

A triumph for Torah Rededication day!

Pat Lipert

On Wednesday, 28th of May 2014, something took place for British Jewry that has never happened before. A precious Sefer Torah was

officially handed over to a Jewish community by a member of the Royal family on behalf of the Royal Institute of Cornwall. Not only was this a landmark event, but a day of ecumenical and spiritual exaltation for Kehillat Kernow,

Israel. Barnard Benarroch, our scribe who repaired the scroll, and his son, Zachary, came from London. The onlookers must have wondered what all the fuss was about, but waved and smiled in approval. This was clearly something very special. The atmosphere was electric.



Mazel Tov! - The Duke of Gloucester and Harvey look on as Murray Brown blows the shofar in jubilation after the official handing over of the Torah Scroll to the Kehillat Kernow Community (photo: Bernie Pettersen).

We were admitted into the Museum where the Torah scroll was waiting and where the official ceremony would take place. At 10:30am, as we gathered in various groups, the Duke of Gloucester, Col. Edward Bolitho, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall and President of the RIC, and Mr. Ian Wall, director of the Museum, descended the grand staircase in the main entrance hall.

They greeted and spoke with many KK members present along with various representatives of government and civic leaders.

At 10:50 am, the official handover of the scroll began. Speeches by Ian Wall, the Duke of Gloucester, and KK Chairman, Harvey Kurzfield took place. When the Scroll was given into the arms of Harvey, one could hear a pin drop; it was such a dramatic and moving moment. The Torah was dressed in a beautiful, hand-made mantle created and made by Mrs. Anne Hearle, overlaid with a silver yad inscribed, "Zot HaTorah." This precious Falmouth Scroll once used by a Jewish community in the Falmouth synagogue over one hundred years ago was ours!

Murray Brown blew the Shofar! Exaltation! At 11:00am, we processed to the entrance of the Museum and onto the street. The Chuppah, covered by Leslie's Tallith, was raised by David Hearle, Adam Feldman, Murray Brown and Zeev Cohen. Harvey took his place under the Chuppah. Cornish Piper, Robin Holmes proceeded, and all of the invited guests followed led by Councillor Loic Rich, the Right Worshipful Mayor of Truro in full regalia. Escorted by the three constables, and two KK marshals, Graham Berral and Saul Berger, we walked from River Street to the Municipal Building on Boscawen Street. The Chuppah was raised at the entrance to the building and everyone walked beneath it into the building and up the stairs where the Service of Rededication was being held. MP Sarah Newton joined us for the service.

Members presenting various clergy, museum officials and trustees, representatives from Plymouth, Exeter and Totnes Synagogues, Council and Civic officials, as well as a majority of KK members, and media reporters, entered the room across from the Council Chambers. It had been set up in Synagogue format with the Ark at the... **Continued on page 2** ➔

the Jewish Community of Cornwall. About 100 members of the Jewish Community and greater Cornwall Community were on hand to witness this historic event. Representatives of the police, civic and municipal officials, and travellers from Israel, London and HRH, Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester were on hand to participate in the daylong activities to commemorate the rededication of the Falmouth Torah Scroll. And HaShem must have been smiling down at us for He provided the most glorious, warm, sunny day to enhance the joy of the occasion.

The day began on River Street outside the RIC, the Truro Museum at 10:00 am. On the pavements surrounding the front of the museum, a multitude of euphoric Jews, some local, some not, those who had travelled from across Britain, gathered together, hugged and kissed and greeted each other, so elated to be able to be part of this simcha, so proud to be members of the family of Israel.

David Jacobs, Director of Synagogue Partnership of the MRJ, had flown in from Toronto the day before, and the Rev. Elkan Levy, past President of the US and past chairman of the Chief Rabbinate Council, flew in from

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Chairman's remarks

Harvey Kurzfield

So, we now have our own scroll... What does it mean for us and how will we use it? What will be its effect on the wider community and where do we go now? What does it mean? It means we are an established group with an established synagogue ritual to which we faithfully try to adhere. We have grown in confidence over the last fifteen years and can hold our heads high. Having our own scroll also gives us added dignity as well as a sense of pride in being part of a much wider and well-respected Jewish community.



