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The Courageous Brothers Saving Britain in Times of War

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Contribution to Community: Harry's Impact on the Jewish Congregation

Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation board member for 20 years. His leadership, acquired through his involvement in the Menorah Club, significantly contributed to the congregation's growth.

His leadership was instrumental in the congregation's survival through closure in 1945 and its subsequent revival.



Harry Ellis, passed away in 2016, leaving behind a legacy that inspires all. His son Jonathan and his daughters Hannah, Daniel, Noah, and Daisy carry on his life's work as a shining example of resilience, and making a profound impact on the community.

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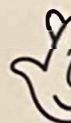
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What?
We have created a website. We will create information. We will archive the digital records. Dorset History Centre will store the records in the future.

Who?
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<http://www.bournemouthlivingstones.com>



**Kindertransport: The Inspiring
Herta and Walter Kammerling**

...Party forever changed Herta and Walter Kammerling's
...1930s, they faced the horrors of Kristallnacht in 1938,
...and persecution of Jewish communities. Walter's family
...decided to send him on one of the first Kindertransport
...he never saw his parents and one of his sisters again, as

Life was challenging for a 15-year-old in a foreign
...and without family, but Walter persevered. He worked
...on a farm in Berlin and eventually went to London,
...where he joined an Austrian youth movement. In
...1939, Herta and her younger brother Otto also arrived
...in London, seeking refuge from the growing darkness
...in their homeland. Herta worked in the clothing
...industry while tracing as a nursery nurse. Fate
...brought Herta and Walter together when they met at
...the "Young Austria" club and married in 1944.

Walter returned to Vienna with a vision of rebuilding
...the remnants of antisemitism. However, by 1957,
...a new beginning were overshadowed by persistent
...discrimination in Bourne-mouth, where Herta's parents
...heritage, they became active members of the
...of the wider Jewish community. Herta's leadership
...the Guild's chairman and later president. She
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Lau Simmons, a drummer and bandleader, and Ilan Ost
an actor, among Freda and Joseph Katz's descend

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1907, began his career as a salesman
while simultaneously honing his
skills as a drummer and orchestra
leader. He performed at renowned
venues and worked with the BBC,
captivating audiences with his music.
One notable event was a concert
at the Cafe de Paris in 1941 during
an air raid, where a German bomb
tragically altered the course of Lau's
life. Despite losing sight and
injuries, he continued to perform
Bournemouth's vibrant
world his 70s.



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**Gifts to Philanthropists: Michael
Remarkable Journey**

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**Illuminating a Life:
Jessica Blooman's Journey**

