Sustentation Fund, agreements of synagogues to contribute; accounts, 1919-1922; bank pass books, 1919-1922; correspondence, 1919 -1923; Yom Kippur Appeal for Charities, accounts, 1950 -1961 (ref [GB127.M139/6](#))

Congregations and Officials: Counterfoils of birth certificates, 1859-1872; counterfoils of marriage certificates, 1854 -1911; forthcoming marriages with note of fees, 1920 -1928; receipts for deposit of registers of marriage with Supt. Registrar, 1890 -1927; burial registers, 1798-1872 (includes burials at Manchester Hebrew Burial Ground,

Prestwich, Miles Platting, Pendleton and Crumpsall); certificates of registry of death, 1855 -1958; wardens books, 1895 -1921; registers of members and seat rentals, 1892 -1910, 1924 -1926, 1933 -1952; Address books, 1939 -1964 (includes members in the forces, 1944 -1945); Jahzeit books, 1945-1962; Barmitzvahs, 1902-1920; Education Committee minutes, 1921 -1931; Proposals for religious classes for children, 1934; Manchester Great Synagogue School class registers, 1934-1938; Choir Committee minutes, 1891-1893; Committee for Visits of Chief Rabbi, minutes, 1890-1909; Succah minutes book, including accounts, 1901-1943; list of honorary office, 1840-1866 (ref [GB127.M139/7](#))

Agreements of Rabbis, Butchers etc., c.1886 -c.1919; miscellaneous papers about officials, 1939-1962; Minutes and papers relating to Centenary celebrations, 1959; correspondence relating to proposed amalgamation of the Great and New Synagogues, 1948-1959; correspondence relating to Joint Services of the Great, New and United Synagogues, 1960 -1971; Annual reports of Great Synagogue, 1913 -1932; circulars, 1885 -1969; revised code of laws for the government of the Manchester Old Hebrew Congregation, 1923; balance sheet for Brodyer Synagogue, Waterloo Road, Manchester, 1893 -1894; balance sheet for Western Synagogue, St Alban's Place, St James, 1894; **Stenecourt**: Building Sub Committee minutes, 1949 -1953; Fund Raising committee minutes, 1953; Building fund accounts, 1953-1967; seat rentals and appeals, 1935 -1944; correspondence 1954-1959, 1964 (ref [GB127.M139/8-9](#))

Annual reports for the Manchester Great Synagogue 1913-1974 are held by the Manchester Central Library (296 M100). They also hold a copy of *The Manchester Great Synagogue One Hundred Years 1858-1958* (294 M16).

#### **Manchester New Synagogue and Bethamidrash**

Minutes, 1932-1964; balance sheets, 1893 -1927 (some gaps); ledgers, 1943-1967; cash books, 1941 -1965; correspondence, 1906-1938, incomplete; circulars, 1917 -1923; insurance policies, 1896 -1938, 1958 -1965; Benevolent Fund agreements, 1921 -1924; Authorisation for marriages, 1929; agreements of officials, 1920-1929; Burial board Authorisations for burial, 1894 -1901; Urmston cemetery Burial register, 1900-1916, 1925-1929 (ref [GB127.M139/10-16](#))

#### **Kersal Synagogue, Bury New Road, Kersal**

Accounts and papers relating to building, c.1938 -post 1950 (ref [GB127.M139/17-18](#))

#### **Additional deposit – Manchester Great and New Synagogue**

Prestwich Jewish Cemetery Correspondence file, 1950s; Prestwich /Crumpsall cemetery files relating to property developments including plans, 1950s-1990s; Crumpsall Cemetery Reserved graves book, 1940s-1960s; Manchester Great and New Synagogue General Meeting minutes, 1916-1986; Synagogue committee minutes, 1965-1983; agendas and minutes, 1987; deeds, 19th -20th centuries; inventory, 1937; printed history, 1958; Reverend Perlmann Testimonial Dinner, video and programme, 1966; Secretary's copy correspondence book, 1955-1960; Conference with London and Leeds Associations, correspondence file, 1949 (ref [Acc 2000/57](#))

#### **Manchester United Synagogue and Beth Hamidrash Hagodol, Cheetham Hill Road**

(Formerly a Methodist church purchased in 1908, but due to continual alterations and the war period, the United Synagogue was not consecrated until January 1921.)

Minutes of Committee and General Meeting, 1921-1945; Executive minutes, 1923 - 1943; minutes of Honorary Officers, 1962-1969; Secretary's correspondence files, 1922 -1968; register of members, no date; register of seats, 1963 -1965; address book, no date; financial records, 1926 -1963; statement of accounts, 1936 -1963 (some gaps); ledgers, 1923-1962; cash books, 1924 -1962; summaries of income and expenditure, 1949-1967; contributions book, 1947-1962; Burial Board records. List of members, 1931; Building Fund cash book, 1938 -1943; Entrance fee account book, 1939-1940; accounts of cemetery drainage, Decoration Fund, Yom Kippur Appeal, Coppel account, Schule Appeal and Mentlick, 1946 -1961; Contributions book, 1934 -1962; Records of Overdale Hall, Whitefield. Quarterly statement of income and expenditure, 1945-1949; Rents, 1953-1969 (ref [GB127.M121](#))

### **Manchester Reform Synagogue**

(Founded in 1857 and located at Park Place on Cheetham Hill Road. A Reform burial ground was established at Higher Lane in Whitefield and burial records were kept from the foundation of the synagogue to the 1970s. On 1 June 1941 the synagogue at Park Place was destroyed in the blitz. Temporary accommodation was found and services continued under the leadership of Rabbi Goldberg. In 1949 the site for the new synagogue on Jackson's Row in Manchester was purchased with an award from the War Damage Commission. The site was consecrated on 18 May 1952 and the synagogue opened on 29 November 1953. As the congregation grew the building was expanded and additional synagogues were opened, Menorah in South Manchester (1972) and Sha'arei Shalom in North Manchester (1976).)

Committee Minutes: Executive Committee minutes, 1954-2005; Executive Committee minutes, 1938-2007; AGM minutes, 1936, 1954-2005; Council of Founders Minute Book, 1881-1954; Park Place Synagogue Social Circle Committee Minute Book, 1929-1948; Minutes of Building Fund Committee and Maintenance Committee, 1968-1972; Ladies Guild: Minutes and membership lists, 1950s-c.1960s

Membership Records: Burial Register: Whitefield Cemetery, 1864-1968; Register of Deaths, 1857-1959; Seating Book, 1964-1968; Personal Record Cards for Congregation, 1941 onwards (RESTRICTED ACCESS); Record of Membership Fees, 1940s-1970s (RESTRICTED ACCESS)

Financial Records: Account Books, 1938-1976; Correspondence with Banks and Accountants, 1965-1968; Cash Account Book, 1948; Miscellaneous Payments and Capital Account: Prizes; Wages; Stationery; Correspondence re Anglesey loan, 1969-1980; Synagogue Private Ledger: Miscellaneous Payments, 1948-1960; Joint Subscriptions Scheme, 1977; Balance Sheets, 1988-1992, 1993; Record of Membership Fees; Miscellaneous payments; Donations; Repayments, 1966-1972

Printed Material: The Grape Vine, 1978-1984; Synagogue Bulletin, 1959-1973; Comment, 1964-1976; Jackson's Row Newsletter, 1977-2003; Inform Newsletter, Oct 1972-1995; Grape Juice, c. 1989; Magazine of Manchester Reform Synagogue Jackson's Row, 2003-2006; Order of Service/Notices of the Week, 1975-2006 Annual Reports of Manchester Congregation of British Jews (became Manchester Reform Synagogue), 1963-1967, 1971-2003; Induction Service: Rabbi Tovia Ben-Chorin, 24 Nov 1974; Exhibition companion: 'Park Place to Jackson's Row', John Moscrop (Synagogue History Group) 2006; Prayer books; The Council of Manchester and Salford Jews: Year Books, 1974-75; The Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester and Region: Year Books, 1976-1995.

Deeds of Covenant, 1960s-1990s



Lionel Blundell Building Fund: Cash Book, Oct 1945-1967; Private Ledger, 1945-1960; Private Ledger, 1952-1964; Account Book: Manchester Congregation of British Jews Building Fund: War Damage Account with Barclays Bank Ltd, 1951-1955.

Frederick B. Lister Papers: Building Committee; MRS Trustees; Lionel Blundell Legacy; Synagogue Choir Trustees; Building Extension; General correspondence, 1950s-1970s; Special Financial Committee, c.1949-c.1976

Colin Hoffman Papers, 1980s-2004

Rabbi Silverman Papers, 1970s-1990s (RESTRICTED ACCESS)

Correspondence and Other Papers, 1950s-1990s (some items are RESTRICTED ACCESS)

Photographs and Newspaper Cuttings: Miscellaneous photographs including: Choir, c.1928; Confirmation photographs, c.1959; Interior of Park Place Synagogue, Cheetham, n.d., Interior of Jackson's Row Synagogue, n.d.; Photograph sent from Rabbi M.M. Sparer, San Francisco, 1969; Miscellaneous newspaper cuttings including references to Manchester Reform Synagogue, 1950s-1970s; Newspaper cuttings from Arts Festival, 1970; Material for possible use in 50th anniversary celebration of Manchester Reform Synagogue

Park Place Players: Scrapbook including programmes, photographs, poster and flyers, list of plays, 1950- c.2000; Script, Sketches, Notes and Music, c.1950s

Reform Synagogues of Great Britain: Annual Reports, 1985-1993; Music Committee Minutes, 1980-1982; Council minutes; letters; reports; newsletters, 1988-2002 ([ref GB127.M779](#))

Manchester Central Library holds a copy of Goldberg, P, Selvin, *The Manchester Congregation of British Jews, 1857-1957: A Short History* (296.0942 G2A)

### **South Manchester Synagogue**

(The increasing concentration of Eastern Europeans in North Manchester was one factor which persuaded a number of longer-established and more anglicised families to move across the city and settle in new homes of Upper Brook Street. There in 1872 some forty families pooled their resources to found the first South Manchester Synagogue in Sidney Street. The congregation moved to Wilbraham Road in August 1913 and more recently in 2002 to Bowdon.)