How will we use it? I hope all our regular service takers will accept the challenge of preparing at least a small portion to be read aloud from our new scroll each time it is brought out for a service. Great lengths have been gone to obtain this and it only seems right and proper it be used as much as possible and not seen as simply a holy object. Of course, it is a holy object and very precious but it will truly be restored to life by consistent usage. The script is small, but I hope I led the way at the last Shabbat service by reading the first paragraph of Parashah Naso. It wasn't a flawless effort by any means, but I still felt immensely uplifted by the experience and hope that others will feel the same way over the course of time. What will be its effect on the wider community? I hope, after all the excellent publicity we received, that we will be expanding as a Jewish entity as more Jewish people hear about our existence in Cornwall and ask to join. Acquiring the Falmouth scroll has projected our image across Cornwall, Britain and abroad in a very positive way and that may well have positive repercussions. Your committee will certainly be working hard to make sure that we respond appropriately. Where do we go now? There's only one answer to this - forward, with renewed vigour and confidence. I trust you will all share in that forward progression. Shalom.

Kiddush help needed



People who attend the Saturday services at Three Bridges School are super about bringing food and drink for a wonderful Kiddush and light lunch after. What we also need are for more people to help with the cleaning up and putting away of things after the service. Only a few people do this every week and it is hard on those who are left behind. Please let's make this a true communal effort!

Torah Rededication day!



Hag Bahah-Sofer Bernard Benarroch raises the newly repaired Falmouth Sefer Torah as Adam Feldman, the gelilah, looks on during the rededication service led by the Rev. Elkan Levy (photo: Anthony Fagin).

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At 11:30am, the service began, led by the Rev. Elkan Levy, and David Jacobs.

The double doors opened. Murray Brown and Harvey holding the Sefer Torah stood at the entrance. The congregation stood mesmerised as they looked upon this Torah. The Shofar was blown again. Tekiah! Anthony Fagin, recited the Baruch Haba and Harvey proceeded up the centre isle to David Jacobs and Elkan Levy who were waiting to receive the Torah.

The service couldn't have been more moving and well thought out. Classic Jewish prayers were recited; four perfectly chosen readings were delivered by: Rosie Brown, Bonnie Rockley, Rachel Brown and David Jacobs. The Hag Bahah was performed by sofer Bernard Benarroch with Adam Feldman assisting as his gelilah.

Elkan Levy led prayers especially written by him for this service for the Queen, Israel, and the Community. Anne and David Hearle accepted the Torah into the Ark and Elkan delivered his sermon. And what a sermon it was! Elkan, in typical dedicated, scholarly and erudite fashion, spent days working on it. He began by reciting a special Hallel Psalm, "This is the day that the Lord has made; we will be glad and rejoice on it." He spoke of

the uniqueness and greatness of the day and gave a history of the scroll which began over 350 years ago in German Bohemia, the pains and rituals the scribe would have taken to prepare and to write this sacred text, its journey to Falmouth in the 1740's, the long road to its acquisition by the Kehillat Kernow community and its repair to make it halachically useable in services.

"We have today brought together a scroll written in the time of the Stuarts, carried to this country during the reign of George II, put to sleep in the reign of Queen Victoria, and now resurrected in the reign of her great-great granddaughter, our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth," he said.

His sermon closed with a prayer for this Torah and the Kehillat Kernow community. A speech by Harvey Kurzfield and the Major of Truro and presentations of gifts by Leslie Lipert followed. The service, of course, closed with Adon Olam.

Following the service, a luncheon was held in the Council Chambers catered by Mrs. Anne Curtis and guests who wanted a closer inspection of the Scroll took place in the presence of Elkan.

This is a day that will go down in Kehillat Kernow history as one of its most precious highlights. This is a day in which history was made. This is a day when the Shechinah must truly have been within each of us.

Reflections on a miracle

Elkan Levy

How can one evaluate in words the privilege of being involved in something totally unique and being connected simultaneously with the past and with the future?

I have had such an experience and it took place with Kehillat Kernow on 28th May 2014, but the story goes back long before that.