Early Life

From Alexandria, Egypt, Jessica's father served in the RAF,
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During the war, she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service
as a Signals Officer in AA Command. Beyond her
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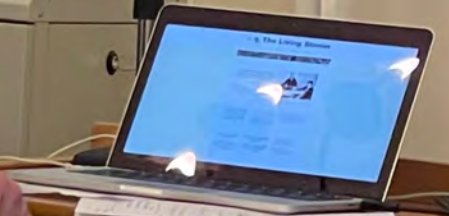
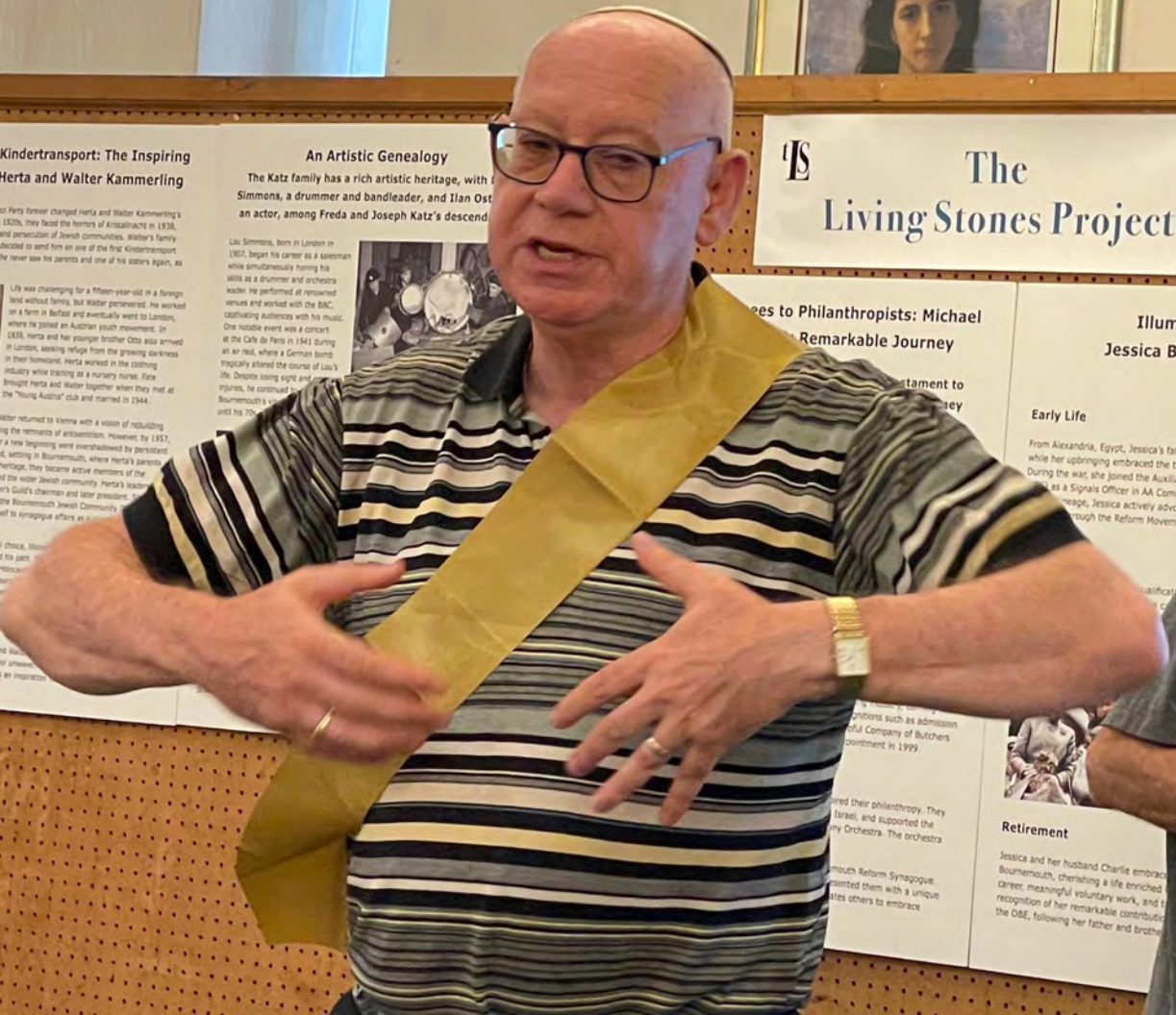
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Retirement

Jessica and her husband Charlie embraced
Bournemouth, cherishing a life enriched
career, meaningful voluntary work, and the
recognition of her remarkable contribution
the OBE, following her father and brother





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Early Life

From Accrington, Lancs, Jessica's father served in the RAF, while the upbringing embraced the landscape of Yorkshire. During the war she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) as a Signaller Officer in an Command, before her military service. Some primary education was undertaken through the distance education system.

Career

Employed with a local bank, Jessica attended on a voluntary basis at the US's Red Cross Club in Accrington through the distance education system.



Retirement

After 30 years' service with the bank, Jessica retired in 1995. Following this, she has been actively involved in various community and religious activities, including her work with the Living Stones Project.



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“People do with what we donate...
them, it can be wonderful too, I will
be with you others, better always!”

The website aims to be the central hub of...
information for the future...
to help people to share their...
stories and memories.

