

REGISTER OF SOCIAL RESEARCH ON BRITISH JEWRY 1992

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Introduction

THIS is the fifth Register of Social Research to be published in this Journal; previous editions appeared between 1968 and 1988. The last Register — published in the June 1988 issue (vol. 30 no. 1) — listed 45 entries; this current Register lists 44. The very wide range of subjects under research reflects a continuing interest in local Jewish history, particularly in the provinces, with some communities attempting local social surveys. Scotland in particular is both researching its past and planning for its future by seeking to establish community priorities.

A new trend has developed in recording social history other than in written form; this is apparent from details which have been submitted about projects using photographic, audio- and video-recording techniques. Not all of these projects have been included, since some fall outside the ambit of this Register — such as personal family histories. Growing awareness of the urgency and need to record the history of Holocaust survivors has resulted in videotape projects. The listings also indicate interest in the relationship between British Jewry and Israel, in the necessity to identify the needs of Jewish youth, and in the transmission of values and cultural identity to the next generation. Work has been undertaken about the role of women within the community, including studies within the Ultra-Orthodox groupings.

As in previous editions of the Register, the following information has been recorded as far as relevant and available:

- a. title of the project;
- b. short description;
- c. the name of the person or committee responsible for the research;
- d. the name(s) of the principal research worker(s);
- e. the actual or proposed starting date;
- f. the actual or proposed completion date;

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- g. date and details of publication of interim results; and
- h. the actual or probable date and place of publication of final results.

This present Register is divided into three parts. Part A lists research undertaken or sponsored by Jewish communal organizations; Part B lists research undertaken under university or other academic auspices; and Part C lists those individuals who have undertaken research privately. Enquiries regarding a particular entry should be addressed to the person or organization undertaking the research, except in the case of private persons. In this latter case, enquiries should be directed to the authors c/o Community Research Unit, Board of Deputies, Woburn House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H OEP.

PART A: Research Undertaken by Jewish Communal Organizations

ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH YOUTH

AJY House, 128 East Lane, Wembley, Middx., HA0 3NL

- 1. a. *Jewish Young People Today*
- b. Research into the life-styles and leisure interests of Jewish young people and their activity in relation to the Jewish Youth Service.
- c. Mr M. Shaw.
- e. Summer 1991.
- f. Spring 1992.
- h. Summer 1992.

ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH COMMUNAL PROFESSIONALS

17 Arden Road, London, N3

- 2. a. *A Blueprint of the Jewish Communal Service*
- b. Assessment of the current needs of the British-Jewish communal professional in relation to training, motivation, and strategic planning.
- c. d. AJCP Working Party.
- e. December 1990.
- f. Ongoing.

BIRMINGHAM JEWISH HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP

10 Lenwade Road, Oldbury, Warley, Birmingham, B68 9JU

- 3. a. *Survivors in Birmingham Jewry*
- b. Tapes made by refugees from Germany who came to Britain in 1933-45 and who settled in Birmingham.

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- c. d. Dr Z. Josephs and other members of the Birmingham Jewish History Research Group.
- e. f. Ongoing.
- h. These tapes are to be deposited in the Birmingham Archive at the Birmingham Museum.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS, COMMUNITY RESEARCH UNIT

Woburn House, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 0EZ

Established as 'The Statistical and Demographic Research Unit' in 1965; changed to 'Community Research Unit' in 1987. Compiles statistical data on various aspects of British Jewry; prepares interpretative studies of trends; sets up and advises on local surveys; and collaborates with other research bodies and with social service agencies to provide data for community planning. Functions under a special committee of the Board of Deputies (Chairman: Professor Eric Moonman; Research Director: Mrs Marlena Schmool; Researchers: Mrs Frances Cohen and Mrs Ann Franses).