The first time that I came to the beautiful Duchy of Cornwall was with my parents in 1964 and I remember visiting the Penzance cemetery. I also remember my father telling me that he had heard that there were some Sifre Torah in the Royal Cornwall Museum. How he knew this I do not know and I little dreamt that one day I would have a close association with them. Fast forward to 2009. I was driving with Celia z"l to the West Country, possibly for the 10th anniversary celebrations of Kehillat Kernow, when the benefactor rang me and suggested that we might try to reclaim one of the Falmouth scrolls and restore it to real use. I thought it was a nice idea but probably impossible. However, shortly afterwards I began to negotiate with Northampton Museum for the return of the bones of three Jews who had died about 1250; the following year I had the privilege of re-interring them in the Northampton Jewish cemetery and this suggested that we might not be dreaming an impossible dream.

By that time the Falmouth scroll project was beginning to assume the outlines of possibility and the determined and unstoppable Leslie Lipert was firmly in the saddle!

I remember coming down to Penzance in April 2010, the first time that I had had the privilege of enjoying the wonderful Lipert hospitality and their amazing views over Mount's Bay, Penzance. We went to the Royal Cornwall Museum and saw three of the scrolls; the fourth one, paradoxically the one that was ultimately restored, was actually being used in an exhibition in the Penlee Museum in connection with the Jews Free School settlement in Mousehole during the war. I then persuaded Bernard Benarroch, the scribe, to come to the West Country accompanied by his son, Zack, and in one trip he looked at the Torah scrolls in Truro, Plymouth and Exeter.

He thought that one of the Falmouth scrolls in the Museum could be repaired. Although he would not normally undertake such a task, because of the significance that it had for Kehillat Kernow he was prepared to do it. The negotiations were long and complex, and if it were not for Leslie Lipert and his amanuensis Pat, as well as the invaluable input of David Jacobs there is no doubt in my mind that we would not have succeeded. The climax came in February 2013. I had travelled down by sleeper for yet another meeting with the Trustees of the Museum. Leslie met me at Penzance and took me home for breakfast and we then went with Harvey Kurzfield prepared and expecting to have to argue the whole case again. The Trustee sub-committee that we met was chaired by Mr Mark

Chanter and his opening words amazed us. "I'm sorry we've kept you waiting so long. Of course you can have your scroll!"

The rest, as they say, is history. Bernard spent months restoring the scroll; it was only when I had the privilege of closely examining it I realised what a gargantuan painstaking task he had undertaken. The Torah scroll is perhaps 350 years old. Writing in a modern scroll is very much larger and the ink is very much blacker. Bernard not only had to patch the tears and holes but then had to restore the writing with the same colour ink, using the same antiquated script, and a quill pen cut to the dimensions current in the 17th century. The repairs can hardly be seen - a tribute to his amazing skill and devotion.

Leslie and I began to plan the rededication service. This too was difficult; nobody had done it before; there were no precedents. Special prayers and a sermon were composed, the room set up and the great day dawned.

What an amazing experience! Never before has a Royal Duke handed a Torah Scroll written in the days of the Stuarts to the head of a Jewish community. Never before has it been rededicated in such a way. Never again are we likely to experience such a feeling of religious



What a day! -The Rev. Elkan Levy enjoying the reception at the Royal Museum of Cornwall prior to the official handing over of the Falmouth Sefer Torah (photo: Anthony Fagin).

exaltation and if we do, any such experience will have to be measured against 28th May 2014. This was one of the great experiences of my life and I am grateful to Kehillat Kernow for having had the privilege of participating in it.

To all who made it happen

Harvey Kurzfield

Thank you from Kehillat Kernow members for such a successful Torah hand-over ceremony to the following people:

Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester who officially handed over the scroll.

Col. Edward Bolitho, The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, who arranged for the Duke of Gloucester to make the handover. Trustees of the Royal Institute of Cornwall particularly, **Peter Strethridge**, former chairman; **Mark Chanter**, vice chairman, and **Bert Biscoe**, honorary secretary.

Hilary Bracegirdle, former director of the Royal Cornwall Museum who dealt with many of the procedures in the negotiations for the scroll. **Ian Wall**, the current director of the Royal Cornwall Museum who continued the process. **Angela Broome**, Librarian at the Courtney Library, RCM.

Councillor Loic Rich, Right Worshipful, Mayor of Truro. **Roger Gazzard**, Truro Town Cler and staff of the City Hall for arranging facilities for the event.

