

## MESSRS J ZOSSENHEIM & PARTNERS

The CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

### **Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:**

1895 (CP29a)\_Messrs J Zossenheim & partners, 44 York Place, Leeds 1895 (actually used from Manchester NO 9 99)

### **Brief Notes:**

Maximilian Zossenheim (1831 Furstenberg, Germany - 1907 Knaresborough, Yorkshire) married 1882 Great Synagogue, St. James Duke's Place, Aldgate, London Rachel Francis MOSES (1841 London - Harrogate 1922). They had 5 offspring. Woollen and Worsted Manufacturer and Merchant, Leeds

Julius Zossenheim (1834 Mecklenburg Shelitz, Germany - c. 1929 Lancashire) married 1862 Rosa Elizabeth DAVIS (1841 London - ). They had 7 offspring. Woollen and Worsted Manufacturer and Merchant, Leeds; later a Dry Goods Merchant, London

Leopold Zossenheim (1838 Mecklenburg Shelitz, Germany - 1906 London) married 1870 Kensington Sarah BENJAMIN (1844 Melbourne, Australia - 1880 Leeds). One offspring. 1881 Kensington Edith DAVIS (1848 Derby - 1884 Leeds). One offspring. 1885 Kensington Charlotte Minnie Evelyn JOSEPH (1871 London - 1924 London) 3 offspring. Woollen and Worsted Manufacturer and Merchant, Leeds

THE LONDON GAZETTE, APRIL 4,1884; 1578

NOTICE is hereby given ,that the Partnership heretofore carried on by Maximilian Zossenheim, Julius Zossenheim, and Leopold Zossenheim, under the firm of Zossenheim Brothers.,at Leeds, Huddersfield, Bradford, and Mirfield, in the county of York, in the trade or business of Woollen and Worsted Manufacturers and Merchants, was this day dissolved by mutual consent.—Dated the31st day of March,1884

M. Zossenheim.  
J. Zossenheim.  
L. Zossenheim

At least from 1884 - 1896, Julius Zossenheim was President of the Leeds Branch of the Anglo-Jewish Association. The function of this association is explained in the following:

1884-1885: In the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual report of the Leeds Branch of the Anglo-Jewish Association, Julius Zossenheim writes as follows:

The members of the Leeds Branch have pleasure in reporting a fairly successful year, thanks to the energy and perseverance of the Executive. The branch has viewed with great interest the admirable measures the Association is adopting for ameliorating the condition of our poor brethren in foreign lands, and its indefatigable efforts to stem persecution. Above all the branch approve heartily of the continuous and extensive support of Schools in such countries where civilisation is unfortunately still far below European standards, and where the native populations are unable or too ignorant to help themselves. These schools, being open to all denominations, assist to remove prejudice against race and religion, and entitle the Association to draw support from all sections of society, without distinction of creed. An earnest appeal is made to the Jewish community in particular, and to the public in general, to enrol themselves as members, in order to carry out still more effectually the great and beneficial objects of this Association.

In conclusion, we desire to place on record the high appreciation we entertain of the great assistance which the Secretary of the parent body (Rev. A. Lowy) has given us, thus not only benefiting this Branch in particular, but also advancing the objects of the Association in general.

