

Rainbow Jews

EXHIBITION and ARCHIVE LAUNCH



Image 1 Rainbow Jews archive exhibition was pre-launched at LSE Atrium Gallery on 03/02/14

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PRESS RELEASE: Rainbow Jews Launch

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BRITAIN'S FIRST EVER ARCHIVE of JEWISH LGBT HISTORY TO BE LAUNCHED

On Thursday 06/02/2014, Rainbow Jews launches a ground-breaking exhibition at the London School of Economics as part of LGBT History Month 2014.

Rainbow Jews is a pioneering oral history and archive initiative: Britain's first ever source of Jewish LGBT history. The exhibition is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to learn about Jewish LGBT history in Britain from the 1950s to the present from the people who shaped it: gay Holocaust survivors, strictly Orthodox lesbians, aspiring transgender rabbis and young LGBT activists. Resources will be available both online, in partner archives and as part of a travelling exhibition.

The exhibition features a variety of special activities including an LGBT History Soho tour with a Jewish twist.

The launch event takes place in London this Thursday 6th February 2014, 6.30-9pm at the London School of Economics. The exhibition is open throughout February 2014, Monday to Friday, 10am-8pm.

The opening ceremony at the New Theatre includes a film screening with original and never-seen-before oral history footage, as well as speeches by legendary Human Rights campaigner **Peter Tatchell**, The **Mayor of Camden Councillor Jonathan Simpson** and **Prof. Catherine Harper**, Dean of Portsmouth University Creative Industries. Britain's first Rabbi to come out publicly, Rabbi Lionel Blue, will be celebrating his 84th Birthday at event.

Stephen Fry has also lent his support to the event.



Twitter hashtag: **#RJexhibition**

Rainbow Jews is supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund and hosted by Liberal Judaism. Project partners include Hall Carpenter Archives, London Metropolitan Archives, and University of Portsmouth. The exhibition is being held in association with LSE Arts.

For more information, please visit Rainbow Jews www.rainbowjews.com



"I am honoured to support Rainbow Jews and to celebrate the huge positive contribution that Jewish people make to the LGBT community and to our wider society. Jewish and LGBT people share many parallels of oppression and of triumph over adversity. As victims of prejudice, it is important for us to stand together united against all hate." (Peter Tatchell)



RESOURCES

- **Press pics** (royalty free): <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zoq9z8kw9fytspf/rgqYpl9yuT>
- More information on **the launch and related events**:

<http://www.rainbowjews.com/rainbow-exhibition-launch/>

- **BIOG** founder of Rainbow Jews Surat Knan and information about Rainbow Jews team:

<http://www.rainbowjews.com/about-us/the-rainbow-jews-team/>

- Listen and watch (Rainbow Jews audio-visual resource bank):

<http://www.rainbowjews.com/explore-our-stories/>

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