

## Christian-Jewish Dialogue...

### About CCJ

Established in 1942, the **Council of Christians and Jews** is the United Kingdom's **oldest national inter-faith organisation**. We work with university chaplaincies, theological colleges, businesses, communities and schools.



If you'd like more information about CCJ (registered charity number 238005) please visit [www.ccj.org.uk](http://www.ccj.org.uk).

### CCJ: Mission Statement

The Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) was established to:

- (1) promote **religious and cultural understanding** between Christians and Jews;
- (2) to work for the **elimination of religious and racial prejudice**, hatred and discrimination, particularly **antisemitism** and
- (3) To promote religious and racial harmony on the basis of the ethical and social **teachings common to Christianity and to Judaism**.

*...coming to understand each other*

## Making Dialogue Make a Difference

### In Memory of Irène Rachel Lass

The Library at the Council of Christians and Jews is dedicated to the memory of **Irène Rachel Lass**, wife of Leonard Lass. Leonard is an active member of CCJ and, with Irène, has been involved with inter-faith dialogue for a number of years.

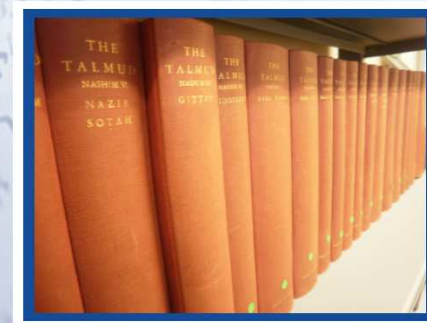


Irène was born in Belgium on 18th June 1936, and came to England during the war. Leonard said: "Irène was a dedicated wife and mother. We both worked for reconciliation between faiths."

For more information about the CCJ library:

## The Irène Rachel Lass Memorial Library for Jewish-Christian Dialogue

at The Council of Christians and  
Jews



A Guide to Resources

# CCJ

*'A library of this calibre informs Jewish-Christian dialogue, its praxis and history in the United Kingdom. It is an invaluable source for both the Jewish and Christian communities.'*

**The Most Rev. and Right Hon. Rowan Williams**  
Archbishop of Canterbury  
CCJ President

## Welcome

The Irène Rachel Lass Memorial Library at the Council of Christians and Jews is a substantial and unique collection of almost **3000 individual titles and resources**. The central motif of the library is *Jewish-Christian Dialogue*. The library is also a repository for the **Canon John Hester Collection**.



## Topics and Categories for Study

The Irène Rachel Lass Memorial Library specialises in the **Jewish-Christian encounter** and the needs of interfaith engagement. There are dedicated sections on Nazism, the Holocaust, Jewish-Christian relations, Judaism, Islam, **Antisemitism**, Biblical Studies, Christianity, Religion (general and political topics), Israel and Children's Education.

## Enabling Education and Understanding

### Specialist Resources

CCJ holds collections of Holy Texts and liturgies from both the Jewish and Christian traditions, inclusive of daily prayer books. Additionally, we hold copies of the Minutes of the Council of Christian and Jews since 1942, and **pamphlets** and **information leaflets** from affiliated inter-faith and community organisations.

### Using the Library

In the library readers are able to **search for resources** on our in-house computer using our OpenSource **library database**—Book DB. Instructions on how to use this system are available in the Library. Please note, however, that books are **reference only**.

### Common Ground Journal

The Irène Rachel Lass Memorial Library also holds back-copies of our flagship inter-faith journal, *Common Ground*. This is published twice yearly, carrying articles on a variety of subjects. Many of the books reviewed in *Common Ground* can be found in our library.



*'To understand one another, we have to know one another. There are two ways to achieve this, through personal encounter and through study. For each of these purposes CCJ provides excellent resources through the Irène Rachel Lass Memorial Library.'*

**Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg**  
Senior Rabbi Assembly of Masorti Synagogues  
CCJ President

The Library can be used for **reading and research**. The purpose of the library is to educate individuals and groups about the Jewish-Christian encounter, **inter-faith dialogue** and **antisemitism**.

### Who is the Library for?

The Library is especially appropriate for ordinands, students at rabbinical seminaries, and members of community organisations. Library rules and policies for use can be found at [www.ccj.org.uk/CCJ-Library](http://www.ccj.org.uk/CCJ-Library)

### Membership of the Library

For £10 a year for an individual, and £50 a year for an institutional subscription, CCJ is offering access to the library and library database, a photocopying allowance and internet access. You will also receive our *Common Ground* journal twice a year. Members of CCJ are automatically subscribed and do not incur extra charges.

If you are interested in subscribing, please email [cjrelations@ccj.org.uk](mailto:cjrelations@ccj.org.uk).