Circulars: Rules for divine services to be held at Chorlton Town Hall, 24 Sep 1872; Forthcoming meetings about the Cemetery Question. Address of Synagogue is 58 Upper Brook Street, 26 Feb, 7 Mar 1873; Forthcoming meeting re obtaining burial ground in Philip's Park, 17 Jun-26 Oct 1874; Names of Presidents, Treasurers and Committee for whom recipient is urged to vote. Congregation not named, Louis Cobe one of Committee, n.d.; Compliments card from Philip L. Cobe, 10 Feb 1929; Circular from Manchester Hebrew Congregation, Great Synagogue Chamber, Cheetham Hill, re charges for Killing poultry, 11 Nov 1872 ([ref GB127.MISC/1023/1-10](#)). Annual reports for the synagogue, 1913-1963 (also includes "Laws and Regulations 1913, 1932), are held by the Manchester Central Library (incomplete, 296 M111). They also hold a copy of *South Manchester Hebrew Congregation 80 Years of Progress* by I.W. Goldberg (296.094273 G1); *The centenary of the Synagogue and the silver jubilee of the Minister* [1972] (296.094273 Fa4); Golden jubilee of the Synagogue building. Souvenir brochure 1914-1963 (296.094273 Fa1); and *Consecration of South*

*Manchester Synagogue [and] South Manchester Synagogue* (Photocopy from Jewish World, no. 32, 19 Sep 1873) (f296.094273 Fa7).

**Withington Congregation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews**

(Founded in 1904 on Mauldeth Road. It catered for the Sephardi congregation of south Manchester.)

We do not hold any records of this synagogue, but the Manchester Central Library holds *Historical Record of the Withington Congregation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews 1904-1929* by Joseph Pereira-Mendoza (296 M116).

### **3. Chevra Kadishas (Jewish Burial Societies)**

#### **Manchester Burial Society of Polish Jews Ltd., later Manchester Jewish Burial Society Ltd.**

(Formed in 1877 the Society (a registered limited company) offered burial rights to shareholders whatever their synagogal allegiance. It was founded and controlled by immigrants and in effect served chevroth without burial grounds of their own. It appears to have used Urmston Cemetery.)

Committee and Annual General Meeting Minutes, with some balance sheets, 1901-1952; authorisations for burial, 1881-1966; lists of graves; permits to erect gravestones, 1945 - 1958 (ref [GB127.M129](#)).

#### **Manchester Hebrew Sick and Burial Society**

(The Hebrew Sick and Burial Benefit Society was Manchester first Jewish Friendly Society. Founded, probably by Joseph Slazenger Moss, who became Life President in 1860. It was essentially an attempt by a few Anglo-Jewish leaders to promote a form of contributory insurance amongst 'those whose income was not adequate to meet the contingencies of sickness and death' and who might otherwise become a serious charge on synagogal funds. Members paid an entrance fee varying according to age from 4s 6d (between the ages and 15 and 30) to 9s, and a subscription of 4d a week, which entitled them to weekly allowances in times of sickness, to the services of the society's medical officer, to shiva benefits, and to free burial)

Statement of accounts, 25 June 1865-20 Sep 1866; Letter from Isaac Lyon, Hon. Sec., to L. Cobir, informing him that his subscription to the Manchester Hebrew Hearse Association is due, 12 Jun 1867; Circular re General Meeting, 31 Aug 1868; Members book, 1868-1869; Certificate of illness of Abraham Gouldstone, 23 Sep 1868, and payments by the Manchester Hebrew Sick and Burial Society, 29 Sep-3 Dec 1868; Notes on the Society by W. Williams. (ref [GB127.MISC/503/1-6](#))

#### **4. Cemeteries**

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The earliest Jewish burial place was opened on Brindle Heath Road, Pendleton in 1794. Prior to this Jews who died in Manchester had to be interred in the burial grounds in Liverpool. Following the closure of the Pendleton cemetery in 1840 a cemetery was opened at Miles Platting, Queens Road (closed in c.1872) and at Prestwich, Bury New Road, (closed c.1914). The present cemetery at Crumpsall on Crescent Road was purchased by the Great Synagogue in 1884. The Reform Synagogue opened a cemetery in Whitefield in 1864. We hold:

Burial Register. **Manchester Hebrew Burial Ground** 4 Apr 1841-28 Dec 1872, burials at **Prestwich** and **Miles Platting**; includes burials at **Pendleton Cemetery** 1798-1840 (ref [GB127.M139/7/6/1](#))

Burials Registers. Burials at **Prestwich** and **Crumpsall** 1873-1929 (Manchester Hebrew Congregation) (ref [GB127.M139/7/6/2-4](#))

Reserved graves book for **Crumpsall Cemetery**, 1940s-1960s (Manchester Great and New Synagogue) (ref [GB127.M139/addl 2000/57 Box 5](#))

#### **Manchester Central Synagogue, Heywood Street, Cheetham**

Grave and Burial Register Index (?Blackley Jewish Cemetery), 1900 -1948 (ref [GB127.M442/1 Box 8](#))

#### **Philips Park Cemetery, Bradford (Manchester City Council Cemetery) \***

Includes Jewish burials, 1875-1943 (Microfilm MFPR 834-837, 1100)

#### **Southern Cemetery (Manchester City Council Cemetery)\***

Includes Jewish & Nonconformist burials, 1879-1964 (Microfilm MFPR 2150-2152)

#### **Urmston Cemetery**

Burial register (Manchester New Synagogue), 1900-1916, 1925-1929 (ref [GB127.M139/16/4/1](#))

#### **Whitefield Cemetery (Manchester Reform Synagogue)**

Burial Register, 1864-1968 (Gives plot nos. and dates of burial); Register of Deaths, 1857-1959 (ref [GB127.M779 Box 76](#))

\*The records for Southern Cemetery and Philips Park Cemetery can now be searched on-line at <http://www.burialrecords.manchester.gov.uk>

## **5. Hospitals**

### **Manchester Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital, Elizabeth Street, Cheetham**

(Founded 1904, closed 1980s)

Certificate for service to Leslie Donn for service during 1940-1944. Signed by Neville Laski, Chairman. (ref [GB127.MISC/775/6](#))

Annual reports 1924-1934, 1935-1965, are held by the Manchester Central Library (ref 362.1 M64).

See also F. Barnes, 'The Development of Manchester Victoria Jewish Hospital, *Social Welfare II*, 1933-1935, p.47-48. Copies of this journal are available in the Social Sciences Library, Central Library (360 SI).

## **6. Boards of Shechita (Kosher food supply)**

### **Manchester Shechita Board**

(Formed in 1892. Among its objectives were to include overseeing the supply of Kosher meat to the community, granting licenses and exercise authority over all butchers supplying Kosher meat, make provisions for burial of the poorer congregations.)

Monthly and Special General Meetings, minutes, 1897-1961; Executive Committee minutes, 1897-1986; Beth Din minutes, 1921-1933; Rabbinical Committee minutes, 1909-1962; Licensing Committee minutes, 1904-1961; Honorary Officers' Meetings minutes, 1933-1934; Committees and Sub Committees minutes, 1907-1965; Delegates Minutes, 1961-2003; Manchester Hebrew Burial Board, minutes 1925-1972; cash and subscription books, 1926-1953; wage books, 1904-1950; Manchester Hebrew Burial Board Annual reports and balance sheets, 1892-1955; correspondence, 1940s-1950s; calendars, 1950-1959; letter copy book, 1900s; 'History of the Manchester Shechita Board' by Rev. Dr. I W Slotki; publications relating to slaughter methods (ref [GB127.M448](#)) (RESTRICTED ACCESS).

## **7. Schools and Education**

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### **Manchester Central Board for Hebrew Education & Talmud Torah**

(The Talmud Torah School was a school for the teaching of elementary education in Hebrew, the Scriptures and the Talmud and in the principles of the Jewish faith and practise. Talmud Torah schools were traditionally for boys only. Girls were admitted in modern times. The School was founded in 1880 and established in purpose built premises at No. 11 Bent Street, Cheetham, Manchester. In 1958 the Bent Street school was sold and in 1959 the new headquarters of the Manchester Central Board for Hebrew Education and Talmud Torah was opened in Upper Park Road, Salford. It closed in 2005.)

Account Book, 1917-1924; Receipts 1949-1953; Payments 1948-1949; Covenant Register, 1950-1978; Register of Contributions, 1961; Institutional Contributions, 1947-2001; Pupil Welfare Fund, 1969-1983; Eli Fox Bursary, 1948-1982; Bursary Agreements, 1927-1935; Income & Expenditure, 1974-1979; Chequebook, 1966-1981; Accounts, 1952-2000; Annual Reports, 1910-2002; Correspondence, 1951-1954; Schools, 1952-1954; Executive Committee Meeting minutes, 1965, 1980-2000; Board Papers, 1977-1995; Annual General Meetings Minutes and Correspondence, 1969-1981, 1985-1995; North Manchester Jewish Teenage Centre (NMJTC) minutes and papers, 1989-2002; Policy papers and correspondence including description of damage to Bent Street building during June 1941 Blitz, 1939-1959; Conveyance Account, 1958; Lease and Maintenance, 1930-1937; Press Cuttings and photographs, 1959-2002; "Seventy Years of Hebrew Education: 1880-1950"; "One Hundred Years of Jewish Education" (1980); Events and Fund-raising papers; Tribute to Dr. J J Slotki, 1988-1992; Burial Board Committee AGM Minutes, 1960-1984.

(ref **GB127.M421**). Annual reports 1907-1980 (incomplete) are held by the Manchester Central Library (ref 377.96 M1).

### **Cheetwood Junior and Infant School, Cheetham**

(A new school building was erected and opened 16 September 1889 with accommodation for 1,250 children. It was built to take pupils from the Strangeways Boy's Board School (formerly Joynson Street) and Bury New Road Girls Board School. The school was opened Sep 1889 as Waterloo Road Board School. The school had a large number of Jewish pupils, who made up four-fifths of the school population by 1907. The majority of these pupils were new arrivals in the UK. The school was evacuated to Darwen 1 September 1939 and was reopened as a single department 15 Jan 1940. In April 1940 those pupils still in Darwen merged with a local school and 1 July 1940 the school opened again as 3 separate departments. In early 1941 some children were evacuated to Colne. From 1941-July 1959 the school shared the premises with Manchester Jews' School. The Jewish Infant and Junior Departments moved to new premises in July 1953 and pupils from Southall Street transferred to Waterloo Road and the merged school was named Cheetwood County Primary School. It was renamed Cheetwood Junior and Infant School 1 January 1971.)

