

Making Redbridge Home

Redbridge had, in fact, been home to a small community of Jewish people since the 1920s.



Family celebrations in a Jewish Household, c.1950.

“... there was no synagogue around Gants Hill area, but a few men got together and they formed one in about 1928/29 in number 16 Coventry Road Ilford”
(Rita L)

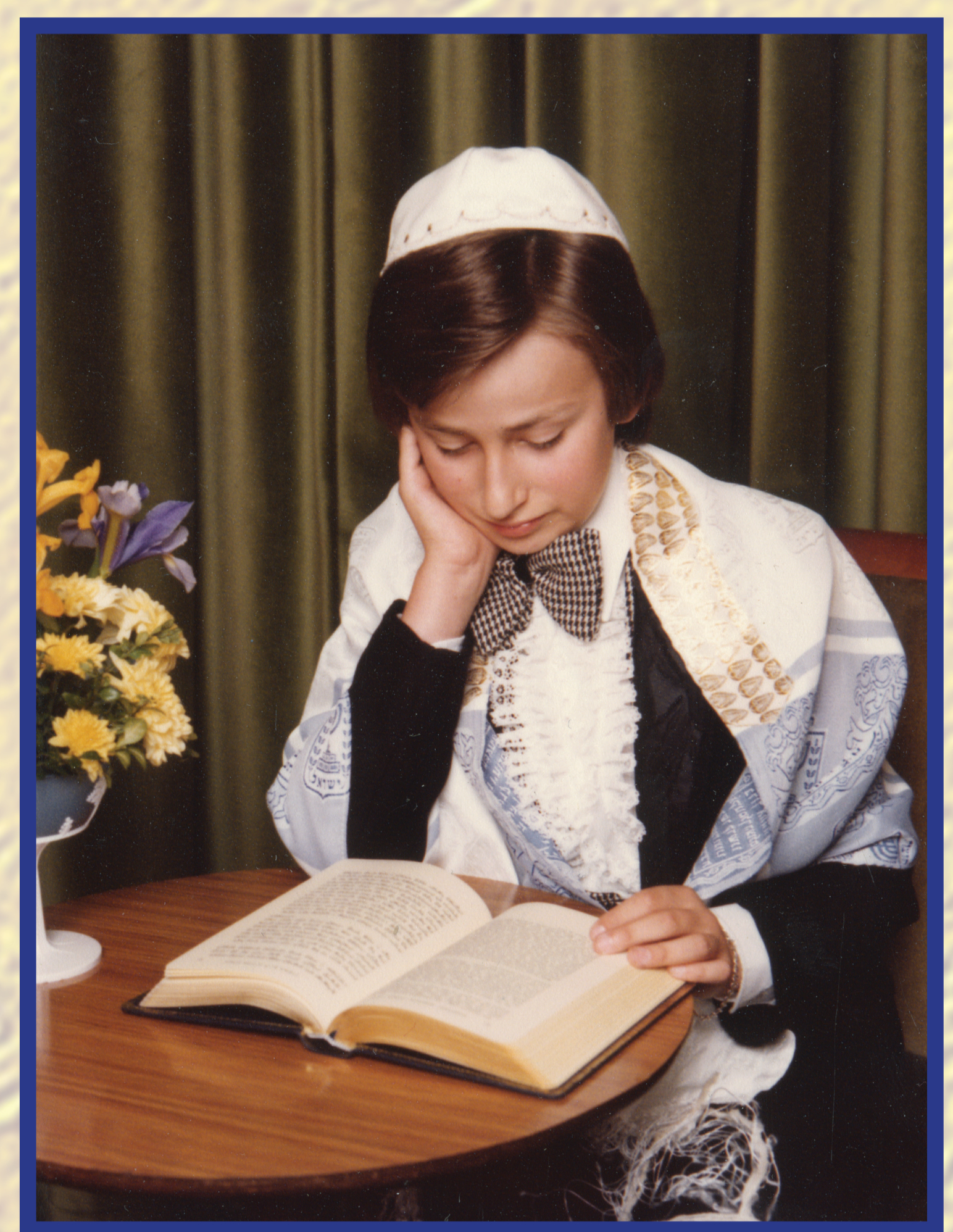
These early settlers from the East End brought their traditional trades to Redbridge.

‘... I know things were hard, and men worked very hard from early in the morning ‘til 8 or 9 o’clock at night. You never saw your Father ‘til the evening. Women didn’t work, it was an unheard of thing, but they made homes, they cooked, they baked, they washed, they did everything...’
(Rita L)



Bar Mitzvah Celebration, late 1970s.

“... there was a lot of cabinet makers who came to Ilford at that time ‘cause somebody who lived in Perth Road, Mr Lubart, had got a contract from Georgy Grey to make fireplaces for all these little houses that he was putting up”
(Rita L)



Bar Mitzvah, late 1970s.

By 1936 there were around seventeen Jewish families in the borough and the area started to attract local Jewish businesses.

“The only butcher at the time when we came to Ilford was Mr Samuels and it wasn’t until 1939 that Jack Crown came to Ilford just before the war. I always remember my mother saying he was the cleanest butcher she’d ever seen. Nice clean white coat on every day and the shop was spotless.”
(Rita L)



Purim at Simon Marks Primary School, c.1975.

‘45 Aid Society Annual Dinner celebrating the lives of those who survived the Holocaust c.1980.



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