The anonymous donor who had scroll restored. **Bernard Benarroch**, the scribe, who repaired and revitalised the scroll for halachic use. **Elkan Levy** for his advice and support during the Torah negotiations, preparing and leading our service of dedication and travelling from Israel to share in this great day.

David Jacobs for his advice and support during the Torah negotiations and for supporting Elkan during the service and for his unflinching support of Kehillat Kernow since its creation.

Taryn Harris, Membership and Communications Manager, Royal Cornwall Museum for coordinating and publicising the event.

Members of the local constabulary who assisted our passage through Truro.

Anne Curtis and her staff who provided an excellent lunch.

Robin Holmes, Cornish Piper.

Pat Lipert for all her 'behind the scenes' support.

Anne Hearle who made two beautiful mantles for the Scroll.

David Hearle who constructed the 'Chuppa' and his help in preparations for the rededication ceremony and **Anthony Fagin** for both his photography and his ingenuity in assisting with the construction of the 'chuppa.' **Carter Speedy** who took a video of the proceedings on the day.

All those who participated in the Ceremonies.

Dr Danny Tempkin who gifted the community with a special Yad for the Sefer Torah. Friends from Denmark, Exeter, Totnes, Bristol, Manchester and London.

Kehillat Kernow Committee members who facilitate all that takes place in the community the members of which work quietly behind the scenes to facilitate everything that takes place within the community.

And finally **Leslie Lipert** who put in years of work to bring the scroll back to a useful life again and who masterminded the ceremony and celebrations. His contribution has been invaluable and we salute his dedication and determination that resulted in such a successful outcome.

Simchah Pesach

The 2014 Pesach services and seder were another triumph for Anne Hearle who organised the annual event and for people who attended the festive first night services and celebratory meal. Good attendance and plenty of enthusiasm marked the services led by Chairman Harvey Kurzfeld which were held at Trelissick Gardens.

Photos: Anthony Fagin and Leslie Lipert.



Pesach Shalom - Anne Hearle, organizer of the first night Seder, enjoying the atmosphere now that all the preparations are in place. Well done, Anne!



Welcoming Elijah - Chairman Harvey Kurzfeld and Secretary Rachel Brown open the door for the traditional welcome and hope for the coming of Elijah to our Seder



The children have it - Enthusiastic words and singing from the Cheder children as they go through their paces covering the Four Questions, a cornerstone of the Seder service.



How is this night...? - Adam Feldman leads the cheder children in song and verse for the traditional reciting of the Mah Nishtanah



Anticipation - Kehillat Kernow members looking forward to the Haggadah service which is about to begin. From left to right are: Adam, Hannah, Jemima, Melanie and Isaac Feldman, Nicola Willis and Anthony Fagin.



The story begins-Chairman Harvey Kurzfeld leads the Passover service while special guest, Peter Mitchell of the Truro Baptist Church, intently follows along with his Haggadah.



A royal interest - Harvey introduces the Duke of Gloucester to members of the Kehillat Kernow Community. From left to right are: Harvey Kurzfield, the Duke of Gloucester, Anthony Fagin, David and Anne Hearle (photo: Bernie Pettersen).



A big thank you! - KK Treasurer Leslie Lipert presents former Museum chair, Hilary Bracegirdle with a Kehillat Kernow Kiddush Cup following the service of dedication (photo: Bernie Pettersen).



Senior Cheder - The Rev. Elkan Levy discusses some finer points about the Falmouth Torah Scroll to Museum Director Ian Wall; KK Treasurer Leslie; former Museum Director Hilary Bracegirdle, and KK Chairman Harvey Kurzfield (photo: Bernie Pettersen)

Thoughtful commentaries - Dedicated members of Kehillat Kernow and MRJ Director for Synagogue Partnership, are seen delivering pertinent readings during the Service of Dedication. From left to right are: Rosie Brown, Vice Chair Bonnie Rockley, KK Secretary Rachel Brown and David Jacobs (photos: Anthony Fagin).



Landmark procession-For the first time in Truro history, the Sefer Torah is marched through the streets of Truro on its way for a formal Service of Dedication, led by Cornish Piper Robin Holmes (photo: Anthony Fagin).