- 4. a. *Annual Compilation of Community Births, Marriages, Religious Divorces (Gittin), and Deaths*
 - c. d. As above.
 - e. Ongoing.
 - h. 1991 statistics available July 1992 and 1992 statistics should be available in July 1993.
- 5. a. *Interfaith Couples*
 - b. Analysis of the social characteristics of participants in the Outreach Seminars at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism for persons in interfaith relationships.
 - c. Community Research Unit and Outreach initiative at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism, 80 East End Road, London N3 2SY.
 - d. Mrs M. Schmool.
 - e. Annual seminars since 1989.
- 6. a. *The Jewish Population of Britain, 1984-88*
 - b. Estimate of the size of British Jewry in 1984-1988, using the death-rates method. Updates earlier studies of 1960-65 and 1975-79 published respectively in *The Jewish Journal of Sociology*, vol. 10 no. 1, June 1968, pp. 5-34 and *The Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*, vol. 146, Part 3, 1983, pp. 294-310.
 - c. d. Professor S. Haberman, Mrs M. Schmool, and Mrs F. Cohen.

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- e. 1989.
 - f. 1992.
7. a. *British Synagogue Membership 1990*
b. Analysis of membership patterns of synagogues in the United Kingdom.
c. d. Unit Staff.
e. 1991
h. Published by the Board of Deputies, London, 1991.
8. a. *Women's Participation in Organized Communal Activities*
b. Development of benchmark statistics of women's membership in formal organizations.
c. d. Unit Staff.
e. March 1991.
f. November 1992.
9. a. *Patterns of Identity and Religious Practice*
b. Sociological sample survey of ritual practices, attitudes, and beliefs comparing members of the Progressive and of the Orthodox communities.
c. In conjunction with City University, Department of Social Sciences.
d. Mrs M. Schmool and Dr S. Miller.
e. December 1992.
10. a. *Inter-generational Transmission of Jewish Identity*
See entry 27 in Part B, under City University.

GLASGOW JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

49 Coplaw Street, Glasgow, G42

11. a. *Towards 2000 and Beyond*
b. Analysis of social and demographic characteristics of Glasgow Jewry to assist in planning for future needs.
c. d. Dr H. Tankel and 2000 Working Party.
e. 1991.

HULME HEBREW CONGREGATION

c/o 5 Carmel Court, 14 Holland Road, Crumpsall, Manchester M8 6NP

12. a. *History of Hulme Hebrew Congregation*
b. Examination of how local authority planning has helped shape Manchester Jewry, using Hulme Congregation as a case study.

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- c. d. Mr N. Freeling.
- e. 1992.

JEWISH EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST

44a Albert Road, Hendon, London, NW4 4HU

- 13. a. *Think-Tank on Jewish Education*
- b. In-depth survey of trends in full- and part-time education using survey, documentary, and qualitative research techniques.
- c. Mr F. Worms, Mrs S. Weinberg and Mr M. Mail.
- d. Dr S. Miller.
- e. March 1991.
- g. First phase, 1992.

JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND — LEEDS BRANCH

c/o Mrs H. Sterne, Honorary Secretary, 43 Roper Avenue, Leeds, LS8 7LG

- 14. a. *Leeds Jewry 1929-1939*
- b. Sociological study of Leeds Jewry.
- c. Leeds Branch, Jewish Historical Society of England.
- e. 1986.
- f. 1991.
- g. 1993.

LEAGUE OF JEWISH WOMEN

Woburn House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 0EZ

- 15. a. *Youth Survey*
- b. Sample survey to ascertain the needs and requirements of young people.
- c. Mrs S. Kempner in conjunction with the Association for Jewish Youth.
- e. 1991.
- f. 1992.

THE LONDON MUSEUM OF JEWISH LIFE

The Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Road, London N3 2SY

- 16. a. *Jewish West End Project*
- b. Study of the social history of the Jews of the West End (Marylebone, Soho, Fitzrovia, and Bloomsbury) using

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documentary archives and oral histories from the middle of the nineteenth century to 1945.

c. d. Jewish West End Project Research Committee.

e. 1990.

f. 1993.

h. Exhibition of Jews in the West End at the Sternberg Centre in 1993.