Mixed Department: log books, 1889-1912;

Boys Department: admission register, 1920-1930 (on **microfilm MF 3023**, until 1925)

Senior Boys Department: admission register, 1930-1942

Junior Mixed Department: admission register, 1930-1955

Infant Department: log books, 1889-1970; admission registers, 1913-1955 (on **microfilm MF 3023**, until 1928); punishment book, 1932-1953 (RESTRICTED ACCESS); HMI reports, 1932-1955; Photographs, c.1969

(ref [GB127.M66/91](#))

### **Delamere Forest School for Jewish Children with Special Needs**

(Delamere Forest School was opened in 1921 named Jewish Fresh Air Home and School for Delicate Manchester and Salford Children. The school was founded by Miss Margaret Langdon. At a special general meeting in 1965 the name of the school was changed to Delamere Forest School for Delicate Jewish Children. The name changed again in 1981 to Delamere Forest School for Jewish Children with Special Needs.) Includes records of the schools' founder, Margaret Langdon; the school board; governors; Trust; staff; benefactors; Friends of Delamere Society; Delamere Aid Society; press cuttings; photographs and video and audio material. (ref [GB124.G.DEL](#))

### **Heath Street School, Cheetham**

(Opened 6 October 1894 as Cheetham Higher Grade Board School for Standard 4 and above only and an Organized Science School. The Science School and the Senior Mixed Department were amalgamated 1 Aug 1904 to form Cheetham Higher Elementary School. From 1 Aug 1910 it was renamed Cheetham District Central School. In an area with a large Jewish population Hebrew was taught at the school from Feb 1915 by Mr. Slotki. From 1 Aug 1917 the third and fourth year courses were organized as a Day Commercial School. Girls removed to a new Girls Department of the Central School, 1 Sep 1924. On 23 August 1937 the Senior Boys and Senior Girls Departments amalgamated to form a Senior Mixed Department. From 1 September 1952 the new name Cheetham County Secondary School was adopted.) Senior Mixed Department: log book, 1894-1924; admission registers, 1906-1926 (on microfilm, MF 3022; on [Findmypast.co.uk](#), 1906-c.1916)

Science School: log book, 1896-1904

Boys Department, Central School: admission register, 1926-1937

Girls Department, Central School: admission register, 1924-1933

Senior Girls Department: admission register, 1930-1937

Senior Mixed Department: admission registers, 1937-1973

(ref [GB127.M66/34](#))

### **Institute of Jewish Studies, Manchester**

Foundation trust deed, 1953; minutes of inaugural meeting 8 Oct 1953; annual reports, 1956 -1959; prospectus, 1955; leaflet on Institute, 1961; letter from D. M Altman, Secretary Institute of Jewish Studies, University College, London to Mr Wolfson of Manchester sending papers, 9 Oct 1972 (all photocopies); photocopies from the personal papers of Professor Alex. Altmann, 1934-1972 (ref [GB127.M237](#))

### **Manchester Jews' School, Cheetham**

(Manchester Hebrew Association has founded religious classes in 1838 and by 1842 has established a school at Halliwell St., Cheetham, moving to Cheetham Hill Road in Spring 1851. In Oct 1869 it moved to a larger building in Derby St., Cheetham, as became known as the Manchester Jews' School. From 1941-Jul 1959 it shared a building with the Infants and Junior Departments of Waterloo Road, Cheetham. The school moved to Crumpsall and opened as King David High School, Crumpsall 7 Sep [1959])

Infants Department: admission registers, 1883-1927 (on microfilm, MF 3010; on [Findmypast.co.uk](#), 1863-c.1916)

Boys Department: log book, 1933-1959; admission registers, 1874-1949 (on microfilm until 1916, MF 3010; on [Findmypast.co.uk](#), 1874-c.1916); returns to the Board of Education, 1919-1938; stock books, 1944-1960; cricket certificate, 1955.

Girls Department; admission registers, 1876-1944 (**on microfilm until 1922, MF 3010; on [Findmypast.co.uk](http://Findmypast.co.uk), 1876-c.1916**); admission of refugees, 1940-1944; register of summaries, 1939-1940; return to the Board of Education, 1923; staff registers, 1891-1939; visitors book, 1925-1956.

Mixed Department: admission registers, 1939-1951; teachers record book, c.1935 (**ref [GB127.M66/126](http://GB127.M66/126)**). Annual reports for the Manchester Hebrew Association 1839-1867 and Manchester Jews' School 1870-1932 are held by the Manchester Central Library (372.942 M28). They also hold a copy of *150 years of King David Schools, formerly Manchester Jews School 1838-1988* (q377.96 ON(065)) by Monty Dobkin.

### **Manchester School Camps Association**

(These camps were organised to allow children (predominantly Jewish) to take part in a holiday camp. The families contributed themselves to the holiday and these were either taken during term time when lessons were held at the site or during the school holidays when activities and excursions were provided. The camps were held at a site in Prestatyn in North Wales.)

Correspondence relating to camp in Prestatyn, 1936 -1937; Annual reports of School Children's Holiday Camp Association, 1918 -1919; Annual reports of Manchester School Camps Association, 1923 -1934, 1937, 1948-1949 (**ref [GB127.M111](http://GB127.M111)**)

### **Southall Street School, Strangeways**

(Began 30 Jan 1871 as Salem Methodist New Connexion Day School, Joynson Street. From 11 Mar 1876 became Salem Board School. Moved to Southall Street 15 Oct 1879 and 20 Oct 1879 boys were transferred from Park Street School to Southall Street Boys Board School. In May 1891 a Jewish Mixed department was opened. The Christian Mixed Department closed c.1901. In 1924 the school was reorganised due to falling numbers. The Junior Department was created from the Infants and Standards I and II and the Central School was created from the Upper Standards of the Boys and Girls Departments. In 1930 a further re-organisation took place and Southall Street Girls School combined with Waterloo Road Girls and remained at Southall Street while the boys went to Waterloo Road. The Senior Girls and Boys Combined to form Southall Street Senior Mixed in 1942 but closed in 1948. Junior Mixed and Infants closed 24 Jul 1953. Pupils and stock transferred to Waterloo Road School.)

Mixed and Infants: log book, 1871-1899

Jewish Mixed Department: log book, 1891-1900

Jewish Infants Department: log books, 1897-1930; admission registers, 1896-1930 (**on microfilm MF 3024, until 1925; on [Findmypast.co.uk](http://Findmypast.co.uk), 1896-c.1916**)

Jewish Boys Department: log book, 1900-1924; admission register, 1883-1912 (**on microfilm MF 3024-3025, until 1925; on [Findmypast.co.uk](http://Findmypast.co.uk), 1883-c.1916**)

Jewish Girls Department: log book, 1891-1915; admission registers, 1892-1925 (**on microfilm MF 3024-3025; on [Findmypast.co.uk](http://Findmypast.co.uk), 1892-c.1916**)

Senior Mixed Department: log book, 1915-1930; admission registers, 1925-1930

Central School Mixed Department: admission registers, 1924-1929

Senior Girls Department: log book, 1930-1948; admission registers, 1930-1942

Junior Mixed and Infant Department: log book, 1930-1940; admission register, 1939-1953; HMI report, 1934

Senior Mixed Department: log book, 1942-1948; admission registers, 1942-1948

Child Care Reserve Training Centre: log book, Jun-Sep 1944; staff records, c.1948;

Boys' Evening Play Centre: stock book, 1932-1969

(**ref [GB127.M66/82](http://GB127.M66/82)**).

Manchester Grammar School now holds the records of **Manchester Grammar School**. These include general admission registers, 1730-1838, staff registers, 19th - 20th cent., and scholarship registers, 19th - 20th cent. Please contact



archives@mgs.org for access. For information at  
<http://www.msglobal.org/accessing-the-mgs-archive>.

The records of **Manchester High School for Girls** are still held by the school.  
Contact: Dr Christine Joy, School Archivist, Manchester High School for Girls,  
Grangethorpe Road, Manchester, M14 6HS (0161 249 2267  
[cjoy@mhsg.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:cjoy@mhsg.manchester.sch.uk))

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### **Jewish Female Refuge, Strangeways**

Annual reports 1862-1863 are held at Manchester Central Library (362.7 M18).

### **Jewish Fresh Air Home and School, Delamere, Cheshire**

(Opened in 1920. The school offered residential accommodation in a country district to poorer children from the Cheetham District. The founder and long standing Secretary was Miss Margaret Langdon. Their headquarters was at Frankenburg House, 149 Cheetham Hill Road)

Records are held at Cheshire Archives. These include plans (ref DDX 514) and papers largely relating to Helena Penina Landau's position as Head from 1921 to 1959. The papers consist of: Annual Reports of the School, 1921/22-1957/58; Report of the Building and Finance Committee from the inception of the School in 1919 to its opening in 1921; 'Birthday Books', bound volumes of pupils' drawings presented to Landau on her birthday, 1935-1957; photographs of pupils at the School, including photographs of visits to Beeston Castle and Delamere Forest; letters to Landau, 1945 re the death of her sister, Annie, and 1952-1959 from former pupils and parents; newspaper cuttings and journal articles re Landau and the School; draft of speech made by Landau at the School AGM in 1952; 'School Reports' written by Landau, 1950s; volume presented to Landau on her retirement (ref D6335). Their address is Cheshire Archives, Duke Street, Chester, Cheshire, CH11RL, <http://archives.cheshire.gov.uk/>

### **Jewish Holiday Home for Mothers and Babies, Lymm, Cheshire**

(Established 1920 as a Rest Home for Mothers and Babies in the former Children's Holiday Home at Chinley, Derbyshire. It became the Jewish Holiday Home for Mothers and Babies in 1925, when it merged with the United Sisters Maternity Society. In 1928 the Home moved from Chinley to Lymm, where it remained until 1964 when it closed.)

Minutes, 1928-1966; register of children admitted, 1956-1964; Annual reports, 1920-1963; papers relating to the closure of the Home, 1964-1967 (ref [GB127.C15](#)) (RESTRICTED ACCESS).

### **Jewish Refugees Committee, Manchester**

List of members of committees, 1956-1957; report for Board of Deputies, 1956; report of meeting, Jan 1957 (ref [GB127.M112](#))

### **Barash Papers**

(Mrs Barash was a volunteer for the Jewish Community and was very active in the Refugee movement. These papers are Mrs Barash's personal papers which were accumulated during her work with various organisations.)

Includes papers of the **Manchester Jewish Refugees Committee**, 1938-1947 (ref [GB127.M533](#)) (RESTRICTED ACCESS).

Please note we also hold the papers of Refugee Committee Of The Society Of Friends In The Manchester And District 1930s-1950s (ref [GB127.M85/12](#)) (RESTRICTED ACCESS) and a Typescript of 'Jews and Other Foreigners. Refugees from European Fascism in the Manchester Region' by Bill Williams, 2007 (ref [GB127.M790](#)) (PERMISSION REQUIRED IN ORDER TO VIEW THIS).

### **Jacobs Papers**

(These are the papers of Alex S. Jacobs who was Treasurer of the Guarantee Sub-Committee and member of the Dunwood House Children's Hostel Committee.)