Precious moments

Nothing could have been more special than the day-long ceremonies for the Re-dedication of the Falmouth Sefer Torah on the 28th of May in Truro beginning with the official handing over of the Torah from the Royal Cornwall Museum to the KK community, the procession through the streets following the Torah under the Chuppah, the brilliant Re-dedication Service led by Elkan Levy and the luncheon which followed.

Editorial

There have been many times in Jewish history when something wonderful and unique happens, an event, which inspires and moves all the people who are lucky enough to be present and experience it. Wednesday, 28th of May was such a day for Cornish Jews and all those from outside communities who attended the Re-dedication Ceremonies of the Falmouth Torah Scroll in Truro.

It was a cause for great celebration for many reasons. Never before in the history of British Jewry has a Sefer Torah been returned from a Museum to a Jewish Community. Never before has a Scroll once used over a hundred years ago in the Falmouth Synagogue, been halachically restored and resurrected to be used again in synagogue service by, yes, a newly established Cornish Jewish Community after a formal lapse of Jewish religious services and observance.

Another cause for celebration was the input, effort and hard work by committed members of the local and greater Jewish communities from Israel to London and by members of the civic, governmental and cross-cultural institutions to make this happen. The event was celebrated by representatives of various faiths, various backgrounds and of course, by Jews who attended from across Great Britain and Israel and by members of local, parliamentary and civic governments. That this Jewish ceremony happened with enthusiasm and genuine empathy from a cross-section of British life, shows what can be achieved when the spirit of cooperation, mutual understanding and respect override individual secular or religious differences. The return of the Falmouth Scroll to Kehillat Kernow was not only a triumph for religious reasons; it had ecumenical and historical ramifications. It was the result of dedicated, hard work by a small handful of individuals who understood that Jewish values, Jewish observance and Jewish continuity were worth fighting for and maintaining. The success of this is also shared by others who were far-sighted enough to realise how important a ritual and religious artefact is not only to the community who will make regular use of it, but also serves to enhance the greater community.

In times which are too often marred by anti-Semitic acts and persecutions across the cultural and religious divide, Wednesday's event provided an uplifting and hopeful sign that not all is despair or cause for lament. In a time when religious scepticism is rampant and part of the popular consciousness, a concerted effort to place the importance of God in people's lives through honouring this Sefer Torah, is a reaffirmation that the spiritual side of life still thrives in the hearts of many more people than one assumes.

This Re-Dedication of a precious Sefer Torah was truly a cause for celebration and a time of Thanksgiving.

David Jacobs retires

Pat Lipert

One of this community's greatest sources of information and guidance for the past 15 years in all matters Jewish and MRJ-related, has retired from his full-time position as Director for Synagogue Partnership. David Jacobs along with his wife Hannah have helped KK since its inception in 1999, through hands on support and regular visits to the community. His extensive knowledge and perspective have been a major influence on the growth of our community which has allowed us to become a recognised Jewish presence not only in Cornwall but also throughout Britain.

He will return as a Community Consultant for the MRJ in November after a short break. His new status will also allow David to pursue many of his other interests in Jewish history, genealogy and the Jewish Museum, as well it is hoped, to have more time to spend with family and friends across the globe.

His life-long enthusiasm and expertise with the Reform Movement was formally established when he joined the MRJ 22 years ago. During that time he has helped over 20 communities recruit their rabbis, run a huge variety of programmes, taken services across the country, led weekend study sessions and Shabbat services with many of the smaller communities throughout the country and also was involved in the development of the latest Reform siddur. David was officially honoured at this year's Chagigah in Nottingham in June.

Most recently, in May, David participated in our Re-dedication ceremonies for the newly acquired historic Falmouth Torah Scroll from the Royal Museum of Cornwall, and was

instrumental in advising this community during the long negotiation process.

In addition to almost weekly advice to members of our community on all matters historical, Jewish, and halachic, David's enthusiasm and genuine love for Jewish life in all its aspects, has inspired countless community leaders through the years.

He will be sorely missed in his full-time capacity



Always of service - David holding the Falmouth Torah Scroll during the Service of Dedication in May (Photo: Bernie Pettersen).

but the close relationships he has forged over the years will ensure that in the future, he will continue to be an invaluable source of guidance for all of us.