MANCHESTER JEWISH MUSEUM

190, Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester M8 8LW

17. a. *Life of Michael Fidler, M.P.*

b. Biography set against the background of Manchester and British Jewry between 1920 and 1980. Explores notions of leadership in British Jewry and the political relationship between the Jewish community and the wider society.

c. d. Mr B. Williams.

e. 1990.

f. 1992.

18. a. *Being Jewish in Manchester 1890-1990*

b. A study of Jewish identity in twentieth-century Manchester, based on oral and documentary sources. The analysis is set against the background of community development.

c. d. Mr B. Williams.

e. 1990.

f. 1993.

REFORM SYNAGOGUES OF GREAT BRITAIN

c/o 10, Camley Park Drive, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 6QF

19. a. *The History of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain*

c. d. Rabbi Dr J. Romain and Dr A. Kershen.

e. 1989.

f. 1993.

h. To be published by the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain, Manor House, 80 East End Road, N3 2SY.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF NORTH EASTERN JEWRY

Culzean Park, Graham Park Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE3 4BH

20. a. *Community Census 1989-1993*

b. Update of demographic review of the Newcastle community, continuing work begun in 1983.

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- c. Census sub-committee.
- d. Mr W. Sharman.
- f. 1993.
- g. Autumn 1992.
- h. Autumn 1993.

TESTIMONY: BRITISH VIDEO HOLOCAUST ARCHIVE

67 Addison Road, London W8

- 21. a. *Testimony*
- b. Aims to provide professional video records of all Holocaust survivors in Britain.
- c. d. Mr E. Perry and Mr D. Herman.
- e. August 1989.
- g. To be housed in National Sound Archive of the British Library and at Yale University.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE REVIEW

3 First Avenue, Hendon, London, NW4 2RL

- 22. a. *The Role of the United Synagogue in the Years Ahead*
- b. Examination of all aspects of structure, organization, and management, including relationships between the lay and the professional leadership within the United Synagogue. Involves direct attitudinal research among synagogue members.
- c. Mr S. Caplan.
- d. Mr S. Caplan, Ms S. Begner.
- e. October 1991.
- f. June 1992.
- h. September 1992.

WIENER LIBRARY

4 Devonshire Street, London, W1N 2BH

- 23. a. *Britain Reacts to the Holocaust 1945-1990*
- b. Analysis of the responses of British society and of the Jewish community to the Holocaust; and the impact of these responses on culture, politics, education, etc.
- c. Dr D. Cesarani.
- e. 1992.
- f. 1992.
- h. 1993.

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WIENER LIBRARY/PARKES LIBRARY, SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY

24. a. *Refugee Archives in Britain*
- b. Publication of proceedings of a symposium held in February 1992 on the records of refugees and survivors from Nazism.
- c. d. Dr D. Cesarani and Dr T. Kushner.
- e. 1992.
- g. 1992: in *Wiener Library Newsletter* and *Immigrants and Minorities* published by Frank Cass, London.

PART B: Research Undertaken under Academic Auspices

POLYTECHNIC OF EAST LONDON, SCHOOL OF INDEPENDENT STUDY
c/o Jewish Care, 221, Golders Green Road, London, NW11 9DW

25. a. *Cross-Cultural Issues in Social Work*
- b. Development of a training programme designed to give non-Jewish care staff an understanding of the issues of Jewish identity, particularly in so far as the elderly residents of Jewish Care are concerned.
- c. d. Mrs J. Usiskin.
- e. 1990.
- f. March 1992.
- h. M.A. thesis.