Records of **Manchester Jewish Refugees Committee Guarantee Sub-Committee and Dunwood House Children's Hostel, Withington, 1938-1954** (ref [GB127.M102](#)). (RESTRICTED ACCESS)

### **Jewish Sanitary Association or Jewish Ladies Visiting Association**

(The middle-class women of the Jewish Ladies Visiting Association (founded in 1884) began by visiting the poor in their homes with advice on matters of hygiene, health and sanitation and gifts of soap and whitewash, but their work soon extended to the more thoroughgoing anglicisation of immigrant women and girls. By 1914 their services included sewing classes, mothers' meetings, savings bank collections, visits to homes by full-time paid workers, the provision of free summer holidays in a specially-equipped cottage at Chinley in Derbyshire and 'Social Evenings for Working Girls'.)

Minutes, 1884-1898 (on microfilm, **MF 2687**). For annual reports 1893-1928 see ref [M182/5/2](#).

### **Manchester Council of Christians and Jews**

(The Council of Christians and Jews was founded in 1942. Its objectives were fourfold: firstly, to combat religious and racial intolerance; secondly, to promote mutual understanding and good-will between Christians and Jews in all sections of the community, especially in connection with the conditions created by the war; thirdly, to promote fellowship between Christian and Jewish youth organisations in educational and cultural activities; and finally, to foster co-operation of Christians and Jews in study and service directed to post-war reconstruction. The Manchester Council of Christians and Jews was formed in 1943.)

Executive and Committee minutes, including correspondence, yearly reports etc; not full series, Oct 1965-Sep 1983; Correspondence, notes, cuttings etc largely relating to Canon Radcliffe's research into the history of the CCJ and the Manchester branch, including reminiscences of members, 1987-1996; Standing Conference, Manchester; correspondence, programme etc, 1989; Correspondence etc largely relating to events, conferences and relationship with the Central CCJ. Includes some minutes. 1987-1989; Articles and notes relating to the history of CCJ, Undated – 1996; Correspondence relating to meeting arrangements, and membership lists, 1989; Press releases and publicity for events, including some minutes and correspondence, 1988; Correspondence etc largely relating to events. Includes some minutes and membership lists, 1988-1996; Correspondence relating largely to meetings, events and talks, including CCJ Development Plan and Anne Frank Exhibition. Includes some minutes, 1997-1999; Draft AGM Minutes, 1993-1994;; Committee and AGM minutes, 1991-1993; Correspondence, reports etc on work of CCJ, including Interfaith meetings and approaches to the Israel question, with Canon Radcliffe's report on a visit to West Bank and Gaza. Includes some minutes, committee membership details and constitution, 1990-1994; Correspondence etc largely relating to Canon Radcliffe's lectures, 1995; Correspondence, reports, talks etc largely relating to missionary activities, racism and Israel. Includes some minutes, 1995-1996; Correspondence relating largely to meetings, events and talks, including the Young Adults Study Tour of Israel. Includes some minutes, 1995-1997 (ref [GB127.M666](#))

Also: Correspondence and copy minutes, 1950-1960 (ref [GB127.M184/BOX 39](#)).

The national records of the CCJ are held at Southampton University Special Collections (ref MS 65).

### **Manchester Council for Soviet Jewry**

(The Council for Soviet Jewry was set up in 1971 to co-ordinate activities on behalf of Soviet Jewry in Manchester, under the auspices of the Manchester Jewish Communal Council. Key figures in its establishment were Leslie Donn, Hymie Goldman, and Aubrey Erstling. Unlike the '35 group', the Council for Soviet Jewry sought to campaign for Soviet Jews within the establishment (e.g. MPs etc.) rather than use demonstrations.)

Two boxes containing files (awaiting full cataloguing) (ref [GB127.M469](#))

### **Manchester Jewish Benevolent Society**

(Originally the **Russian Jews' Benevolent Society**.)

Minutes, 1905-1959; donations 1938-1948; Annual reports, 1923-1967; notes on history of the Society, 1905-1952 (ref [GB127.M152](#))

### **Manchester Jewish Board of Guardians for the Relief of the Jewish Poor of Manchester**

(In May 1867 a meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. P Falk was held of influential Jews in Manchester to establish a Board of Guardians for the Jewish Community. It was based on similar lines to the established Welfare Board in London. Its inaugural meeting was held in July 1867 in the Jews' School, Derby Street. Mr H Sassoon was in the chair and Mr. P. Falk Vice President.)

Minutes, 1867-1937; Industrial Committee minutes, 1873-1963; Constitution and laws, 1902-1918; annual reports, 1867-1936. Includes rules of the Manchester Hebrew Philanthropic Society, and Manchester Jewish Ladies Visiting Association annual reports, 1893-1928 (ref [GB127.M182](#)) (RESTRICTED ACCESS)

### **Manchester Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad.**

(The organisation was formed on 17 January 1945 to send food and clothing to Jewish communities in Poland, France, Belgium and Holland. The organisation continued its work until February 1949.)

Minutes 1945-1948 (ref [GB127.M609/2](#)).

### **Manchester Jews' School Ladies Clothing Society**

(Formed in 1853 under the presidency of Mrs S L Behrens, "to enable children of the really destitute to attend the Jews' School in decent attire".)

Minutes, 1885-1937 (ref [GB127.M346](#))

### **Manchester Naturalisation Society**

(Formed in January 1896. It received 123 members in the first year and 16 received naturalisation certificates. The Society raised funds for the certificates by asking members to pay fees of 1s per week. Once sufficient funds had been accumulated a ballot was held and the winners were put forward to receive their naturalisation papers.)

Cash book, 1896-1909. Gives name of person, amount paid to fund, and date of payment. (ref [GB127.M150](#))

### **Provincial Independent Tontine Society**

(The Society was founded by the Provincial Waterproof Company Ltd Independent Tontine Society in December 1922 by the employees of that firm. It was a Jewish friendly society which aimed to pay benefits on death of next of kin, sickness, Shiva (week of confined mourning), and provide money for surgical appliances. In 1924, the

name was changed to the Provincial Independent Tontine Society, and continued as such until its dissolution in 1997.)

Committee of Management minutes, 1922-1997; Committee membership records, 1922-1996; Rulebooks, 1948-1996; Secretary's correspondence files, 1930 - 1997; Secretary's address book, 1951-1952; Financial records, 1949-1996; Contribution records, 1922-1996; Benefit payment records, 1960-1996; Annual returns for a Registered Friendly Society to Friendly Societies Commission, 1964-1995 ; Quinquennial Valuation reports, 1953-1993; Membership records, 1930-1997; records of membership resignations and deaths, 1962-1997; records of the Social Committee, 1960-1969; History of the Society, 1995 (ref [GB127.M636](#)) (RESTRICTED ACCESS).

## **9. Social Organisations**

### **B'nai B'rith Women's Lodge of Manchester, No. 87**

(Founded in April 1926 to help the Jewish widowed and orphaned, sick and persecuted. It was the second Women's Lodge in England, and worked in co-operation with the Committee for the Jewish Holiday Home for Mothers and Babies.) Council minutes, 1926-1951; Lodge minutes, 1928-1945 (ref [GB127.M341](#) and [M341/addnl](#)) Accounts, 1969-1975 (ref [GB127.M420/1/9/1-4](#)).

### **Didsbury and South Manchester Women's Zionist Society**

(In October 1909, the first national conference of Women Zionists took place in Manchester under the chairmanship of Nathan Laski's wife, Sarah, where it was decided that all groups working for the welfare of women and children in Palestine should affiliate. In 1918, Rebecca Sieff, the wife of Israel, called a meeting in her drawing room in her Didsbury home and the South Manchester Women's Zionist Society was established. This was one of twelve women's societies affiliated under a Ladies' Committee to the EZF, whose representatives met in London the same year to form the Federation of Women Zionists. Other leading members included Vera Weizmann, Miriam Sacher, Miriam Marks, and Marie Nahum.) Minutes, 1932-1975; subscription accounts, 1952-1975; accounts, 1950-1976; monthly requisitions, 1958-1973; Women's Emergency Appeal subscriptions and accounts, 1973-1974 (ref [GB127.M331](#))

### **Dr. Moses Gaster Lodge of B'nai Brith**

Negative of a page of register which gives the signatures of people present at the Milton Hall in Manchester on 10 June 1914. Signatures include Chaim Weizmann, Israel Sieff and Simon Marks. A photocopy of the negative is also available. Original in possession of Sybil Davis (ref [GB127.MISC/1084](#))

### **Grand Order of the Sons of Jacob Friendly Society**

(The Grand Order was a Jewish Friendly Society. It provided payments on the death of a member or a member's spouse, the birth of a child, during sickness, Shiva (confined mourning), and general relief of members in distressed circumstances including payments to the widows and orphans of members.)

Rulebooks, 1955-1985; Manchester Joint Council Subsidiary Assistance Fund, established 1949, Rulebook, 1949; Rev Joseph Siroto Lodge (No 11), registered as a branch of the Grand Order of the Sons of Jacob in 1933 in 1947 it amalgamated with Lodge 47, Minutes, 1974-1990; rules and rituals, 1933; Emmanuel Raffles Lodge (No 69) Lodge Authorisation, 1938 (ref [GB127.M637](#))

### **Jewish Lads' Brigade**

(The Jewish Lads' Brigade was founded in London in 1895 by Colonel Albert Goldsmid, a British Army Officer who wanted Jewish boys to enjoy similar facilities as offered by the Boys Brigade. In December 1898 Colonel E.C.Q. Henriques formed a company in Manchester.)

Officers' minutes, 1908-1934; Officers' and Managers' Executive and Subscribers' minutes, 1934-1939; Grove House Lads' Club Managers' and Subscribers' minutes, 1916-1934; correspondence with Grove House Lads' Club, 1920s; ledger, 1935-1948; Annual reports, 1907-1935, 1957-1965 (some gaps); scrapbooks, 1906-1940s; printed papers, 1954 (ref [GB127.M130](#)). Annual reports 1899-1903 are held in the Manchester Central Library (369.43 Ma).

The University of Southampton Special Collections hold the papers of Stanley Rowe (1924-92) relating to his work with the Manchester Jewish Lads' Brigade and Club. These include committee minutes and minute books, 1941-86 (26 vols. and files); attendance and financial records, 1961-9 (6 files); reports, newsletters, activities sheets and other papers, 1954-71 (15 files); scrapbooks, 1954-69 (49 vols.); photographs and postcards, 1917-1980s (17 files), and newspaper cuttings, c. 1955-91 (5 files); annual reports, 1898-1905, 1928-38 and 1957-70, the earliest relating to the Grove House Lads' Club; sports medals, 1921-54; gift book for Grove Lads' Club, 1907-59 (ref MS 223). They also hold the main archive of the Jewish Lads' and Girls' Brigade (ref MS 223).