Mazel Tov to David for having achieved so much and all good wishes for a fulfilling and satisfying life for many, many years to come. [Some information has been obtained from the recent MRJ news publication]

Women in Judaism: Shadows behind the curtain

Pat Lipert

Liz Berg will perform a one woman show celebrating this year's Open Days of Jewish Culture and Heritage (EDJCH) at Three Bridges School in Blackwater on Sunday, 14 September from 2-4 pm. Open to the public, this show created by professional story teller, Liz Berg, is called Shadows Behind the Curtain and will highlight famous women throughout Jewish history who have influenced and directed major events. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served following the performance.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to allay costs is welcome to do so.

This year's theme for EDJCH, an international event, is Women in Judaism and is sponsored and organised by B'nai B'rith. Liz Berg, a member of Kehillat Kernow, has been a professional storyteller for many years and she brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and much humour to her performances. It is an event you won't want to miss.



Book review: The Jews of Cornwall by Keith Pearce

Michael A. Jolles

[A leading Anglo-Jewish researcher, Michael Jolles is a member of the Council of the Jewish Historical Society of England and Fellow of the Royal Historical Society]

I was delighted to read this fascinating, authoritative book - a majestic work which commends itself to the top stratum of important, and meticulously researched provincial Anglo-Jewish community histories. Jews arrived in Cornwall in the 1740s. A small number disembarked at Falmouth and one or two at Fowey, only to move on promptly to London and elsewhere. Others arrived in Cornwall, mainly from continental Europe. In his book, Pearce has tried to identify and research every Jew who settled in Cornwall up until 1913. He supplies their family history, places of origin (usually overseas), when and where they settled, their occupations and significant life events. He presents documentary particulars (births, marriages, deaths, newspaper reports, archival papers, minute books, obituaries, naturalisation documents), and details of where they were buried. Amongst the many families treated in detail are the de Pass and Lemon Hart families.

The detailed chapter on cemeteries includes all legible headstone inscriptions with an English translation from the Hebrew. Further chapters provide interesting details of congregations and how they functioned. He presents biographical accounts of the Rabbis for each congregation, conscientiously dealing with all ambiguities, uncertainties and contradictions which permeate almost all eighteenth and nineteenth century congregations' histories. Some ministers were well established; many were peripatetic, yet Pearce manages to track many of their postings across the country and beyond. Tikkunim, the congregations' formal regulations, are detailed and give valuable insight into the mindset, anxieties and strictness of the times. Another chapter records a few post-1913 noteworthy Jewish Cornwall residents.

A major strength of the book is the combination of the painstaking detail - which Pearce skilfully manages to make easy reading of the variety of topics that are discussed throughout. We therefore learn about economic history, court case reports, Freemasonry, mining, railways, wrecks, etymology, Cornish language, migration, and Jewish traditions, onomastics, observances and customs. A fascinating analysis of the many traditions and legends about Cornwall's supposed long-past associations with Jews, Judaism or the Hebrew language is presented: many are systematically

disproved or discredited. Pearce is refreshingly exacting in stating the degree of certainty pertaining to any fact, claim or supposition. It is instructive to review where Pearce's book stands in the genre of English provincial Jewish community histories. Firstly, Pearce's book at 624 pages is the longest history of an Anglo-Jewish provincial community. It is the third longest single-volume book on any aspect of Anglo-Jewish history ever written.

Secondly, Anglo-Jewish provincial community history is a relatively recent subject. In 1938 Bertram Benas remarked that his father's work on Liverpool and one on Birmingham (E. Lawrence Levy's Birmingham Jewry 1870 and 1929; 96 pages; circa 1929) had been virtually the only substantial histories written about any provincial Jewish community. Since the Second World War, several more emerged, many published within the last fifteen years. A pioneer, Rabbi Bernard Susser, set out the first major account of the Jewry in the south-west in 1993 (not disregarding Alex Jacob's earlier research). Keith Pearce and Helen Fry published their *The Lost Jews of Cornwall* in 2000. Half a generation later, Pearce amassed a prodigious amount of material derived from thirty years' continuous research to produce the third book on Cornish Jews. He broadened the syllabus and introduced new research topics for inclusion. A book of this comprehensive nature is unprecedented for a provincial Jewish community.

Thirdly, his book relates to the small number of communities that had been established by the mid-eighteenth century and had ceased over a century ago.