How will you be able to...
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and help to fund the...
project?

What will you be able to...
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A man with glasses and a grey shirt with a yellow stole is speaking into a microphone at a wooden podium. He is gesturing with his hands while speaking.

A wooden podium with a laptop computer on top. Cables connect the laptop to the large screen behind it.



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Career

Flourished with a Social Work
Jessica embarked on a career
the UK's first female Chief
Executive for experience.



Retirement

Jessica and her husband Charlie were
Awardwinners, choosing a life of
career, meaningful voluntary work,
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"When do you think we'll be together?
If you can remember me, I'll be
with you always, Robert Liberman"

The Liberman family in the 1940s
Jessica and Robert Liberman were
married in 1945. It was a love match
that blossomed from their shared
interest in the arts and their
mutual respect for each other's
talents.

Born with her loving, fully
formed, Robert came to
the world with a passion
and will to be the best that
he could be.

Who will never be
forgotten.

What will be his attitude
and outlook?

Everything Jessica will be
able to do, she will do it
with a passion and a love
for her family and her
community.

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Rescued by Kindertransport: The Inspiring Journey of Herta and Walter Kammerling

Life was never the same for Herta and Walter Kammerling after their escape from Nazi Germany. Rescued by the Kindertransport, they found refuge in England. Herta, a pianist, and Walter, a chemist, both pursued their careers in their new home. Their story is a testament to the power of hope and the resilience of the human spirit.

An Artistic Genealogy
The Katz family has a rich artistic heritage, with Lou Solomon, a drummer and bandleader, and Dan Ostrows, an actor, among Fritz and Joseph Katz's descendants.

Lou Solomon, born in 1912, was a prominent figure in the jazz world. He led the Lou Solomon Orchestra and was a member of the American Music Hall. Dan Ostrows, born in 1914, was a successful actor and director. He appeared in several Broadway plays and Hollywood films. The artistic legacy of the Katz family continues to inspire generations.



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Michael and Eise Katz arrived in England in 1939. Michael worked as a chemist, and Eise worked as a typist. They both demonstrated exceptional talent and hard work. Their dedication to their new life in England was unwavering.



Illuminating a Legacy: Jessica Blooman's Story

From her early days in England to her later years, Jessica Blooman's life is a story of resilience and achievement. She worked in various capacities, including as a typist and a secretary. Her dedication to her work and her family is a source of inspiration.

Jessica's life was marked by challenges, but she always found a way to overcome them. Her story is a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of hope.

Her contributions to her community and her family are a source of pride. Her legacy lives on through the stories of those who have been inspired by her example.

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Michael Katz was born in Cologne on October 23, 1919. He lived a hard life in Cologne, working in his father's factory until age 14. After fleeing the Nazis, Michael found work in London and later in New York, where he met Elise.

In 1950, with the help of their mother, Michael obtained a work permit for England. He arrived with only 20 German Marks, having lived in the underground in Hitler's Germany, abandoned in England and used to work as a nurse at Bristol Royal Infirmary.



Michael eventually secured a job in 1951, where he was dismissed. They moved to a registry office and later had a religious ceremony at the Jewish Reform Synagogue. Michael's entrepreneurial spirit led him to success in the history and local manufacturing industry, earning him prestigious recognition such as an appointment to the Historical Committee of Bathwick and an OBE appointment in 1988.

Over time for Michael and Elise's business success inspired their philanthropy. They established a charity to support Jewish and general projects in Bristol, and supported the Bathwick Jewish Centre and Bathwick Jewish Synagogue. The charity's mission is to support the Jewish community in Bathwick.

In 2005, they moved to Cardiff, Wales, and joined Bathwick Reform Synagogue. During a Shabbat service in 1985, their daughter Ann presented them with a unique gift: a necklace for their 65th birthday. Their legacy continues through their philanthropic and creative passion.

