

Newscuttings and other Primary Sources

- Leeds Jewish Tailors' Strike, 7th May to 23rd May 1888 (newscuttings)
- Report from the Select Committee on Emigration and Immigration (1889) Includes eyewitness accounts
- A Commercial Directory Leeds Jews (1893) – G. Eugene Harfield
- 'The Slipper-Makers and Tailors of Leeds', Ch. III of The White Slaves of England: Being the True Picture of Certain Social Conditions in the Kingdom of England in the Year 1897 (1898) – R.H. Sherard. (Chapter III)
- Anglo-Jewry: A Monthly Magazine Specially Devoted to Jewish Interests (includes Leeds Jewry: Volume 1, No.2, April 15, 1910)
- The Soul of the Leeds Ghetto: Yorkshire Evening News cuttings (1925)
- Leeds Women's Zionist Council Bazaar (brochure: 1948)
- Leeds Jewry (1953) – F.L. De Baughn; article with response by Louis Saipé
- The Jews of Leeds: the Story of a Minority Community (1955) – 'Picture Post' special feature.
- Leeds Jewish Representative Council: 60th Anniversary (1966). Includes demographic information for 1966
- Leeds Jewish Representative Council (year book: 1971-2012)
- Jewish Telegraph (June 3, 1976 – present). Newspaper.
- Glimpses of Jewish Leeds (1988) – photographs compiled by Douglas Charing. For more photographs see: www.leodis.net

Online and Further Resources

- www.secretlibraryleeds.net. Leeds Libraries' heritage blog, which includes pages of articles on family history and Jewish Leeds history
- www.jhse.org/branches-1/leeds. Leeds branch - Jewish Historical Society
- www.makorjewishcultureuk.org/heritage. The Leeds Jewish Archive, managed by Makor, the Jewish Cultural Office for Leeds and Yorkshire
- www.british-jewry.org.uk/leedsjewry/index.php. The 'Leeds Database' – a sprawling, essential collection of names and data for Jewish family history; initially focusing on Leeds, but now includes other areas.
- www.jewishgen.org/jcr-uk/Leeds.htm. Historical information and searchable databases for Jewish family history in Leeds

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Our Research Guides list some of the most useful, interesting and unique items in **Local and Family History** at **Leeds Central Library**. Many others are listed in our online and card catalogues.

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History

- [A History of the Jews of Leeds](#) (1985) - Louis Saipe
- [Leeds Jewry: The First Hundred Years](#) (1992) – Murray Freedman
- ‘Leeds Jewish Community: A Sketch of its History and Development’ in [Aspects of Leeds 1](#) (ed., Lynne Stevenson Tate) (1998) – Murray Freedman
- [From the Leylands to LS17: Jewish Leeds in Words and Images](#) (2014) – Diane Saunders
- [A Sketch of Leeds Jewry in the 19th-century](#) (1975) – A.S. Diamond
- [General Factors Affecting the Rise and the Integration of the Jewish Minority in Leeds: 1860-1901](#) (1980) – R. O’Brien
- [Immigrants and the Class Struggle: the Jewish Immigrant in Leeds 1880-1914](#) (1983) – Joseph Buckman
- [Identity, Migration and Belonging: The Jewish Community of Leeds, 1890-1920](#) (2015) – Aaron Kent
- [The 1912 Anarchist Conference as Reported by the Local Jewish Group](#) (1983) – Joseph Buckman
- [Leeds Jewry and the Great War, 1914-1918: the Homefront](#) (1982) – Ernest C. Sterne
- [Leeds Jewry and the Great War, 1914-1918](#) (1981) – Nigel Grizzard
- [‘Their Names Live for Evermore’: The Sacrifice of Leeds Jewish Servicemen in the Great War](#) (2013) – Ruth Morris
- [Leeds Jewry: 1919-1929](#) (1989) – Ernest C. Sterne
- ‘Leeds Jewry, 1930-1939: The Challenge of anti-Semitism’ in [Thoresby Society Miscellany](#) (2000: 2nd Series, Volume 10) - Amanda Bergen
- [25 Characters in Leeds Jewish History](#) (2004) – Murray Freedman
- [Three Jewish Giants of Leeds: Professor Selig Brodetsky, Sir Montague Burton & Jacob Kramer](#) (2000) – Bernard Silver
- [Leeds and its Jewish Community: A History](#) (2019) – ed., D. Fraser
- ‘The Leeds Jewish Tailors’ Strikes of 1885 & 1888,’ in YAJ, Vol.45 - Colin Holmes