Fourthly, Pearce's book is almost unique in being a history of the Jews of an English county per se. let me recount a recent experience.

I purchased a Yom Kippur machzor published in 1860. Its free endpaper bore an inscription by "Anne Jacob, Falmouth". It mentioned that her father had died a few months ago on the "21st day of Shevat 5620," "aged 47 yrs." I checked Pearce's book and established from the genealogically-based index there had been a "Moses Jacob Jacob (1812-1860)" who was president of the Falmouth congregation. Within minutes, I discovered the identity of the inscriber's late father along with his personal history. The book displayed his family tree, one of thirty-one altogether. I found in Pearce's book not only a photograph of him and another of his family taken but also the headstone epigraphy which fitted the machzor's inscription details exactly.

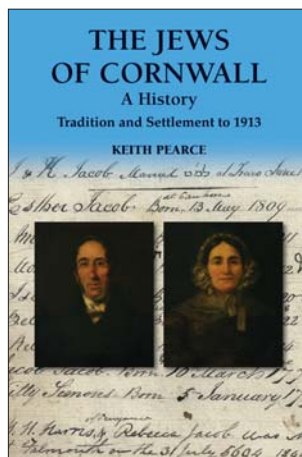
My finding complete congruence between evidence from the book and a completely

independent external source (over 250 miles from Cornwall) amply attests to the usefulness, accuracy, accessibility and coherence of Pearce's research. The book is fully furnished

with source reference notes. There are sixty-four plates incorporating over 150 finely reproduced illustrations, many in colour - all contributing to a handsomely presented book.

The book is important to a broad range of readers and is an integral component of Cornish history, indispensable for those researching Anglo-Jewish history. It also provides the general reader and the student of British history with an absolutely authentic, accessible and interesting

account of a set of Jewish local communities, their intricacies and idiosyncrasies. Cornwall and British Jewry are indebted to Keith Pearce as an archival conservationist, cemetery custodian, and historian and author of an important, diligently-researched and authoritative masterpiece.



New Venue for Days of Awe

The High Holy Days will have a new venue this year. All services for Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur will be held at The Long Barn, Roselidden Farm in Helston. The Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah Day and the Breakfast for Yom Kippur will be followed by catered buffet meals. Directions to the new site for services can easily be obtained from the Internet or by phoning the owners of Roselidden Farm, Trevenen Bal, Helston, TR13 OPT at 01326-558748.

Erev Rosh Hashanah services begin promptly at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 24 September followed by an evening meal provided by Kehillat Kernow to bring in the New Year, 5775.

Rosh Hashana services on the first day will begin at 10:30am. Kiddush and a catered luncheon will be after the service. Kol Nidrei begins promptly at 7:00pm on Friday, the 3rd of October

Yom Kippur services begin at 10:30am, Saturday, the 4th of October. Yizchor services are scheduled for about 4:30-5:00 pm. A catered dinner to break the fast will follow around 6:30pm.

The new venue will provide a peaceful, secluded atmosphere in pleasant surroundings with plenty of parking spaces along with easy access to The Long Barn with appropriate facilities to accommodate our needs during this special holiday period.

Notices and diary

Mazel Tov:

- Leslie Lipert on return of the scroll and re-dedication ceremony
- Melanie Feldman on her marathon run to find cures for colonic cancer
- Keith Pearce on the publication of his book, The Jews of Cornwall
- David Hearle, Adam Feldman, Zeev Cohen and Murray Brown for their star performances as Chuppah bearers
- Susan Soyinka for her award from the Jewish Genealogical Society
- Anne Hearle for completion of two extraordinary mantles for our Sefer Torah

Get Well Soon:

- Vera Collins
- Brenda Mason

Condolences:

- Jacquie Rickett on the loss of Peggy.

Diary:

- Aug 5th Tisha B'Av (Tues), 9 Av. No service
- Aug 9th Va'etchannan, Shabbat Nachamu (Harvey), 13 Av, 10:30am, TBS
- Aug 23rd R'eih, Blessing for Elul (Pat), 27 Av, 10:30am, TBS
- Sep 6th Ki Teitzei (Julian), 11 Elul, 10:30am, TBS
- Sep 20th Nitzavim-Va-yeilech (Adam), 25 Elul, 10:30am, TBS
- Sep 24th Erev Rosh Hashanah (Wed), 29 Elul, 6:30pm, The Long Barn at Roselidden. Supper to follow.
- Sep 25th Rosh Hashanah (Thurs), 1 Tishri, 10:30am, The Long Barn at Roselidden. Kiddish to follow.