### **Jewish Women's Discussion Group**

(The group was founded in 1951 with Rose Heilbron, Q.C. as one of its patrons.) Minutes, including newspaper cuttings, 1961-1974; correspondence, 1959-1973; Chairman's reports, 1968-1974; speeches at Annual Dinner, 1970, 1973; syllabuses, 1954, 1957-1959; list of speakers, 1972-1974; diaries, 1967-1970; photographs, 1953-1973; newspaper cuttings, 1958 - 1975 (ref [GB127.M349](#))

### **Jewish Working Men's Club**

(Formed 1886.)

Minutes, 1926-1935, 1941-1962; visitors' book, 1930-1946; Rules, 1922 (ref [GB127.M154](#))

### **Lodge 37 of the Grand Order of Israel and Shield of David Friendly Society.**

Papers of J. Solomon about the Grand Order of Israel and Shield of David Friendly Society: The Messenger, Journal of the Order, containing references to Samuel Finsburgh Lodge 37, Manchester, 1953, 1954, 1959; Letter, 25 Jan 1970, from Abraham Freedman, returning cutting from Jewish Chronicle, 8 Jan 1954, about the 1953 annual conference of the Order (ref [GB127.MISC/489](#))

Scrapbook of Abraham Freedman of Prestwich: Newspaper cuttings about himself and the Samuel Finbergh Lodge 37 of the Grand Order of Israel and Shield of David Friendly Society, 15 May 1922-8 Jan 1971; Letter from J. Solomon of Westcliffe on Sea, 15 Jan 1970, asking for Freeman's recollections of the 1953 Conference of the Grand Order, and draft Freeman's reply, 25 Jan 1970 (ref [GB127.MISC/490](#))

Transcription, copied from an original brochure 'Golden Jubilee 1902-1952. Rev. J.H. Valentine Lodge No. 37 which by various mergers became the Samuel Finbergh Lodge No. 37'. The transcription was undertaken by Hyman Freedman in February 2004. His father, Abraham Freedman, compiled the original brochure in 1953. The original is in the possession of Mrs Joyce Fletcher (Grand-daughter of Mr J. Assinofsky) (ref [GB127.MISC/1085](#))

### **Manchester Daughters of Zion**

(Founded shortly before the First World War, led by Rebecca Sieff they played a crucial role in the inter-war years in the establishment of the Women's International Zionist Organisation.)

Minutes, 1943-1949; 1954-1958 (ref [GB127.M348](#))

### **Manchester Jewish Literary and Social Society**

Committee minutes, 1927-1930; copy of chairman's report, 1927-1928; minutes of AGM, May 1928; Union of Jewish Literary Societies of Manchester, trust deed, 1941; Federation of Northern Jewish Literary Societies, Council minutes, 1934-1939; audited balance sheet, 1939-1945; circulars re Holiday Schools, 1929-1931; 'The Unit', issued by the Northern Federation and the Union of Manchester Jewish Literary Societies, 1927-1934 (ref [GB127.M236](#))

### **Manchester Jewish Pharmacist Association**

(Formed in c.1959. The primary objects of the association were "for professional, cultural, social and charitable purposes. Also: to foster a corporate spirit among members; to uphold the dignity of the profession; to promote friendly relations between members, and member of the Medical and allied professions.)

Minutes, 1971-1995; Banquet programmes, 1971-1993; Financial statements, 1985-1994, 1 volume; Account book, 1994-1996; Accounts, 1990-1995; Miscellaneous correspondence files, 1980s-1990s; Certificate of gratitude from The Friends of Magen David Adom in Great Britain to the Manchester Jewish Pharmacists Association, n.d.; Certificate of acknowledgement and gratitude for the receipt of £30000 by the Rebecca Sieff Government Hospital, Safed, Israel to the Jewish Pharmacists Association, 24 Feb 1991 (ref [GB127.M645](#))

### **Manchester Jewish Soup Kitchen**

(In November 1895 a meeting was convened at the Manchester Jewish Workingmen's Club to consider ways and means to alleviate suffering in the Jewish community. The creation of the Manchester Jewish Soup Kitchen in 1896 was the result of this meeting. In December 1906 a building in Southall Street was completed, with a purpose built dining hall. The meals consisted of soup containing meat and vegetables, together with bread. Mrs Dolly Phillips (1903-) and her husband, Harry, were at the forefront of the organisation. Mrs Dolly Phillips first became involved in the Soup Kitchen in 1920 at the age of 17. As Honorary Secretary she introduced the meals on wheels service in 1942. The building on Southall Street was sold and the kitchen of the Manchester Jews Benevolent Society was used. In 1978 the service moved to Holy Law Synagogue in Rita Glickman House, Prestwich. In 1997 they had about 200 clients.)

Minutes, 1895-1912, 1932-1991; Day Book, 1985-1989; Correspondence, 1932-c.1990; Account Books, 1977-2002; Annual Accounts and Balance Sheets, 1979-1983, 1985-1989, 1992-1993, 1995, 1997, 1999; Annual Reports, 1942-1996 (incomplete); Miscellaneous printed material and histories, c.1920s-1997; Plans, 1976-1978; Photographs, 1950s-1970s; Newspaper Cuttings, c.1950-1999 (ref [GB127.M151](#))

### **Manchester Zionist Association**

(Formed 1898. The earlier records do not survive.)

Central Council minutes, 1955-1964; annual reports, 1941-1956; Joint Palestine Appeal Central Committee, minutes 1951-1962 (ref [GB127.M149](#))

### **North Manchester Group of the Pioneer Women (Women's Labour Zionist Organisation of Great Britain)**

(The North Manchester Group was formed in 1968. The organization's focus was on helping female pioneers and working women in Israel, largely by raising money for necessities. The organisation is now known as Na'amat.)

Minutes, Aug 1973-Jan 1979; AGM minutes, 1976-1978; Correspondence, 1967-1978; Statements of Income and Expenditure, 1967 (The Pioneer Women of Great Britain) and 1969 (North Manchester Pioneer Women); The Pioneer Women of Great Britain: Constitution, 1965; Resolutions, 1968-1969; Annual Reports 1967/8, 1968/9; Pioneer Women 20th Anniversary Supplement, 1968; article about the North Manchester group of the Pioneer Women from the Jewish Telegraph. 20 Mar 1970. (ref [GB127.M763](#))

### **Order of Ancient Maccabeans**

(Founded in 1896 as a sick and burial society for those who supported Zionism. It was dissolved in 1977.)

Grand Council, Executive and Annual Grand Beacon meeting minutes, 1950-1976; lease of Maccabean House, Cheetham Hill Road, 1968; valuation of Maccabean House, 1978; Rules, 1926; accounts, 1966-1976; annual statements of accounts, 1969-1975; correspondence relating to stocks and shares, 1916-1975; death payments, 1959-1976; Order of Ancient Maccabeans King David Beacon, Minutes, 1930-1941, 1963-1974; Rules, 1930; accounts, 1971-1977; annual statements of accounts, 1941, 1974-1977; initiation ritual, no date; Declarations and Nominations Book, 1949-1973; certificates of planting trees in Israel by the King David Beacon, 1938, 1971; miscellaneous papers relating to other Beacons, 1922-1975 (ref [GB127.M420](#))

The University of Southampton Special Collections holds further papers of the Ancient Order of Maccabeans, 1891-1964 (ref MS 126).

### **Order of Maccabeans Don Isaac Beacon No. 11**

(These papers were collected by J G Schwalbe, Secretary of the Order.)

Statements of accounts, 1963-1973 incomplete, 1972-1974; Order of Ancient Maccabeans and Friendly Society; Annual Grand Beacon meeting papers and minutes, 1962, 1965, 1972-1974 (ref [GB127.M607](#))

### **Withington Jewish and Literary Social Society**

The Manchester Central Library holds *The Literary News* for Oct 1945 and Jan 1946 (296 M118).



## **10. Personal Papers**

For Jacob Papers and Barash Papers see above under 'Charitable Organisations'.

### **William Aronsberg, J.P.**

(Born in Courland, Russia in 1835. He came to England in 1850 and commenced business in Manchester as an optician and mathematical instrument maker. He donated spectacles to the Boards of Guardians in Lancashire and Cheshire, for aged paupers. He was founder and Life President of the Manchester New Synagogue and Beth Hamidrash.)

Addresses and signatures presented to William Aronsberg, in recognition of his philanthropy and public service, 1876-1899 (ref [GB127.M310](#))

### **Copies of the letters and papers of Gudula Cahn, a Jewish refugee in Disley, near Stockport, Cheshire, 1939-1946**

(Gudula Cahn was born in Berlin on 10 Jan 1926. She left Berlin in 1939 and arrived in Stockport on 20 June 1939. She stayed with Mr Louis Winter of Disley, near Stockport. Her parents, Philipp Cahn and Sophie Cahn, and their family remained in Germany. In May 1943 they were deported to Theresienstadt where they perished. Gudula Cahn died in Stockport on 5 March 2000.)

The papers consist of copies and translations of letters from Gudula's parents and family in Germany to her. There are also some photographs of her family (ref [GB127.M752](#))

### **Papers of Aubrey Clayton**

(Aubrey Clayton was Hon. Secretary and Correspondent of the Manchester Jews' School)

Correspondence with Manchester Education Committee and others about Manchester Jews School: Infants and Primary at Wilton Polygon, Bury Old Road, and Secondary School at Waterloo Road, Cheetham; includes letters about building Infants School at Wilton Polygon, School Reports for Secondary School, Junior School and Infants School, 1954-1955 (ref [GB127.M608](#)).

### **Lionel Cowan.**

(These papers relate to the Second World War, when Cowan was a conscientious objector, fire-watcher and tireless worker for the Manchester and Salford Famine Relief Committee and the Jewish Community in Wilmslow. Mr. Cowan died in December 1995.)