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Early Life
From an early age, Jessica's father served in the RAF while her upbringing embraced the teachings of Judaism. During the war, she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) as a Signaller Officer in AA military hospitals. Jessica's journey through the war was a testament to her resilience and service.

Career
Jessica's career was marked by her dedication to her work and her community. She worked in various roles, including as a signaller officer in the ATS, and her experiences during the war shaped her character and her commitment to service.



Retirement
Jessica and her husband moved to Bathwick, where they continued their lives and their commitment to their community. Her retirement was a time of reflection and continued service to her family and the Jewish community.

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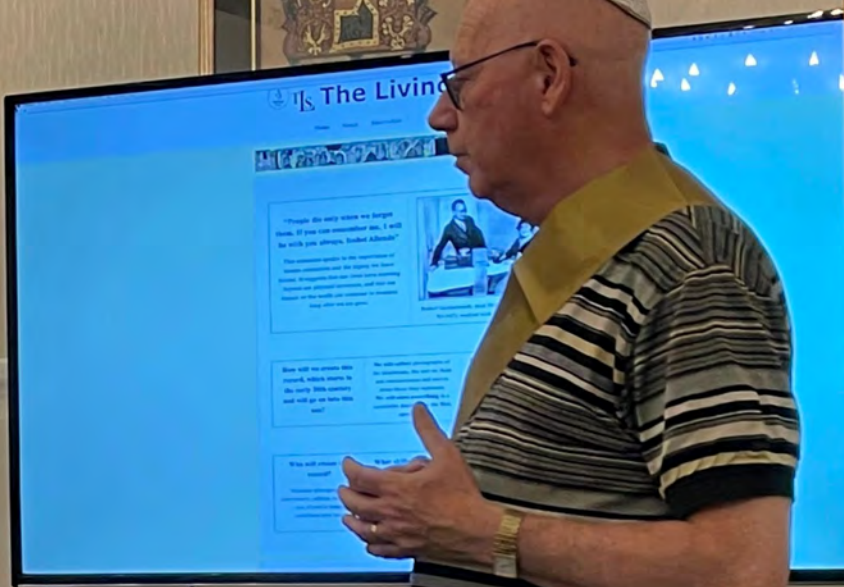
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In 1945, with the help of Jewish relatives, Michael obtained a work permit for England. He arrived with only 20 shillings. His family had fled to London in 1939, and he had no money for the cost of his travel. At the orphanage in Hillier's, London, he arrived in August 1945, just a year to the day after he was a year old.



Over time, Michael and Ise's lives changed. They married in a registry office and later had a religious ceremony in the presence of their friends. Michael's entrepreneurial spirit led him to the success in the textile and garment manufacturing industry, earning the title of 'The King of the Cloth'.

In 1988, the author of 'The Living Stones Project' and Ise Katz were named 'The Living Stones Project' in the 'The Living Stones Project' in the 'The Living Stones Project'.