J. Zossenheim, President.  
Henry P. Levy, Sec

Leeds, West Riding of Yorkshire  
Smyrna, Ottoman Empire, later Turkey  
Tunis

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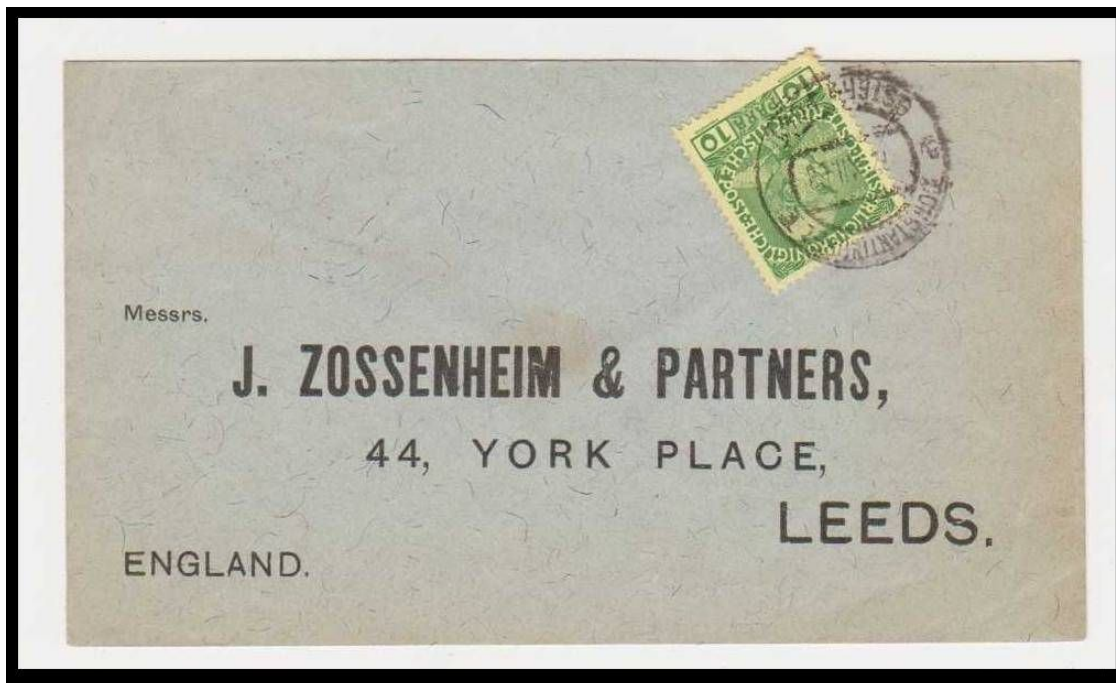
In 1896, the Anglo-Jewish Association made money grants were made to the following : Chio, Constantinople, Crajova, Damascus Talmud Torah, Damascus Adult Evening Class, Damascus Girls School, Philippopolis, St. Jean d' Acre, Smyrna, Buttuschani

THE LONDON GAZETTE, 25 JUNE 1920; 6940

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, Victor Davis, Eugene Henry George Egly and William Snell, carrying on business as Woollen, Worsted and Stuff Merchants, at 44, York-place, in the city of Leeds, under the style or form of "J.ZOSSENHEIM & PARTNERS," has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the thirty-first day of December, 1919, so far as regards the said William Snell. All debts due and owing to or by the said late firm will be received or paid by the said Victor Davis and Eugene Henry George Egly; and such business will be carried on in the future by the said Victor Davis and Eugene Henry George Egly under the same style or firm of "J. Zossenheim & Partners."—As witness our hands this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1920.

VICTOR DAVIS.  
EUGENE HENRY GEORGE EGLY.  
WILLIAM SNEL.

The following image appears repeatedly on auction websites:



LEVANT (AUSTR.): Printed cover sent from Constantinople to Leeds (1908)  
J. ZOSSENHEIM & PARTNERS, 44 YORK PLACE, LEEDS. ENGLAND

**References:**

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e-mail from Nigel Grizzard and dated Sunday, 04 December 2016

I see on your website information about a collection of covers bought by you or one of the family sent to Zossenheim in Leeds. I have bought similar covers recently from ebay from different sellers and am interested in where they came from - did you break up your collection? A further link to Zossenheim you may be interested in is below. We photographed all the stones in the United Hebrew Congregation Cemetery and the Zossenheims are buried there.

[http://www.jewishgen.org/jcr-uk/Community/Leeds/cemeteries/UHC%20Cemetery/UHC\\_B/100\\_0776.jpg](http://www.jewishgen.org/jcr-uk/Community/Leeds/cemeteries/UHC%20Cemetery/UHC_B/100_0776.jpg)

If you go to

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you can search for all the Zossenheim stones.

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Since **FIRST WRITING** these **NOTES** in **2012**, when few records were available on the internet, including archival genealogical (official and commercial) , much fascinating information has been added. Those interested are urged to **GOOGLE** and explore.

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