Sociology and Demography

- [An Anglo-Jewish Community: Leeds](#) (1961) – E. Krausz
- [Will You Still Need Me, Will You Still Feed Me, When I’m 84?](#) (1984) – Doris France
- [Leeds Jewry: A Demographic and Sociological Profile](#) (1988) – Murray Freedman
- [1891 Census – Leeds: Lists of Jewish Residents](#) (1994) – Murray Freedman
- [Leeds Jews in the 1901 Census: A Demographic Portrait of an Immigrant Community](#) (2002) – Murray Freedman
- [Essays on Leeds and Anglo-Jewish History and Demography](#) (2003) – Murray Freedman See also: Freedman, [Further Essays](#)
- [Chapeltown and its Jews](#) (2003) – Murray Freedman

Religion, Education and Social Welfare

- [Leeds Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Among the Jews](#) (annual reports: 1847-1916)
- [Leeds Jewish Board of Guardians](#) (annual reports: 1893, 1919 & 1922)
- [Leeds Talmud Torah: 65th Balance Sheet](#) (1944)
- [United Hebrew Congregational Bulletin](#) (1946-1951)
- [The Chassid: Official Bulletin of the Chassidishe Synagogue](#) (1952-1954)
- [The Early History of Sinai Synagogue](#) (1985) – Ernest C. Sterne
- [Education for a Multicultural Society: the Historical Perspective – the Jewish Community in Leeds, 1885-1920](#) (1988) – M.J. Dickenson
- [Leeds Jewry: A History of its Synagogues](#) (1995) – Murray Freedman
- [A Jewish School in Victorian Leeds](#) (1995) – Douglas Charing
- [Care in the Jewish Community: the Story of the Leeds Jewish Welfare Board](#) (1999) – Heinz Skyte
- ‘First Leeds Synagogue: Back Rockingham Street’ and ‘The Great Synagogue: Belgrave Street’ in [Blue Plaques of Leeds](#) (2001) – Peter Dyson
- [The ‘Jewish’ Schools of Leeds](#) (2001) – Murray Freedman
- [Photographs of Chassidishe Synagogue](#) (undated)

Culture, Literature and Sport

- [By Their Deeds: A Novel in Four Acts](#) (1946) – Alan Peters (Dr Isaac Hipshon) Novel by acclaimed, but now sadly-forgotten, Leeds-based author
- [They Came to Leeds: A Comedy in Three Acts](#) (1950) – Louis Saipe and Alec Baron. Play based on Saipe’s [A History of the Jews of Leeds](#)
- [Mrs. Sheinblum’s Kitchen](#) (1982) – J.S. Walsh. Study of cultural meeting space for Leeds Jews, especially Zionists
- [Jacob Kramer Collection](#) (nd.). Small but significant collection of personal material belonging to Jacob Kramer, the Leeds artist.
- [Footprints in the Sand](#) (1986) – Louis Teeman. Autobiography telling the story of one families’ journey from the pogroms and ghettos of Europe to the Leyland area of Leeds
- [A History of Moor Allerton Golf Club: 1923-2001](#) (2001) – Ted Hyman. History of the UK’s oldest Jewish golf club
- [The Undark Sky: A Story of Four Brothers](#) (2002) – Geoffrey Raisman. Journey of the Raisman family from Lithuania to Leeds in the 19th-century
- [The Promised Land: The Reinvention of Leeds United](#) (2010) – Anthony Clavane. Partly covers relationship between Leeds Jewish community and Leeds United Football Club.
- [An Audience of Curious People: The Story of the Proscenium Players](#) (2010) – John Fisher. Founded in Leeds in 1948; the first Jewish amateur stage group.
- [Painting the Town Silver: The Life & Times of Leslie Silver](#) (2015) – John Fisher.