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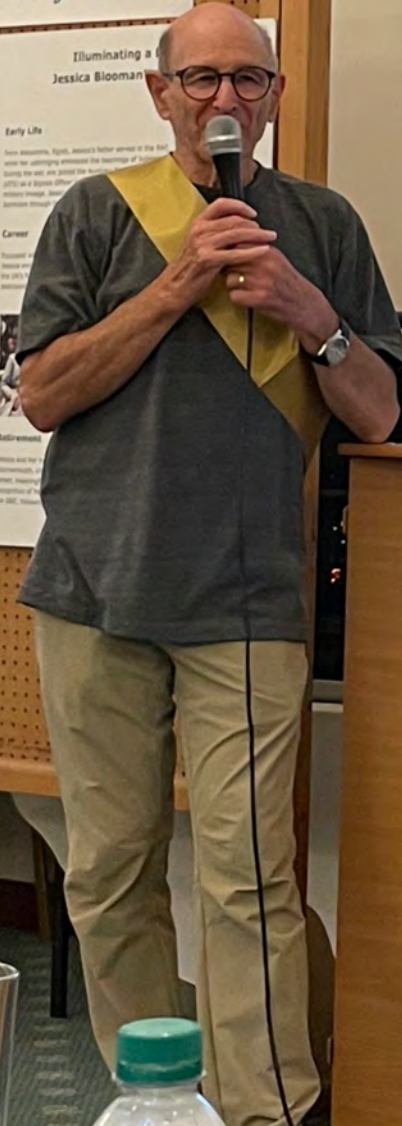
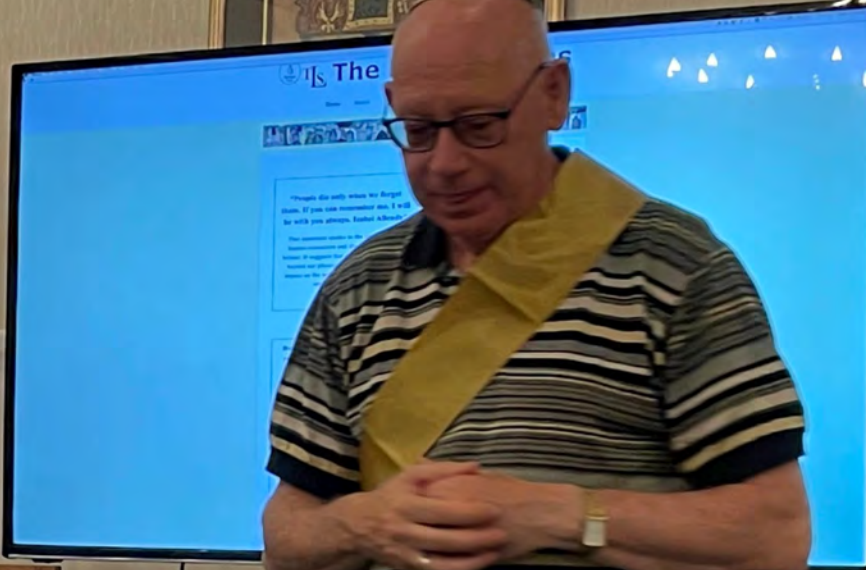
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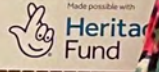
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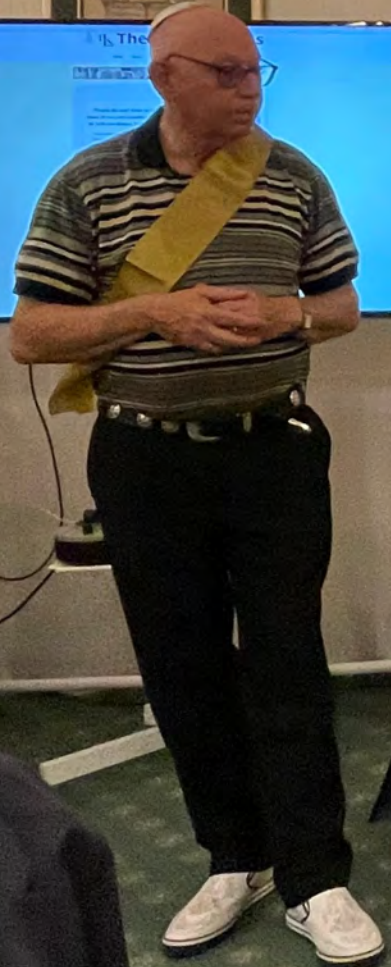
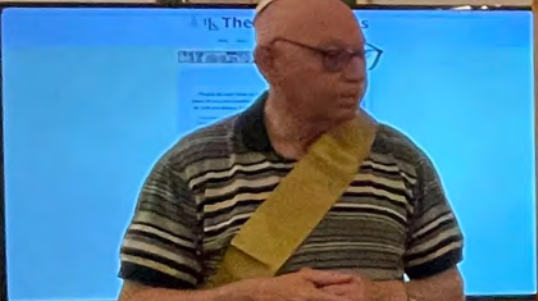
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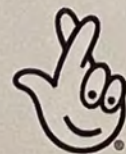
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Lou Simmons, born in London in 1907, began his career as a salesman while simultaneously honing his skills as a drummer and orchestra leader. He performed at renowned venues and worked with the BBC, captivating audiences with his music. One notable event was a concert at the Cafe de Paris in 1941 during an air raid, where a German bomb tragically altered the course of Lou's life. Despite losing sight and sustaining injuries, he continued to contribute to Bournemouth's vibrant music scene until his 70s.



