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ANNOUNCING A NEW JEWISH HISTORY RESEARCH PROJECT

SMALL CHANGE: BRITISH JEWISH IMMIGRANTS AND THE £10 SCHEME, 1945-1965

This is about an, as yet unacknowledged, group of migrants in the Australian Jewish community.

Finding them may not be easy since, unlike those looking for other assisted immigration schemes, British Nationals were not required to state their religion.

At this time Jews were the least wanted, yet, as British, the most wanted by the Australian government.

Although it is likely that "POMs"* themselves thought re-settlement would mean just a "small change" in their lives, migration is never easy. They were, however, of little historical interest as it was expected they would invisibly meld into the existing, English-speaking, Anglo-Jewish Australian community.

We would like to know and record how their lives were affected by this dramatic event and how they contributed to the evolving multicultural Australia.

Please help me find and talk with them or their families by sharing this information.

Thanks

Shalom

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*POMs was the derogatory title given to British immigrants, those who used the £10 Scheme, or were assumed to have used it, were known as £10 POMs. We would like to include all Jewish POMs in our research.

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