

APPENDIX B

JEWISH
UNDERGRADUATES
IN 1882

On 13 January 1882, the *Jewish Chronicle* reported that there were 25 Jewish undergraduates at Oxford, of whom 9 were at Balliol, which fortunately has the fullest college register. I make an attempt to reconstruct this list, though there are one or two doubtful cases at the margin. The perils of identification by name alone are well illustrated by the fact that H.E. Mocatta of Pembroke and D.B. Montefiore of St. Alban Hall, both up this year, were both sons of Christian clergymen and were themselves ordained. It must be remembered that the definition of 'undergraduate' at the time and for many years afterwards included all those who had not yet taken the M.A. I give as much material as I have so far found for assessing backgrounds and subsequent Jewish involvement. CHM = Classical Honour Moderations; LH = Literae Humaniores, the final Classical examination.

Balliol

ALEXANDER, Samuel (1859–1938). Son of saddler; see main text. Melbourne University. 1 CHM 1879, 1 Maths Mods. 1879, 1 LH 1881. Fellow of Lincoln 1882. Professor of Philosophy, Manchester 1893–1924. OM 1930. Secretary of the Congregation 1882. Unmarried. Continued to be associated with some Jewish causes and addressed the University Jewish Society on 'Beauty and Greatness' as late as 1935. Buried in South Manchester Jewish Cemetery.

BOAS, Frederick Samuel (1862–1957). Son of Hermann Boas of Belfast. Clifton. 1 CHM 1882, 1 LH 1885, 1 History 1886. Elizabethan scholar. Married daughter of S.J. Owen, Reader in Indian History.

COHEN, Benjamin Arthur (later knighted) (1862–1942). Son of Arthur Cohen, Q.C. Rugby. 2 CHM 1882, 2 LH 1885. Barrister. Married Marguerite, daughter of Nathaniel Cohen; both were buried by Church of England rites, but the date of their conversion is not known.

HALDINSTEIN (later HALDIN), Henry Hyman (1863–1931). Son of P.V. Haldinstein of Norwich, shoe manufacturer. Norwich G.S. 3 CHM 1882, 3 History 1885. Barrister. Member of Board of Deputies of British Jews. Married Mabel, daughter of Sir Herbert Leon, Bart.

JESSEL, Charles James (1860–1928). Son of Sir George Jessel, Master of the Rolls, and created first baronet on his death. Rugby. 3 CHM 1880, 2 Law 1882. Barrister and Chairman of Imperial Continental Gas Association and British North Borneo Company. Married Edith, daughter of Sir Julian Goldsmid, Bart., M.P.

KALISCH, Alfred (1863–1933). Son of Dr. Marcus Kalisch, secretary to Chief Rabbi and subsequently tutor in Rothschild family. King's College School, London. 2 CHM 1882, 3 LH 1885. Barrister and musical critic. Unmarried.

LEE, Solomon Lazarus (later Sir Sidney) (1859–1926). Son of Lazarus Lee of London. City of London School. 3 CHM 1880, 2 History 1882. Early writing on Jewish matters, then Editor of Dictionary of National Biography, author of lives of Shakespeare, Queen Victoria, etc. Unmarried. Cremated and buried at Stratford.

MONTEFIORE, Claude Joseph Goldsmid (1858–1929). Son of Nathaniel Montefiore. Educated privately. 1 LH 1881. Theologian and founder of Liberal Judaism. Married 1) Therese Schorstein, 2) Florence Ward.

WALEY, John Felix (1863–1935). Son of Jacob Waley, barrister. Harrow. 2 CHM 1883, 3 LH 1885. Barrister. Secretary to Council of Legal Education 1915–33. Married 1) Justina, daughter of Nathaniel Cohen, 2) Ethel, daughter of Daniel Schloss.

Christ Church

MONTEFIORE, Sir Francis Abraham, Bart. (1860–1935). Son of Joseph Montefiore. Wellington. No honours degree. Barrister. Chairman of Elders of Sephardi community and Hon. President of Zionist Federation. Married Marianne von Guttman, daughter of wealthy Austrian ironmaster.

SCHORSTEIN, Gustave Isidore (1863–1906). Son of Lazare Schorstein of Reuters, grandson of a Polish Rabbi, born Neuilly, Paris; two sisters went to Girton. City of London School. 1 CHM 1883, 2 LH 1885, B.M. 1889. Believed when undergraduate to be intending to enter Anglo-Jewish ministry. Physician, London Hospital. Unmarried?

Exeter

SASSOON, Alfred (1861–95). Son of Sassoon David Sassoon. No honours degree. Married Theresa Thornycroft and was father of Siegfried Sassoon.

SASSOON, Frederick Meyer (1862–????). Son of Sassoon David Sassoon. No honours degree. Married Rachel Beer.

Hertford

LEVY, Henry Albert (1860–????). Son of Albert Levy. 3 CHM 1880.

Jesus

COHEN, Hermann Joseph (1860–99?). Son of James Hermann Cohen, born Ramsgate. 1 CHM 1883, 1 LH 1885. Active in congregational affairs as undergraduate. Barrister. Co-founder of the Maccabeans, 1891.

Magdalen

LEVINSOHN, Henry Raphael (1860–????). Son of Louis Levinsohn. University College School, London. 4 Law 1882. Barrister.

ROTH, Walter Edward (1861–????). Son of Dr. M. Roth of Wimpole Street, nephew of first Jew to be cremated in England. University Coll. London. 2 Nat. Sci. 1882. Medical training, then to British Guiana and elsewhere in Colonial Service.

Merton

MOSENTHAL, Joseph (1863–????). Son of Adolphus Mosenthal. Kings College School. No honours degree. Barrister.

SENDYK, Oscar (1863–????). Son of Lewis Sendyk, born Brixton. No honours degree.

New College

BUCHHEIM, Arthur (1859–86). Son of Adolphus Buchheim of Clapham. 1 Maths Mods 1878, 1 Maths 1880, Senior Mathematical Scholar 1881.

Pembroke

LAZARUS, Adolph Max (1861–????). Son of Harry Moritz Lazarus of Manchester. 1 CHM 1881, 2 LH 1883, 2 BCL 1885. Barrister.

St. Edmund Hall

ROSENSTOCK, Rudolf (186?–????). Son of Julius Rosenstock of Kassel, Germany. 2 Nat. Sci. 1882.

St. John's

GOLDBERG, Edward Casimir (1861–1915). Son of Casimir Joseph Adam Goldberg, brewer. Merchant Taylors. 2 CHM 1881, 3 LH 1883. Assistant Master, Tonbridge School. Married Millie (surname unknown).

SILBER, Martin Albert (1863–????). Son of Albert Mark Silber of Kensington, born Leyton. Eton. Only one year at Oxford. Militia captain. Married Lady Lucy Vaughan, daughter of Earl of Lisburne.

Trinity

BARNETT, Percy A. (1858–1941). City of London School. 1 CHM 1879, 1 LH 1881. Later Professor of English, Sheffield and Chief Inspector of Schools. Married Annie, sister of the Very Rev. H.C. Beeching, with whom he had been at school.

It does not look as if more than seven of these came from the amorphous group of well-established families which has since been described as the 'Cousinhood', though there are two other professional fathers and some of the business families were surely already quite wealthy. The schools of the sons are a rough guide. Later involvement with Jewish affairs does not look impressive, but can be supplemented for some who did not hold communal office. A clear majority of known marriages were to Jewish wives, but this is a small sample. A more accurate figure can be arrived at for all Balliol Jews matriculating before 1914: 70% of them married within the Jewish community.