

Jewish special acts of worship in Britain, the empire and the commonwealth

The list is for occasions observed *generally*, in all synagogues of the Sephardi and the Ashkenazi communities. Locations of forms of prayer are given for both of the main collections, in the archives of the Office of the Chief Rabbi and in the library of University College London (De Sola and Mocatta pamphlets).¹ Forms not available in these collections have been identified in online catalogues of other libraries, or in bibliographies, and by information from a private collector, Professor David Latchman. Square brackets give translations of the titles of early forms which were published in Hebrew alone. Later forms contained titles and text in both English and Hebrew: only the English titles are given here. Use of capitals has been minimised. Where the date or purpose of the occasion is not obvious, this is given in round brackets, with the source of the information, where relevant. Further special acts of worship are identified from newspapers. Unless otherwise indicated, the special prayers or service were associated with an order by the British crown or a special observance in the Church of England (from 1914 commonly shared with other churches), as listed by the State Prayers project. Other types of occasions are indicated by symbols, as follows:

British royal events not observed by crown order or other instruction in the Church of England

* occasions specific to the Jewish community

Fuller explanations are available in Philip Williamson, ‘Special acts of worship in Anglo-Jewry, 1700–1970’, *Jewish Historical Studies* 53 (2022), 1–33, and 54 (2023), 98–100.

For illustrations of numerous Jewish forms of prayer and instructions from the chief rabbi for the period 1870–2020, see David Latchman, *The US [United Synagogue]. 150 Years of Service* (London: The United Synagogue, 2020).

Key to sources:

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| <i>AJB1937</i> | <i>Anglo-Jewish bibliography 1937–1970</i> , ed. Ruth P. Lehmann (London: Jewish Historical Society, 1973) |
| BL | British Library |
| De Sola | De Sola pamphlets, library of University College London |
| <i>JC</i> | <i>The Jewish Chronicle</i> |
| JTS | library of the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York |
| <i>MBAJ</i> | <i>Magna bibliotheca Anglo-Judaica. A bibliographical guide to Jewish history</i> , ed. Cecil Roth (London: Jewish Historical Society, 1937) |
| Mocatta | Mocatta pamphlets, library of University College London |
| <i>MMB</i> | <i>Sir Moses Montefiore bart., FRS 1784–1885: a bibliography</i> , ed. Ruth Goldschmidt-Lehmann (Jerusalem: Institute for Research on the Sephardi and Oriental Jewish Heritage, 1984) |
| <i>NBAJ</i> | <i>Nova bibliotheca Anglo-Judaica. A bibliographical guide to Anglo-Jewish history 1937–1960</i> , ed. Ruth P. Lehmann (London: Jewish Historical Society, 1961) |
| OCR | records of the Office of the Chief Rabbi, London Metropolitan Archives (prefixed ACC 2805) |

¹ The Library has made numerous forms available online, in digitized copies.

1740 form of prayer for use in all synagogues, for the general fast day after the outbreak of war with Spain, Wednesday 9 January: *London Daily Post*, 2 January

1756 services at the 'several' synagogues, for the fast day after the Lisbon earthquake and during a threat of war with France, Friday 6 February: *Newcastle Courant*, 14 February

1757 *Form of prayer to be used in the Jews' synagogues in London, on Friday the 21st of Sebat, in the year 5517 of the creation of the world. Being the 11th February, 1757, in pursuance of his majesty's proclamation for a general fast and humiliation*, 10pp. BL 1975.d.45

1778 services for a general fast during the American war, Thursday 26 February: *Caledonian Mercury*, 2 March

1786 *Form of prayer and thanksgiving to the king of kings who in his abundant mercy most happily preserved our just, pious, and gracious sovereign lord his most sacred majesty George the third, king of Great Britain from the hand of the assassin on the second of August*, 8 pp. private collection

1788 prayer in 'every synagogue' for George III's restoration of health, from Saturday 22 November, with a fast day on Wednesday 26 November: *Hampshire Chronicle*, 24 November, *Bath Chronicle*, 4 December

1795 *A form of prayer and thanksgiving to the almighty God for his providential care in the preservation of the king's majesty from the late outrageous and desperate attempts against his person as he passed to the parliament house, on Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of October, i.e. the seventeenth day of the Jewish month Cheshvon, to be used at morning and evening service, in the German Jews' synagogues in London*, 8pp. (during November) JTS BM724.M1796

1798 *A form of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, and laud: to be chanted ... in the German Jews' synagogues in London ... on Thursday the 29th day of November, 1798, being the 21st day of Kislav, anno mundi 5559; being the day that his majesty our gracious sovereign hath commanded us to give thanks and praise to the almighty God ... for the great success of Admiral Nelson, his officers, pilots, and seamen on board the ships of our sovereign lord the king*, 20pp. JTS BM724.M92 1798

1802 [Command thanksgiving by George III. Tuesday, new moon of Sivan, 5562. For the Great, Hambro and New Synagogues, London], 4pp. (1 June; peace treaty of Amiens) *MBAJ* p. 315

1804 [Prayers and supplications for the fast day commanded by the king, 15th Sivan 5564 in all the synagogues in London], 13pp. (Friday 25 May 1804) De Sola 2/6

