



WE WERE THERE TOO HIGHLY COMMENDED IN REMEMBER WW1 AWARDS

We are delighted to report that London Jews in the First World War was one of four projects, from across the UK, to be Highly Commended by REMEMBER WW1, at an Awards ceremony on 2nd November at the Army and Navy Club. We were honoured to be mentioned alongside the 5 inspiring prize winning projects.

REMEMBER WW1 is a national initiative to encourage community volunteering. It was launched in 2014 to encourage individuals and groups to reflect on the service given and sacrifices made 100 years ago, and to consider their impact across all of society.

In November 2015, funding for REMEMBER WW1 was committed by the Chancellor from LIBOR fines, who stated that *'it is appropriate that the fines from those who demonstrate the worst of values should go to those who demonstrate the best'*.

The 2016 Awards celebrate the huge effort made by individuals and groups throughout the UK to commemorate the Great War and give something back to their communities, creating a positive legacy for future generations.



Photograph of Crispin Street, corner of Duval Street, London, April 1912.
Courtesy of C.A. Matthews and the Bishopsgate Institute

LONDON ROADSHOWS

Over the summer months, the *We Were There Too* team has been working hard, across London, developing relationships with a cross-section of communities and organisations to offer a series of public 'Roadshow' events where interested members of the public can learn more about the project and ways in which they might get involved.

If you think you have a family member who lived in London 1914-1918, or are interested in learning more about this phase of the project, please come and join us at one of the events and pass on the information to friends, relatives and colleagues.

The first three Roadshows will take place in November and December 2016, with more to come in the New Year:

Sunday 13th November, 2.30-4.30pm

New North London Synagogue, 80 East End Road, London N3 2SY

Our thanks to the New North London Synagogue for hosting and supporting the event.

Sunday 20th November, 2.30-4.30pm

Grove House, Froebel College, Roehampton Lane, London SW15 5PJ

Our thanks to the Jewish Resource Centre for introducing us to the University of Roehampton and for supporting the event.

Sunday 11th December, 2.30-4.30pm

Lauderdale Road Synagogue, 2 Ashworth Rd, London W9 1JY

Our thanks to the Lauderdale Road, Synagogue for hosting and supporting the event.

Free entry, with complimentary tea and cake at all three events.

RSVP by email to contactus@jewsffw.london

If you use social media, please help us spread the word about the events by tweeting and adding details to your Facebook page. Everyone is welcome.

VOLUNTEERS

After close consultation with the Jewish Volunteer Network (JVN), the recruitment of Volunteers to help with the project is now under way. A variety of different Volunteer opportunities are posted on the JVN website and information packs have been sent to over 150 synagogue communities, libraries and other organisations.

Training will be offered in research, handling historical information, technology, project planning and communication. Duke of Edinburgh Award and OCN accreditation activities for young people are available through JLGB.

The first training session, for adults, will be taking place in November and members of the Core Team will be present at 7 Jewish secondary school volunteering fairs in November and December.

If you would like to volunteer, attend any of these sessions or be kept informed of future sessions, please email contactus@jewsffw.london

CENTRAL LONDON FIRST WORLD WAR REMEMBRANCE WALK

Sunday 27th November, 11am to 1pm

Free

The legacy of the First World War is all around us, especially in a major city like London. Every day, millions of people walk past memorials honouring the men and women who served, were killed and whose stories are bound to the war.

On this walk, project historian Paula Kitching, will talk about some of the key people and events of the war and explore the nation's desire to remember and create lasting memorials to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Starting at Trafalgar Square.

For more information and to register your interest, please email contactus@jewsffw.london



Menin Gate Memorial for the Missing

FIRST WORLD WAR BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

3rd - 5th April, 2017

40,000 - 50,000 Jewish men served in the British Forces in the First World War. Many fought on the battlefields of Flanders and thousands were laid to rest there.

Paula Kitching, Project historian and battlefields expert, will lead a tour to the key sites and memorials of Ypres to honour those Jews who made the ultimate sacrifice. We will learn about the war through stories of some of the Jews involved, how they maintained their religious practices and the changes that resulted from the impact and experience of war.

We will witness the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate and say aloud some of the names of the fallen, in cemeteries where the Magen David appears on headstones.

Join us to walk in the footsteps of Jewish heroes and pay tribute to a generation that answered the call.

For more information or to register your interest, please email contactus@jewsffw.london

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