- Oct 3rd Kol Nidrei (Fri), 9 Tishri, 7:00pm, The Long Barn at Roselidden.
- Oct 4th Yom Kippur (Sat), 10 Tishri, 10:30am-6:30pm, Breakfast communal supper to follow, The Long Barn at Roselidden.
- Oct 9th Sukkot (Thurs), 15 Tishri. No service.
- Oct 11th Shabbat Chol Ha-mo'ed Sukkot (Liz), 17 Tishri, 10:30am, TBS
- Oct 16th Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah (Thurs), 22 Tishri. No Service
- Oct 25th Noach, Shabbat Rosh Chodesh (Harvey), 1 Cheshvan, 10:30am, TBS
- Nov 8th Va-yeira (Pat), 15 Cheshvan, 10:30am, TBS
- Nov 22nd Tol'dot, Blessing for Kislev, Machar Chodesh (Julian), 29 Cheshvan, 10:30am, TBS
- Dec 6th Va-yishlach (Adam), 14 Kislev, 10:30am, TBS
- Dec 16th Erev Chanukkah (Tues), 24 Kislev. No service.
- Dec 17th Chanukkah, First Day (Wed), 25 Kislev. No service
- Dec 20th Mikkeitz, Blessing for Chanukkah, Blessing for Tevet (Liz), 28 Kislev, 10:30am, TBS

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Leslie's joke



Yankel Kolowitz applies for a job as a lumberjack. "Wait a minute, Kolowitz," says the foreman. "You really don't look like you're cut out for this job. Are you sure you're a lumberjack?" "Yes," he replies. "I don't know. You're such a little guy. Let's see. Chop down that tree over there." Yankel fells it in one stroke. "Hmmm. Pretty impressive, Kolowitz. Where'd you learn your trade anyway?" "Well," replies Kolowitz, "for many years I worked in the Sahara Forest." "You mean the Sahara Desert?" "Sure... now."

Mezzuzot and Kiddush Cups
 There are still a few KK Kiddush Cups - £60, Siddurim - £16, and Mezzuzot - £25/£50 (without or with scroll) available. Contact Leslie Lipert to purchase.

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Almost authentic pizza

Melanie Feldman



I have tried to make a pizza base that replicates the real dough found in Roman Pizzerias: properly crispy thin bases. Shop bought pizza bases or pizzas here are nothing like the Italian versions. Not 100% there yet-Italian pizzas are baked on a stone which retains its heat at over 300 degrees C. This is as close as I can get with a conventional oven.

- Dough sufficient for 2 pizzas, each big enough for 2 people. Choose your own topping-not too much sauce!
- 11 oz strong flour
 - 1/2 tsp yeast
 - 1 tsp sugar
 - splash of olive oil
 - 1 tsp salt
 - 1 tbspd dried milk powder
 - 210m. water
- Mix on the dough



The dough's the thing - No matter what topping you choose, this dough will make your pizza delicious.

programme of a bread machine or by hand. In a bread machine always separate the yeast and salt by a good dollop of flour. With hand mixing and kneading, mix salt with one half of the flour, yeast with the other, before mixing together. Salt kills yeast. Roll the dough very thin indeed. Can be virtually see through. Most easily done by using a little flour on the surface and allowing the edges to stick down firm so you roll away from a fixed point. Heat the oven to its highest setting. Oil 2 large baking trays or round pizza trays with oil. Pop them in the oven to get very hot. The baking trays will be smouldering and filling the oven with fumes from the hot oil (awful washing up to come, sorry!). Carefully remove them one at a time and flop the thin dough on top. Bake for 5 minutes. Remove them, pop the topping on. If they have puffed up like pitta bread, just make a couple of vent holes.

SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so the numbers 1 to 9 appear only once in each row, each column and 3x3 box. Don't worry; no maths is involved. Only logic is required to solve the puzzle. Have fun!

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