Papers relating to Cowan's application to the Register of Conscientious Objectors, 1940-1941; Fire-Watchers' log books; records of **Wilmslow and District Jewish Community** including minutes, 1943-1946; constitution, no date; list of members, no date; circulars, 1942-1946; correspondence, 1942-1950 and printed papers; records of **Manchester and Salford Famine Relief Committee** (founded 1942) including minutes, 1944-1959; statements of accounts, 1947, 1953-1954; miscellaneous papers, 1949-1951 (ref [GB127.M599](#))

### **G Epstein & Sons of Manchester, Kosher wine merchants**

Booklet. Diamond Jubilee of G. Epstein and Sons, Manchester 1877-1937; Photocopy of Letter 1 Apr 1897 from Judah Saul Epstein of Los Angeles, U.S.A, to his father (Gershon) Epstein. Is dying of consumption and would like to hear from him; Photocopy of reply, 26 Apr 1897, from G. Epstein, spirit, German Liquors and Kosher Wine Merchant of Cheetham Hill Road, and from Aaron Epstein; Photocopy of family tree, 1977, from 1821 (ref [GB127.MISC/709](#))

### **The Albert Edwards Papers**

(Albert arrived in Prestwich, England, from Vienna in 1939 as a refugee. From 1941 to 1943 he served in the Civil Defence Messenger Service in Manchester. Between 1943 to 1947 he served with the British army. Albert Edwards was born Adalbert Eisner in Vienna on 7 March 1924. Adalbert changed his name to Albert Edwards on 22 June 1944.)

(ref [GB127.M701](#) – Collection temporarily withdrawn, copies of correspondence [GB127.M701/1/1-2](#) available)

### **Papers of Clare Felber, German refugee**

Correspondence, pocket diary 1938 (few entries), 20<sup>th</sup> cent. (ref [GB127.M762](#) uncatalogued)

### **Papers and photographs of Marion Charlotte Ferguson (formerly Goldberg) and her family.**

(Born in 1924 in Munich. Emigrated to England on 26 July 1939 as part of the kindertransport.)

Includes diaries of her early time in England, Oct 1939-May 1940, Mar 1941-Nov 1944; family photographs; letters from her parents, 1939-1954; biographical oral history interviews (ref [GB127.M756](#))

### **Bernard Forster.**

(Forster was a member of the Executive, and at one time a Chairman of Higher Crumpsall Hebrew Congregation).

Higher Crumpsall Hebrew Congregation, minutes of the Building Finance Sub-Committee, 1928 - 1933 and Executive Committee of, 1950-1946 (ref [GB127.M609/1](#)); Manchester Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad, minutes 1945-1948 (ref [GB127.M609/2](#)).

### **Papers of Dora Frichman**

Mainly photographs, 20<sup>th</sup> cent. (ref [GB127.M761](#) uncatalogued)

### **Goldberg family of Manchester**

(Isaac W Goldberg was a textiles and wholesale warehouseman, of Cannon Street, Manchester. His wife was Lilian.)

Correspondence of Isaac W. Goldman, 1915-1952, textiles and wholesale warehouseman, 31 Cannon St., Manchester; Correspondence of Lilian Goldberg, 1915 -1917, wife of Isaac W. Goldberg and notebooks of reminiscences, 1948-1963; Miscellaneous printed papers, 1922-1954 (ref [GB127.M200](#))

### **Papers of Samuel Schofield Hammersley (22.12.1892-28.3.1965), M.P. and Industrialist**

POLITICAL PAPERS: Tank Production correspondence, 1938-1945; Tank Committee, Tank Board and the Tank Administration Organisation, 1940-1944; Speeches made by S.S.H, 1939-1957; Correspondence (concerning political matters), 1935-1957; Articles and letters to the press, 1944-1955; Political reports, 1929-1943; Anglo-Israel Association, 1949-1962;  
BUSINESS PAPERS: Brunt Variable Speed Motors Ltd, 1947-1967; 'S.S. Hammersley- Cotton.', 1936-1954; Cotton and Rayon Spinners Ltd., Royton, 1949-1964; Delta Mill (1919) Ltd., Royton, 1948-1955; Forsyth & Partners Ltd., Issuing House, 85 Gracechurch Street, E.C.3., 1938-1955; J. Mandleberg & Co., Ltd., Pendleton, manufacturer of waterproof fabrics, 1946-1963; London and Coastal Oil Wharves Ltd., 1939-1963; Lily Mills Ltd., Shaw, 1948-1960; Parker Wakeling Co. Ltd., 1957-1964; Rex Mill (1919) Ltd. Middleton and Soudan Mill Co.,Ltd., Middleton,

1947-1952; Roman Way Company, 1958-1959; Rugby, Fernhurst, Lily, Delta and Soudan Mills, 1939-1943; Soudan Mill Co. Ltd. & Soudan Mill Co. (Holding) Ltd., 1953; S. Noton Ltd., 1928-1965; The Wyndham Theatre Company, 1949-1965; Travel Goods Ltd., Portarlington, 1949-1963; Business overseas visits, 1950-1954  
PERSONAL PAPERS: Finance, 1939-1956; General Correspondence, 1937-1964; Newspaper cuttings, 1935-1951 (ref [GB127.L34](#))

#### **Papers of J.S. Hammersley (Father of S. S. Hammersley)**

Documents relating to finances (Taxes/shares etc.), May.1927-Jan.1934; Atlas mills pool, Oct. 1925-Sep.1932; Ledgers and account books (all mills, 1894?-1936; General Correspondence. (Includes documents concerning the Master Spinners Associations), Dec.1927-Nov.1936 (ref [GB127.L34/4](#))

#### **Papers Lucien Harris of Crumpsall**

(President of the Manchester Zionist Youth Council)

Papers relating to the establishment of a Jewish Homeland in Palestine, including articles written by Harris, 1935-1939; correspondence with MPs on Palestine, 1935-1939; correspondence with J M Shaftesley of the Jewish Chronicle, 1937-1938; correspondence from Zionist Central Council of Manchester and Salford, 1935-1939; Annual reports of Zionist Central Council of Manchester, 1935, 1937, 1941; correspondence with the Zionist organisations, 1935-1940; newspaper cuttings on the Palestine Question, 1934-1938; articles and newspaper cuttings relating to anti-Semitism, 1935-1938; papers relating to the establishment of a Jewish Library in Manchester Central Library, 1936-1938 papers relating to religious education for Jewish children evacuated from Manchester and Salford during the Second World War, 1939-1941; 'Nearenu', a monthly publication for Jewish children (Harris was a member of the editorial board), December 1939; newspaper cuttings and circulars relating to the Lake family, 1937-1942; newspaper cuttings, 1933-1958 (ref [GB127.M350](#)).

Manchester and Salford Pro-Palestine Committee to support the establishment of Jewish National Home in Palestine (a non-Jewish Committee): circulars and copy letters. 1938-1939 (ref [GB127.M350](#)).

#### **Photographs of Morris Feinman Home**

20<sup>th</sup> cent. (ref [GB127.M760](#) uncatalogued)

#### **Tobias Kletz**

Letters, 1875-1885 (uncatalogued, ref [GB127.M495](#))

#### **Letter family of Didsbury.**

(Leonard Letter (c 1867-1932) was born in Holland and came to Manchester in c1887. He founded the firm of Letter and Co. Ltd., butter, cheese and margarine importers, in Manchester, and later expanded to Newcastle upon Tyne. He was a Director of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of its Produce Section. He was a member of three synagogues, including the South Manchester Hebrew Congregation. These papers were originally deposited with the Manchester Jewish Museum, who retain photograph albums from the collection.)

Personal papers of **Leonard Letter**, including newspaper cuttings and articles about his death, 1903-1933 (ref [GB127.M606/1/1-4](#)).

Personal papers of **Lina (or Lily) Letter**, daughter of Leonard Letter, including school reports, examination papers, Degree Day programmes from the University of Manchester and newspaper cuttings, 1902-1923 (ref [GB127.M606/2/1-4](#)).

**Papers of Bernard Sydney Langton C.B.E, founder of the Race Relations Board, Labour Manchester City Councillor and Lord Mayor of Manchester (1965-1966)**

(Bernard S. Langton (also known as Bert) was born 1 August 1914 in Salford. Langton attended the Devonshire Road Primary School, Blackpool, before winning a scholarship to Blackpool Grammar School. He qualified as a pharmacist from Manchester University in 1937 and went on to operate a chemists in John Dalton Street. He married his first wife in 1943 and had two children. He was elected to Manchester City Council in 1945 and became an Alderman in 1963. In 1965 he was elected Lord Mayor of Manchester, a post he held for one year. Perhaps his most significant work, however, was with the Race Relations Board. In 1965 Langton was appointed to the first Race Relations Board, alongside John Lyttle and chairman Mark Bonham Carter. Langton was heavily involved with various voluntary organisations. During his time as mayor, he established two such organisations: Manchester Youth and Community Services (MYCS) and the Manchester Council for Community Relations (MCCR). He became a trustee of the Young Volunteer Force Foundation and Chairman of its Advisory Council in 1967. He was also an associate member of the Variety Club. Langton was an active member of the Jewish community, founding the Jewish Pharmacists Association. He was one of the original members of the Jewish Defence Committee as well as belonging to Poale Zion and the Menorah Lodge. Alongside his wife, Langton organised summer schools for the Federation of Jewish Youth Societies. He had an interest in amateur dramatics and was a member of the Jewish Dramatic Society of Blackpool in his youth.)

Papers relating to the Race Relations Board, Watch Committee, Police, Fire Brigade, Lord Mayor's Office, Rivers Committee, Recreation and Arts Committee, visits of civic delegations to Russia, Port Health Authority, Independent Television Authority, Manchester Council for Community Relations, Manchester Youth and Community Services, Young Volunteer Force Foundation and the Kirov Ballet Company's visit to Manchester in 1973. Also contains Bernard Langton's personal collections of election material, correspondence, newscuttings and other items kept as souvenirs.

(ref [GB127.M784](#))

**Neville Jonas Laski (1890-1968)**

(Neville Jonas Laski, QC, was the elder son of Nathan and Sarah Laski. He was Chairman of the Manchester Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital; President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, 1933-9; Judge of Appeal of the Isle of Man, 1953-6; Recorder of Burnley, 1935-56; member of the General Council of the Bar, 1950-6; Chairman of the Professional Conduct Committee, 1952-6; honorary treasurer, 1955-6; Judge of the Crown Court and Recorder of Liverpool, 1956-63; and President of the Elders of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congregation, 1961-7)

Papers and pamphlets 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century (ref [GB127.M249](#) box list available)

The University of Southampton Special Collections holds the Laski family papers (ref MS 134).

**Papers of Emmanuel Levy (1900-1986), artist**

Includes play scripts (including a radio script for Magnolia Street), short stories, correspondence, photographs, catalogues, and press cuttings, 20<sup>th</sup> cent. (ref: [GB127.M759](#))

**Leon Locker, O.B.E., of Manchester, Hebraist and Zionist**

M Locker and Co. of Manchester, Fent merchants-purchases and invoices book, 1907-1914; Foreign Jews' Protection Committee, Manchester Branch-minutes, 1917-1918; Manchester Jews' Comforts and Advisory Committee minutes, 1918-1919; Rosenblatt Concert Committee papers, 1923 (ref [GB127.M239](#))

**Martin Martins**

(Formerly Schmalz.)