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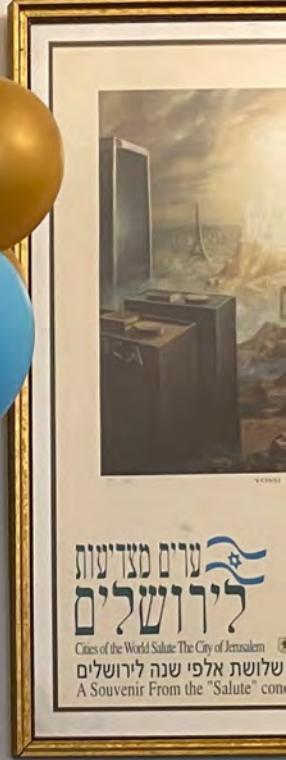
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In the family line, Cynthia, Lou's eldest daughter, distinguished herself as a Coronation Champion for her remarkable charity work during the investiture of King Charles. Her dedication to making a positive difference inspires all, carrying on the philanthropy established by her family.



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Early Life

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Rescued by Kindertransport: The Inspiring Journey of Herta and Walter Kammerling

The dark shadow of the Nazi Party forever changed Herta and Walter Kammerling's lives. Born in Vienna in the 1920s, they faced the horrors of Kristallnacht in 1938, witnessing the destruction and persecution of Jewish communities. Walter's family recognised the danger and decided to send him on one of the first Kindertransport trains to the UK. Tragically, he never saw his parents and one of his sisters again, as they perished in Auschwitz.



Life was challenging for a fifteen-year-old in a foreign land without family, but Walter persevered. He worked on a farm in Belfast and eventually went to London, where he joined an Austrian youth movement. In 1939, Herta and her younger brother Otto also arrived in London, seeking refuge from the growing darkness in their homeland. Herta worked in the clothing industry while training as a nursery nurse. Fate brought Herta and Walter together when they met at the "Young Austria" club and married in 1944.

After World War II, Herta and Walter returned to Vienna with a vision of rebuilding their shattered city and combating the remnants of antisemitism. However, by 1957, they realised that their hopes for a new beginning were overshadowed by persistent bigotry. They returned to England, settling in Bournemouth, where Herta's parents resided. Embracing their Jewish heritage, they became active members of the Bournemouth New Synagogue and the wider Jewish community. Herta's leadership extended to serving as the Women's Guild's chairman and later president. She also played a vital role in establishing the Bournemouth Jewish Community Day Centre. Meanwhile, Walter dedicated himself to synagogue affairs as a council member, chairman, and president.

Walter's profound belief in personal choice, lifelong learning, and community involvement guided his path. Despite enduring the unimaginable hardships of the Holocaust and the loss of his family, he committed his later years to travel across the UK, sharing his testimony with students through the Trust's Outreach Programme. His unwavering dedication to Holocaust education and awareness earned him the prestigious British Empire Medal in 2019, recognising his invaluable contributions.



The extraordinary journey of Herta and Walter Kammerling serves as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. Their unwavering commitment to rebuilding lives and fostering understanding stands as an inspiration for future generations.

An Artistic Genealogy The Katz family has a rich artistic heritage, with Lou Simmons, a drummer and bandleader, and Ian Ostrove, an actor, among Freda and Joseph Katz's descendants.