CITY UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Northampton Square, London, EC1V 0HB

26. a. *Trends in Anglo-Jewish Education*
 - b. Analysis of statistical trends in part-time and full-time educational provision. Evaluation of educational developments and strategic goals of Jewish educational agencies.
 - c. d. Dr S. Miller and Mrs M. Schmool.
 - e. October 1991.
 - f. April 1992.
 - g. Report of the Jewish Educational Development Trust, September 1992.
27. a. *Inter-generational Transmission of Jewish Identity*
 - b. Innovative research project pairing parents and children and examining the sociological and psychological factors influencing children's ethnic and religious identity.
 - c. d. Mr R. Barron, Dr S. Miller and Mrs M. Schmool, in conjunction with the Community Research Unit of the Board of Deputies.

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- f. Submission to Economic and Social Research Council, 1993.
- 28. a. See entry 9 in Part A, under Community Research Unit of the Board of Deputies: *Patterns of Identity and Religious Practice*.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY

Glasgow, G12 8QQ

- 29. a. *Integration of Jewish Immigrants in Glasgow, 1880-1939*
- b. Historical study of integration of Jewish Immigrants into the wider local society.
- c. d. Mr B. Braber.
- e. 1987.
- f. 1992.
- g. Doctoral thesis, Glasgow University. Copy deposited at Scottish Jewish Archives Centre, Garnethill Synagogue, 127 Hill Street, Glasgow G3 6UB.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS CENTRE
FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION

Houghton Street, London, WC2A 2AE

- 30. a. *The Work and Organisation of Churches and Synagogues*
- b. Literature review and case studies on organizational features and problems associated with local churches and synagogues.
- c. d. Mrs M. Harris.
- e. 1989.
- f. 1994.
- g. Margaret Harris, *Organising Modern Synagogues: A Case of Multiple Models*, Leo Baeck College, 1990.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

20, Bedford Way, London WC1 0AL

- 31. a. *Sacred and Secular*
- b. A study of the different pedagogies in a Jewish primary school, examining parallel cultural matrices in the General and Jewish Studies Departments.
- c. d. Ms C. Scharfer.
- f. August 1990.
- h. M.A. thesis, University of London.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, ROYAL HOLLOWAY AND BEDFORD NEW
COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
Egham Hill, Egham, Surrey, TW20 0EX

32. a. *Depression among Orthodox Jews*
b. A study of life-events, difficulties, and vulnerability factors in relation to depression and anxiety in two groups of Orthodox Jews.
c. Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council.
d. Dr C. M. Loewenthal and Mrs V. Goldblatt.
e. April 1991.
f. July 1993.
33. a. *Immunization Uptake among Orthodox Jews*
b. A study of factors which stop Orthodox Jews allowing their children to be immunized.
c. Stamford Hill Group Practice.
d. Dr C. M. Loewenthal, Dr C. Bradley and Mrs R. Lewis.
e. August 1991.
f. December 1991.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN
STUDIES

Russell Square, London, WC1H 0XG

34. a. *The Language of British Judaism*
b. A study, from the perspective of the Sociology of Language, of the use of Hebrew, Yiddish, and English in Jewish religious life in Britain.
c. d. Dr L. Glinert.
e. January 1991.
f. December 1992.
g. L. Glinert, 'Language as Quasilect: The Language of British Judaism', in L. Glinert, ed., *Hebrew in Ashkenaz*, Oxford University Press, 1992.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT

35. a. *History of Habonim in England, 1948-1955*
b. Thesis submitted for the M.A. in Jewish History. An historical analysis of the development of this Socialist-Zionist youth movement in England, describing the tensions of working

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shortly after the Second World War between the Anglo-Jewish community and the new State of Israel.