Personal papers (photocopies), 1909-1954 ([ref GB127.MISC/787](#))

Also papers of Leah Martin and Martin Martins including correspondence, photographs, diaries and oral histories. ([ref GB127.M756](#))

**Henry Isadore Morris (Moros), a Jewish immigrant from Lithuania**

Personal papers (photocopies), 1893-1961 ([ref GB127.MISC/786](#))

**Nathan family of Manchester**

(Of Bavarian origin, brothers Lemon and Jacob Nathan came to Manchester from Liverpool in the late 18th century. Silversmiths, they were among the founders of the Manchester Jewish community. Jacob's son, Elias, 1809 - 1894, was an optician.) Certificates of Ancient Lodge No 53, Liverpool, issued to Lemon Nathan, 1786-1787; Alien's licence granted to Jacob Nathan, 1798; circular advertising business of Elias Nathan, c.1830s; Lodge certificates of Elias Nathan, 1857-1869; correspondence of Elias Nathan, 1881-1891; newspaper cutting announcing death of Elias Nathan. 1894; photographs of family members and Elias Nathan's place of birth, c1890s; trade cards and circulars of local Jewish businessmen, early 1800s; article by Bill Williams on the Nathan family, 1975; correspondence between F D Artingstall of Collyhurst and the Duke of Argyll, relating to the Aeronautical Society of Great Britain, 1866-1868. ([ref GB127.M214](#))

**Cantor Salomo Pinkasovitch**

(Rev Salomo Pinkasovitch was born in Russia, trained as a singer at Odessa, Vienna and Milan, and held posts in synagogues in Hungary, Berlin, South Africa and Manchester. He was at the New Synagogue, 1922-1925 and the United Synagogue, 1932-1940. He was also on the staff of the Jews' College, London, from 1947 to his death.)

Typescript copy of Autobiography; scrapbook of newspaper cuttings, 1921-1951; posters advertising performances, 1921-1931; music composed by Salomo Pinkasovitch, c. 1902-c. 1936; papers relating to Jews' College, London, 1950-1952; correspondence, 1928-71; gramophone records of S Pinkasovitch ([ref GB127.M244](#))

**Photocopies of the papers of Karl Wolfgang (Tony) Plessner (1923-), Jewish refugee, of Bury, 1939-2005**

(Karl Wolfgang (Tony) Plessner was born in Breslau, Poland, on 5 February 1923, the son of Max Plessner, a doctor. His mother was a laboratory assistant prior to her marriage in 1915. He left for England on 17th January 1939 after increasing anti-Semitism following Kristallnacht in Nov 1938. He was awarded a place at Bury Grammar School and stayed with Maxwell family. He was awarded a scholarship in engineering to the University of Manchester in June 1939. His parents joined him in Bury in August 1939.)

Letters from Karl to his parents in Breslau and Berlin, 1939, 1 folder (in German); English translations of letters, 1 folder; 'My Life Story' by Karl Wolfgang (Tony) Plessner, n.d., 1 folder; Obituary of Dr. K.F. Nagelschmidt, father-in-law of Karl, c.1952, 1 folder; Letters from L.C. Lord, Headmaster of Bury Grammar School, to Mr and Mrs Plessner, 1938-1939, 1 folder; Passport (include photograph), 1939, 1 folder; Letter from University of Manchester to Karl relating to Matthew Kirtley Scholarship, 27 Jun 1939, and newspaper cuttings relating to the scholarship, 1939, 1 folder; Notes on a meeting with Bill Williams with Karl, 3 March 2005, 1 folder ([ref GB127.M754](#))

**Mrs Esther Segal**

(Born in Bobruisk, White Russia in 1910.)

Autobiography, written in 1979 (ref [GB127.MISC/801](#))

**Miss Yolán Simon**

(Refugee.)

Identity papers (photocopies), 1905-1939 (ref [GB127.MISC/802](#))

**Dr Israel Wolf Slotki**

(Hebrew Educationalist, Scholar and Minister (1884-1973))

Correspondence with Joint Jewish Education Board about examination of Hebrew classes, 1922-1932; Central Committee for Jewish Education reports and circulars, 1920-1922; Letters from Herbert Adler of the Central Committee for Jewish Education, 1923-1927; Manchester Central Board for Hebrew Education and Talmud Torah correspondence, circulars and reports, 1946-1951; Hebrew classes, class lists, St John's school, Garnett Street School, Cheetham Temporary School, Marlborough Road Girls School, Cheetham Central School, 1912-1917; Manchester Old Hebrew Congregation Religious Classes and Study Circle, reports and exam paper, 1917-1920; Manchester Jewish Continuation Classes and Study Circles, attendance registers, 1925-1928; reports, correspondence, newspaper cuttings, 1927-1956; examination papers and reports on examinations at various schools and Hebrew Congregations, 1921-193; reports on Hebrew education classes in North West area, 1946-1950; Articles by Dr Slotki on education 1923-1951; correspondence with Southport Hebrew congregation about Hebrew and Religious classes, 1943-1944; papers relating to provisions of Hebrew and Religious instruction for Jewish evacuees in Lancashire, 1939-1945; newspaper cuttings on Jewish education, 1906-1918, 1941-1970; papers relating to Manchester Talmud Torah school, including Principal's records for Broughton, Heaton Park and Oxford Road branches, 1914-1954; minutes, correspondence and circulars of Manchester and District Branch of Society for Hebraic Studies, 1917-1925; draft articles and speeches by Dr Slotki, and offprints from theological and semitic language journals; 1920s-1960s; Dr Slotki's personal correspondence, 1891-1959; biographical notes on Dr Slotki's life and work, 1959; newspaper cuttings, 1906-1973; printed reports from various organisations, 1906-1971; Hebrew Visitation Board for Manchester, Salford and District- correspondence, 1933-1971; statements of accounts, 1940-1971; Manchester Jewish Board of Guardians-annual reports, 1950, 1965; accounts, 196; article on centenary of Jewish Board of Guardians, 1959; Manchester Jewish Social Services- reports and accounts, 1971 (ref [GB127.M191](#))

**Papers of Mrs P. Slotki of Broughton Park**

20th cent. (ref [GB127.M764](#) uncatalogued)

**Mrs Dorothy Quas-Cohen**

Correspondence relating to the origin of the reformed synagogue, 1932-1947 (ref [GB127.M153](#))

**Papers of Henry Rose of Manchester**

(Henry Rose was born in Cardiff, the son of Russian Jewish immigrants. He first worked on the South Wales Echo in Cardiff and the Western Morning News in Plymouth, before coming to Manchester in 1927 as the first sports editor of the northern edition of the Daily Express. He was travelling with the Manchester United football team involved in air crash in Munich 1958 and was one of those who lost their life.)

Albums of newspaper clippings 1920-1943; Loose newspaper clippings 1924-1957; Correspondence 1933-1944; Photographs not dated

(ref [GB127.M468](#))

**Papers of Muriel Ena Sluckis (nee Marks) (1920-2006) of Didsbury**

(Muriel Ena Sluckis (nee Marks) was born in Manchester in 1920, the daughter of Matthew Michael Marks and Annie Cohen. Mr. I Sluckis was born in Lithuania in 1912 and was ran an export & import agency from Kaunas. He appears to have moved to England during the war where he married Muriel. They lived in Southport and became prominent members of the Southport Jewish community. After the death of her husband in 1957 Muriel and the Southport Jewish community raised money for ambulances for Israel. In c.1961 Muriel moved to 19 Argyle Road in Didsbury, Manchester. In her later years she lived at Morris Feinnann House 178 Palatine Road. She died in 2006.)

'Waiting to Celebrate' by Muriel Sluckis. Typescript novel c.1980; 'The Gamble' by Muriel Sluckis. Typescript novel, chapters 1-21; Scrapbook of letters and newspaper cuttings relating to the death of her husband, Isaac Sluckis, in 1957, and the Southport Jewish Community work to raise money for ambulances for Israel in his memory. 1957-1959; Miscellaneous personal papers including family photographs, family certificates, correspondence, passport, rejection letters from publishers, prayers.

(ref [GB127.M778](#))

**Papers of Tobias Theodores (1808-1866), Professor of Oriental Languages, Owens College, Manchester**

(Tobias Theodores was born in Berlin in 1808, becoming a naturalised British subject in 1845. He came to Manchester as an accountant in 1825, but changed to teaching languages in the 1830s. In March 1851 he was appointed teacher of German at the newly founded Owens College. By 1861 he was Professor of Oriental and Modern Languages, a post he retained until 1879, and from then until his retirement in 1884 he was Professor of Oriental Languages. He was also a leading member of the Jewish Reform Movement in Manchester. In 1839 he married a Christian, Sarah Horsfall of Halifax, but she was later admitted to the Jewish faith. An obituary of him appears in the 'Owens College Magazine' July 1886.)

Letters 1881, 1882; manuscripts of articles or lectures, undated; printed articles or lectures 1842, 1864; additional papers of unknown provenance 1845-1894.

(ref [GB127.M251](#))

**Papers of Mr Leslie Weinstein**

Mainly photographs, 20<sup>th</sup> cent. (ref [GB127.M758](#) uncatalogued – box list in Box 1)

**Papers of Walter Wolfson, Solicitor**

Correspondence 1924-1947; Correspondence with charities 1960s-1970s; Religious writings not dated; Papers relating to Massada Lodge No 8130 1934-1978; Papers relating to Lodge of Endeavour No 7366 1960-1978; Miscellaneous Lodges 1960s-1970s; Papers relating to the Committee for the Publication of a History of Manchester Jewish Community (Wolfson was chairman); Diary 1928; Miscellaneous papers not dated.

(ref [GB127.M345](#))

**Rabbi Israel Yoffey**

(Appointed at Manchester Central Synagogue in 1897. One of the rabbis of Manchester Shechita Board. He did much to further the cause of religions Zionism and was active in promoting religious education among the young in Manchester. A staunch supporter of Jews' School, he founded the Talmudical College, which re referred to as the Jewish University in Manchester. He was president of the Agudath Ha-Mizarchi (Hebrew 'Mizarchi Society'). He died in 1934.)

