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CHANGING...



BRITISH JEWS IN
THE FIRST WORLD WAR

We Were There Too

Image: US servicemen operates a movie
camera near Chateau Thierry, France, on
July 19, 1918. US National Archives



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Project Update

June 2022

Welcome to this special edition of the *We Were There Too* newsletter, as we launch two new ways to bring the story of British Jews in the First World War to life.

Our new [YouTube channel](#) and podcast available on [Spotify](#) will help us to bring this important history to new audiences, and share stories from the past that might otherwise remain hidden to the public.

The first episode about the first Jew to join and to fly in the Royal Flying Corps, Joseph Kemper, written and recorded by Dr Ronnie Fraser and produced thanks to Discovery Education, is available to [watch on YouTube](#) and [listen to on Spotify now](#).

UPCOMING PODCASTS

Podcasts and videos will be released monthly, and the next five topics being covered after June's episode on Major Joseph Kemper will be:

July - 'Grimsby's Jewish Community in the First World War'

August - 'Voluntary Aid Detachments'

September - 'Jewish Experience in the Military'

October - 'The British Jewry Book of Honour'

November - 'Boy Soldiers'

Subscribe now so you don't miss an episode!



Major Joseph Kemper OBE

EXHIBITION IN GRIMSBY TOWN HALL

This July we are holding a 2-day exhibition in collaboration with the North East Lincolnshire Archives Service at Grimsby Town Hall, sharing the story of the Jewish community in Grimsby and the contribution they made to the First World War.

All are welcome, entry is free and the exhibition will run 10am-4pm on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th July.

Do you have family members who were living in Grimsby at the time of the First World War? Please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you contactus@jewsffw.uk

UPCOMING EVENT



British Jews in the First World War

We Were There Too

presents:

From Tailors to Trawlers: Grimsby's
Jewish Community in the First World War

together with

North East Lincolnshire Archives

14th-15th July 2022, 10am-4pm

EVENT INFO

Grimsby Town
HallTown Hall
Square
Grimsby
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During the late nineteenth century, hundreds of thousands of Jews fled antisemitism in Eastern Europe, with approximately 5000 a year passing through the port at Grimsby.

A proportion of these immigrants settled in the town, with the Jewish population growing from 87 in 1871 to 450 by the outbreak of war in 1914.

Join us to find out more about some of these families, how they contributed to the British war effort and how the community was affected by conflict.

For more information email contactus@jewsfww.uk



Grimsby exhibition poster

Thanks for reading, we hope you enjoyed! Make sure to visit the website jewsfww.uk to upload your family stories, and to learn more about our project.

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