- c. d. J. Leigh.
- e. September 1988.
- f. August 1990.
- h. M.A. thesis, 1990, University of London.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC
SOCIAL WORK

6 Pine Road, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 0UX

- 36. a. *Attitudes towards, and Provision for, the Mentally Ill in the Jewish Community*
- b. To document the experience of the Jewish mentally ill, in the past (that is, when hospitalized) and in the present climate of 'community care'. It is hoped to work confidentially with a client group.
- c. d. Ms D. Freeman.
- e. October 1992.
- f. June 1994.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER, DEPARTMENTS OF MIDDLE EASTERN
STUDIES AND OF SOCIOLOGY

Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL

- 37. a. *Consideration of the Life-style and Attitudes (to Judaism, and Roles as Wife/Mother/Self) of Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Women*
- b. Interviews with Ultra-Orthodox Jewish women, focusing on their attitudes to religion and their sense of self.
- c. d. Ms S. Stern.
- e. January 1992.
- f. December 1993.
- h. M.A. dissertation.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

Oxford, OX1 3JP

- 38. a. *Anglo-Jewish Responses to the Establishment of the State of Israel*
- b. Political attitudes of the Anglo-Jewish Community to the State of Israel from the election of Selig Brodetsky as President of the Board of Deputies in 1939 until the Suez crisis of 1956.
- c. d. Mr S. Wendehurst.

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- e. October 1991.
- f. December 1993.
- h. Doctoral thesis, University of Oxford.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, ST ANTONY'S COLLEGE
Oxford, OX2 6JF

- 39. a. *Jewish Charitable and Self-help Organisations in Manchester and Hamburg in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*
- b. Enquiry into the extent and nature of Jewish welfare in the two cities. Analysis of welfare institutions of the native Jewish elite and the impact on them of Eastern European Jewish immigration.
- c. d. Mr R. Liedtke.
- e. October 1991.
- f. 1994/95.
- h. Doctoral thesis, University of Oxford.

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK, DEPARTMENT OF ARTS EDUCATION
Coventry, CV4 7AL

- 40. a. *Religious Education and Community Project (RECP)*
- b. Explores the nature of nurture and the transmission of culture from one generation to another in four religious traditions — Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism. Research methods include interviewing children in their schools and homes, and participant observation in educational institutions and places of worship.
- c. Mr R. Jackson.
- d. Mr P. Woodward and Ms E. Nesbitt.
- e. October 1990.
- f. September 1993.
- g. November 1991 to the Economic and Social Research Council.
- h. September 1993 to ESRC. Also articles to be published in relevant academic and educational journals.

PART C: Research by Private Individuals

MR N. GRIZZARD

- 41. a. *Bradford Jewish Heritage Trail*
- b. The history of Jewish Bradford from 1820 to 1991.
- c. d. Mr N. Grizzard and Ms L. Oldfield.
- e. Continuing from 1983.

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- g. *Following Bradford's Jewish Heritage Trail*, third revised edition published in November 1991 by Bradford Interfaith Centre, Listerhills Road, Bradford 7.

MR E. CONWAY

42. a. *'Wej Patter': The Language and Lifestyle of Patter Merchants*
b. An oral history project recording Wej Patter, the language of spivs, gamblers, and market traders, used in the Manchester Jewish Community between 1945 and 1975.
c. d. Mr E. Conway.
e. June 1990.
f. April 1992.
g. A paper was delivered at the 1991 Yakar Conference on 'Preserving the Jewish Heritage'.
h. 1993.

MR M. FREEDMAN

43. a. *Social Demography of the Leeds Jewish Community*
b. Regular compilations of Leeds community vital statistics and indirect local population estimates.
h. Reported annually.

MR P. GOURGEY

44. a. *Indian Jews in Britain*
b. Immigration of Jews from Bombay and Calcutta since the Second World War with special attention to the synagogues which they established.
c. Mr P. Gourgey.
e. May 1992.
f. May 1993.

MR B. WILLIAMS

45. a. *Holocaust as Memory*
b. Selections from interviews with Holocaust survivors and their children.
c. d. Mr B. Williams, National Sound Archive.
e. 1991.
f. 1993.
h. To be published by Methuen in 1993.