

Biographies

Edith Argy was born and raised in Vienna and was 18 at the time of the Anschluss. She had a pleasant office job but was soon sacked without notice. Her only chance to get out was on a domestic visa to England, in September 1938.

Patrick Bade is a senior tutor at Christie's Education Department. He has taught at the LJCC for a number of years as well as the Royal Academy of Arts and the Royal Opera House. His latest book is the acclaimed *Music Wars* about Music in WWII.

Dr Edgar Feuchtwanger is the author of books on modern German History. He grew up in Munich living opposite Hitler. He is the nephew of Lion Feuchtwanger, the German-Jewish novelist who was prominent in the literary world of Weimar Germany and a fierce critic of the Nazi party.

Trudy Gold is the Executive Director of Education and Holocaust Studies at the LJCC. Trudy has taught Jewish history for 30 years, specialising in Holocaust Studies. She has also run courses at leading UK universities including Oxford and Kings College, London.

Dr Anthony Grenville, son of Jewish refugees from Vienna, studied at Oxford and lectured in German at the universities of Reading, Bristol and Westminster, 1971-96. He is currently Consultant Editor of the *Association of Jewish Refugees Journal* and author of histories of the Jewish refugees from Hitler in Britain and of the Austrian emigration to Britain after 1938.

Maya Jacobs is the daughter of Anita Lasker Wallfisch and Peter Wallfisch both of whom were born in Breslau. In 1943 Anita was deported to Auschwitz, where she played cello in the infamous Women's orchestra of Birkenau. Following her liberation Anita did not talk about the past. Living in the shadow of this secretive heritage, Maya found that her sense of personal identity and an experience of 'belonging' have been deeply challenging. These experiences have informed her work as a psychotherapist.

Rabbi Rodney Mariner is Emeritus Rabbi of Belsize Square synagogue, an independent London congregation established by German and Central European Jews in 1938. He has compiled *siddurim* and *machzorim* for the synagogue that reflect its unique heritage of German Liberal Judaism.

Allan Morgenthau is the child of refugees from Nazi Germany. He is the former Chair and President of the LJCC, where he has chaired discussions and events.

Dorli Neale was born in Innsbruck and England on the Kindertransport in December. She was sponsored by a grammar school able to finish her education. After selling her Dorli was a manager in one of the homes for and German Refugees.

Michael Newman is the Chief Executive of the Association of Jewish Refugees. He is also the President of the Anglo-Jewish Association.

Kit Plaschkes is the daughter of Otto who escaped Vienna for England in 1938 Kindertransport. Kit currently divides between New York and London and is producer.

Dr Gideon Reuveni is Director of the Centre for German-Jewish studies at the University of Reading. He is the author of *Reading Germany: Literature and Consumer Culture in Germany 1933 (2006)* and the co-editor of several other books on diverse topics from sports to Jewish history.

Professor Edward Timms, founder of the German-Jewish Studies at the University of Reading, is an authority on the cultural politics of Germany. His books include: *Karl Kraus - Apocalyptic and Taking up the Torch: English Institutional Dialectics and Multicultural Commitment*.

Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg of the New London Synagogue is also Senior Rabbi of the Assembly of Masorti Synagogues and a leading thinker on Judaism. Rabbi Wittenberg is in Glasgow to a family of German Jewish rabbinic ancestors on both sides.

Claudia Zimmermann is an Associate Lecturer at the Department of Sociology at the University of Graz, and for the past year working closely with the Council for Refugee Academics (CARA) and the Popper Trust to coordinate their efforts to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Sir Ludwig Guttmann of the Paralympics.

The London Jewish Cultural Centre (LJCC) together with Sussex University's Centre for German-Jewish Studies (CGJS) and the Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) are holding a two day seminar at Ivy House, North London, on Wednesday and Thursday 12 and 13 September 2012. As we approach the 80th anniversary of Hitler's rise to power, the three organisations have come together to reflect on the lives of the Jewish German and Austrian refugees who fled Nazism and their remarkable contribution to life in Britain. The seminar will celebrate their cultural legacy.

PRE-BOOKED - £35 PER DAY*, £60 FOR BOTH DAYS*, £10 PER SESSION
ON THE DAY - £40 PER DAY*, £70 FOR BOTH DAYS*, £12 PER SESSION
 * LUNCH INCLUDED

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER
DAY 1: PRE WAR LIFE AND ESCAPE FROM NAZISM

10.30-11.15am

Dr Anthony Grenville:
 Setting the Scene: Viennese Jewry Before 1938

11.30am-12.30pm

Professor Edward Timms:
 Sigmund Freud and the Creative Circles of Vienna

Lunch

1.30-2.15pm

Trudy Gold:
 Germany 1919-1939: An Overview

2.30-3.30pm

1st Generation Refugees Speak: Panel Discussion:
 Edith Argy, Dr Edgar Feuchtwanger, Dorli Neale

THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
DAY 2: THE IMPACT AND THE LEGACY

Claudia Zimmermann:
 Legacy of Ludwig "Poppa" Guttmann - Founder of the Paralympics

Patrick Bade: Impact of Refugees on Musical Life in Britain

Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg talks to **Dr Gideon Reuveni:** What Can We Learn From the German-Jewish Experience?

2nd Generation Speaks: Panel Discussion: Allan Morgenthau, Kit Plaschkes, Maya Jacobs
 Chair: Michael Newman