Correspondence and newspaper cuttings relating to Kashrut, 1926-1930; correspondence relating to Shechita 1913-1933; correspondence and newspaper cuttings relating to Jewish Law, 1920-1932; correspondence relating to divorce, marriage and conversion 1928-1934; newspaper cuttings on official duties 1915-1927, correspondence relating to Mizrahi and Zionism 1926-1931; correspondence relating to charity and donations 1915-1932; sermons and speeches c. 1910-1933; published articles relating to Ha' Yehudie (The Jew), 1909-1911; character references 1927-1932; personal papers 1922-1932; correspondence relating to Rabbi Yoffey's writing, 1928-1934; correspondence relating to donations 1927-1931; correspondence relating to voluntary services 1923-1934; general correspondence and newspaper cuttings 1923 - 1934; some closed papers (Ghets). (ref [GB127.M648](#)) (RESTRICTED ACCESS)

**Papers of Dr. A. Zanker, Austrian emigre and doctor**

Include diaries, notebooks, poetry, correspondence, 20<sup>th</sup> cent. (ref [GB127.M755](#))



## **11. Other records**

### **Commemorative volume by Jewish community of the Centenary of Incorporation of the City of Manchester**

Commemorative volume by the Jewish community of the Centenary of Incorporation of the City of Manchester (1838-1938). Inscription of the City in the Golden Book in Jerusalem and planting of "City of Manchester Grove" in King George V jubilee forest, Nazareth, 1938

(ref **MS 296 M150**)

### **Hey Presto Ltd of Manchester, textile retailers**

(Lawrence Kostoris and Sons operated in Manchester as textile exporters from 1886-c.1979. They were mainly concerned with the South African export market. They were based at 52 Portland Street, but following bomb damage in c.1940 they moved to 19 George Street.

In 1950s Hey Presto was formed out of Lawrence Kostoris and Sons. From 1972 to 1981 It was based at Hamilton Road, Longsight, and mainly dealt with the British market. I went into voluntary liquidation in 1981. The depositor, Mr. Albert Williams, worked for Hey Presto.)

Wey Books, 1960s-1970s

(ref [GB127.M777](#))

### **Mad Hatters Castle, Board Residence, Whalley Range, Manchester**

Mabel Butt (commonly known as "Mother") ran a boarding house called Mad Hatters Castle at 25 Demesne Road, Whalley Range, Manchester. During the war she took in many Jewish refugees. Her daughter, Alice J. Campbell (nee Mellalieu) came to live at the residence during the war and the poetry about the residences is compiled by her. She left in 1947 to go to London.)

Visitors Book, 1939-1950; Album of photographs of and poems about guests at the residence, c.1939-1945 (Compiled by Alice Campbell); Loose photographs of guests found in above album; "Birthday Party, 1944" by Alice Campbell. Account of her birthday; "My Mother's Garden". Account of Alice Campbell of her mother's garden during the war; Letter head for Mad Hatters Castle found in the Visitors Book, n.d.; Letter from Peggy Harrad of Chester to Mrs Cathnall thanking her for her help; Poem about ""Sammy" - Killed in Action" by Alice Campbell ("a Jewish Refugee who changed his name to fight against Fascism"); Letters from the Sgt K.D. Boosman to Mabel Butt regarding the death of Private Taylor in action, n.d. ; Photocopy of a letter from Alice Campbell to Andrew Domore, M.P. about the work of her mother with refugees during the war and the bravery of Samuel Taylor, 10 January 2001; Photocopy of article in The Manchester Advertiser about Alice Campbell and her cartoon calendar to help fire fighters' charities; Newspaper cutting relating to the death of Daniel Norman Jones, stage name Norman Wynne, of the B.B.C. Drama Repertory Company and his brother Alun Jones, n.d.; Photocopy of a page in a book about Mad Matters Castle (includes photograph of residents); Letter in a newspaper by a student studying 'Mancunian Films' asking for help from readers, c.1995; Article in Manchester City News, 18 November 1949, p.5, relating to Mad Hatters Castle and Miss Mabel Butt ("Mother"); Chapter 3 of Alice Campbell's biography "Living at Mad Hatter's Castle 1944-1947", 2004 (ref: [GB127.M727](#))

### **Manchester and Salford Auxiliary Society for promoting Christianity among Jews**

The Manchester Central Library holds annual reports for this Society 1817-1871 (296 J15).

**Manchester Hebrew Visitation Board for Religious Ministration in the Manchester Regional Hospital Area**

Minutes, 1921-1973 (ref [GB127.M443](#))

**Manchester Jewish National and Communal Council**

Central Committee of Maccabean Manchester Beacon, minutes, 1913-1915; Provisional Committee of Manchester Jewish National and Communal Council, minutes, 1916-1917; Manchester Jewish Communal Representative Council minutes, 1917-1918 (on microfilm, MF 2680)

**Manchester Sinai Association**

Leaflet (photocopy), c.1919 (ref [GB127.MISC/861](#))

**Papers of Prosper Mesod Zicree, Mohel**

Circumcision registers, 1873-1912 (ref [GB127.MISC/556](#))

**Research Papers of Bill Williams, 1976-2007**

Typescript of one of Bill Williams' papers; 'Jews and Other Foreigners: Refugees from European Fascism in the Manchester Region' as well as his research papers relating to the Jewish community in Manchester (mainly in the 19th and early 20th Century). Bill Williams has studied modern Anglo-Jewry extensively. His research interests include; Manchester Jewry; Holocaust testimonies; leadership in Anglo-Jewry; the reception and experiences of refugees to the Manchester region, 1933-1940. Major publications include: Jews and Other Foreigners: Manchester and the Reception of Refugees from European Fascism (2011); Jewish Manchester: An Illustrated History (2008); Sir Sidney Hamburger and Manchester Jewry. Religion, City and Community (1999); 'Heritage and Community: Rescuing Manchester's Jewish Past,' in A. Kushner, ed., The Jewish Heritage in British History (1992); Manchester Jewry, a Pictorial History, 1788-1988 (1988); The Making of Manchester Jewry, 1740-1875 (1976). Bill Williams is also the Founder of the Manchester Jewish Museum. (ref [GB127.M790](#))

## **12. Published Material**

The definitive book on the development of the Jewish community in the Manchester area is Bill Williams, *The Making of Manchester Jewry, 1740-1875* (296.094273 WI). The same author has also produced:

- *Jewish Manchester An Illustrated History* (Breedon Books, 2008)
- *Manchester Jewry a Pictorial History, 1788-1988* (q942.733 WI)
- *Sir Sidney Hamburger and Manchester Jewry* (296.094273Ha), a biography which looks at a leading figure in the 20th century Jewish community.

A potted history of Manchester Jewry by Bill Williams can be found on the [Moving Here](#) web site [archived site].

Monty Dobkin wrote two books which looked at Manchester Jewry. These were *Tales of Manchester Jewry and Manchester in the Thirties* (942.733 DO) and *Rothschild in Manchester and other tales from the history of Manchester Jewry* (q929.2 Ro). He also compiled and edited *150 years of King David Schools, formerly Manchester Jews School 1838-1988* (q377.96 ON(065)). A different approach is taken by the book *They Came From The Haim* (f942.733 JE). This 1995 publication by Jewish Social Services is subtitled *History of Manchester Jewry from 1867*, and lists events of Jewish interest at local, national and international level on a year by year basis.

Julia Maine has published the article *The Jewish Community of the South Manchester Suburb of Didsbury 1891-1914*.

We also hold a MA dissertation by Richard W. Jackson on 'Manchester's Little Jerusalem: the Changing Face of Red Bank' (University of Manchester, 2007) (BR 942.733004 JAC (485)).

Insights into the inter-war period are given in Sharon Gewirtz, 'Anti-Fascist Activity in Manchester's Jewish Community in the 1930's', published in *Manchester Region History Review*, 1990, Vol. 4, no.1. A different aspect of the inter-war years is covered by Rainer Liedtke's article 'Self-Help in Manchester Jewry: The Provincial Independent Tontine Society', published in *Manchester Region History Review*, 1992, Vol. VI.

Novels may also be a source of information. Louis Golding, *Magnolia Street* looks at relationships between Jews and non-Jews, being set in the Hightown area of Manchester in the early twentieth century.

The children's author and journalist Leila Berg's autobiography *Flickerbook: an autobiography 1917-1939* (Granta Books 1997) (942.732 Be) offers an interesting insight into the daughter of a Jewish doctor growing up in Salford in the 1920s and 1930s.

These books and more can be found at Manchester Central Library. The Local Images Collection which can be found on-line at [www.images.manchester.gov.uk](http://www.images.manchester.gov.uk).

### **13. Other Organisations and Useful Web Sites**

#### **Manchester Jewish Museum**

190 Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester, M8 8LW, 0161 834 9879

<http://www.manchesterjewishmuseum.com>

Manchester Jewish Museum is housed in a former Spanish and Portuguese synagogue in Cheetham Hill. It lies in the heart of what was once the Jewish quarter of the city. The building, which dates from 1874, is Moorish in style and is the oldest surviving synagogue building in Manchester.

Downstairs the synagogue has been restored to its original splendour with magnificent stained glass windows and Moorish decoration. The former ladies' gallery upstairs houses a permanent exhibition on the history of Manchester Jewry. The museum collects, documents and interprets material relating to this history, which dates back to the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Much of the material covers the social and religious life of the community, including the process of immigration. The museum holds extensive photographic and oral history collections.

#### **Greater Manchester Police Museum**

Newton Street, Manchester, M1 1ES, 0161 856 3287

[police.museum@gmp.police.uk](mailto:police.museum@gmp.police.uk)

Their collections include Police Registers of Aliens for the City of Salford, 1914-1960

#### **Moving Here** (<http://www.movinghere.org.uk>)

A website on 200 years of migration to Britain. It includes 250 digitised photographs from the Manchester Jewish Museum's photographic collections.

#### **The National Archives**

Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, 020 8876 3444

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

The National Archives hold immigration and naturalisation records.

#### **University of Southampton Special Collections**

Hartley Library, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton, SO17 1BJ

<http://www.archives.lib.soton.ac.uk/>

The University of Southampton have a special interest in papers concerning the relations of the Jewish people with other peoples; since 1989 this has been developed with a particular focus on the records of Anglo-Jewry, of national organisations and of individuals. They hold some records relating to the Manchester Jewish Community including papers relating to the Laski family and the Manchester Jewish Lads' Brigade and Club.

#### **Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Manchester**

Department of Religions and Theology, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL, 0161-275 3614

<http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/>

The Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Manchester (MUCJS) is a focus for Jewish Studies in the Greater Manchester region in England. It draws together

staff with interests in Jewish Studies from various departments and faculties in both the University of Manchester and other higher education institutions.

**Jewish Communities and Records**

<http://www.jewishgen.org/jcr-uk/manchester.htm>

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain – Manchester Group**

<http://www.jgsgb.org.uk/manchester.shtml>

**Lancashire BMD**

<http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk/>

Many synagogue marriages are indexed on this web site.