Lou Simmons, born in London in 1907, began his career as a salesman while simultaneously honing his skills as a drummer and orchestra leader. He performed at renowned venues and worked with the BBC, captivating audiences with his music. One notable event was a concert at the Cafe de Paris in 1941 during an air raid, where a German bomb tragically altered the course of Lou's life. Despite losing sight and sustaining injuries, he continued to contribute to Bournemouth's vibrant music scene until his 70s.



Lou's headstone, shared with his wife Hannah, is a tribute to his musicianship. Hannah fought to include Lou's cherished drums in the design. She found herself at the Chief Rabbi's office through determination and persistence, where her efforts were recognised. The community understood the significance of Lou's music, securing his drummer's rightful place.

We find Ian Ostrove, born in 1975, on the other side of the family. His passion for acting blossomed during his school years, and he earned a spot at the prestigious Sylvia Young Theatre School. With notable appearances on TV and the stage, including roles in "Simon and the Witch" (1987) and "Mother Goose Stories" (1990). Tragically, he passed away at 22 due to meningitis, profoundly impacting the theatre world.



In the family line, Cynthia, Lou's eldest daughter, distinguished herself as a Coronation Champion for her remarkable charity work during the investiture of King Charles. Her dedication to making a positive difference inspires all, carrying on the philanthropy established by her family.

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From Refugees to Philanthropists: Michael and Ise Katz's Remarkable Journey

The story of Michael and Ise Katz is a testament to their unwavering commitment to life. Their journey began amidst challenging circumstances, but their determination and resilience propelled them.

Michael Rudolf Katz was born in Cologne on October 21, 1918. He faced hardships early in life, working in his father's butcher shop from age 14. After closing the shop, Michael found work building roads and laying drains, cycling to work at 4 a.m. Life was tough, but he remained determined.

In 1935, with the help of Dutch relatives, Michael obtained a work permit for England. He arrived with only 20 German Marks, bidding farewell to his parents on August 14. Ise, who had endured beatings for her involvement in the underground in Hitler's Germany, also arrived in England that year to work as a nurse at Bristol Royal Infirmary.



Michael eventually secured a job in Bristol, where Ise was stationed. They married in a registry office and later had a religious ceremony in the Mendon Reform Synagogue. Michael's entrepreneurial spirit led him to success in the butchery and food manufacturing industry, earning him prestigious recognitions such as admission into the Worshipful Company of Butchers and an OBE appointment in 1999.

Ise's love for music and Michael's business success inspired their philanthropy. They established a charity to support libraries and projects in Israel, and supported the Gynsbourne Festival Opera and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra dedicated a concert to honor them.

In 1980, they settled in Canford Cliffs and joined Bournemouth Reform Synagogue. During a Shabbat service in 1995, their daughter Jen presented them with a unique Torah mantle for their 80th birthdays. Their legacy motivates others to embrace philanthropy and create positive change.

Illuminating a Life: Jessica Blooman's Journey

Early Life

From Alexandria, Egypt, Jessica's father served in the RAF, while her upbringing embraced the teachings of Judaism. During the war, she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) as a Signals Officer in AA Command. Beyond her military lineage, Jessica actively advocated against antisemitism through the Reform Movement and AJEX.



Career

Equipped with a Social Work qualification from the London School of Economics, Jessica embarked on a captivating career in Probation. She left an indelible mark as the UK's first female Chief Probation Officer for Berkshire. Even in retirement, she dedicated her expertise to the Jewish Welfare Board and Hannah Levy House.



Voluntary work

Jewish youth organisations shaped Jessica's life profoundly. Her passion for guiding led her to influential roles within the Jewish Advisory Council of the Guide Association and at Guide HQ, where she had the privilege of meeting royal family members.

Retirement

Jessica and her husband Charlie embraced retirement in Bournemouth, cherishing a life enriched by marriage, a successful career, meaningful voluntary work, and treasured friendships. In recognition of her remarkable contributions, she was honoured with the OBE, following her father and brother's footsteps.



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