1805 [Prayers of thanksgiving and praise for the victory at Trafalgar to be said on the 14th of Kislev, 5566 in all the London synagogues under the authority of the rabbis of the Sephardim and Ashkenazim], 12pp. (Thursday 5 December) *MBAJ* p. 316; *De Sola* 2/7

1809 *Prayer and ode for the festival day, being the fiftieth anniversary of the accession of our sovereign lord King George the third, at a consecrated meeting of the Jews, in the several synagogues throughout the kingdom, on the 15th day of Hesvan, A.M. 5570, composed by the desire of the president and vestry of the Great Synagogue, Duke's Place, by the Rev. Solomon Hirschel, chief rabbi, 12pp. (Wednesday 25 October) Mocatta 124/35*

1810 prayers for the recovery of the king, and thanksgiving for the abundant harvest, Sabbath 17 November: *Public Ledger*, 20 November

1817 #*Prayer and psalm for the day of grief, consecrated by the congregation of German Jews in London and throughout England, to pour out their complaint before the Lord, on the day of burial of H.R.H. the Princess Charlotte, 10th day of Kislev A.M. 5578, [2]pp. (Tuesday 19 November) BL 1979.f.14(1)*

1818 *Prayer and psalms for the day of grief consecrated by the congregation of German Jews in London and throughout England on the day of burial of her late most gracious majesty Queen Charlotte 4th day of Kislev AM 5579, [3] pp. (Wednesday, 4 December) private collection*

1820 #*Prayer and psalm for the day of the assembly devoted to mourning by the congregations of German Jews in London and throughout England, being the day of the burial of his late most gracious majesty King George III, first day of Adar, A.M. 5580, [3]pp. (Wednesday 16 February) JTS BM735.P64 1885(3)*

1830 *Form of prayer for the recovery of our gracious sovereign George the fourth, by the Rev. Dr. Hirschel. Read in all the synagogues of the United Kingdom, under his controul. A.M. 5590, [2]pp. (Sabbath 5 June²) De Sola 2/15*

#*Order of service and prayer for the day of assembly, devoted to mourning by the Jewish congregations, throughout England. Being the day of burial of his late most gracious majesty, King George IV, 24th day of Tamuz, A.M. 5590, [3]pp. (Thursday 15 July) MBAJ p. 320*

1831 *Form of prayer to be used in all synagogues throughout the United Kingdom, during the prevalence of the severe visitation now raging in most parts of Europe (from November;³ cholera epidemic) JTS BM735.P64 1885(8)*

1832 *Form of prayer to be used in all synagogues on the 21st March 5592, A.M, a general fast ... that he will be pleased to remove from this kingdom the disease now prevalent in various parts thereof JTS BM735.P64 1885(7)*

1837 #*Order of service and prayer for the day of assembly, devoted to mourning by the Jewish congregations, throughout Great Britain. Being the day of the burial of his late most*

² *Times*, 7 June 1830.

³ *Standard*, 18 Nov. 1831.

gracious majesty, King William IV. The close of Sabbath, the 5th of Tamuz, 5597, [3]pp. (8 July) Mocatta 52/49

1840 *Thanksgiving for the merciful preservation of her most gracious majesty the queen and her august consort, his royal highness Prince Albert from the hand of an assassin. Delivered at all the synagogues throughout Great Britain, on Sabbath the 19th day of Sivan, A.M. 5600; and on Sabbaths, Mondays, and Thursdays, during the thirty days next ensuing, 4pp. (20 June onwards) OCR 1/5/3/1*

**A form of prayer offered by the Jewish community for Sir Moses Montefiore, knt., whose generous heart urges him to undertake a far distant journey in aid of our afflicted and persecuted brethren of the house of Israel. May the lord protect him! ... Tuesday the 22nd day of Sivan, A.M. 5600 (23 June), 2pp. De Sola 5/7*

Form of thanksgiving on the accouchement of her majesty the queen, and the happy birth of a princess royal, delivered at all the synagogues throughout Great Britain on Sabbath the 3d day of Kislev, A.M., 5601, 4pp. (28 November; Princess Victoria) OCR 1/5/3/3; Mocatta 52/42

1841 **Order of service delivered to all the synagogues throughout Great Britain, on Sabbath the 20th Adar, 13th March, 5601, the day appointed for thanksgiving to almighty God for his divine protection to his people Israel, so signally manifested in the success which attended Sir Moses Montefiore, F.R.S., in his mission to the east, 5pp. Mocatta 52/40*

Form of song & thanksgiving on the accouchement of her majesty the queen, and the happy birth of a prince royal, delivered at all the synagogues throughout Great Britain, on Sabbath the 29th day of Heshvan, A.M. 5602, 4pp. (13 November; Prince Albert Edward, later Edward VII) OCR 1/5/3/4; De Sola 6/19

1842 *Form of thanksgiving to almighty God, for the late abundant harvest, as used in all the synagogues throughout Great Britain, on Sabbath the fourth day of Chesvan, 5603 (8th October, 1842), 4pp. OCR 1/5/1*

1843 *Form of thanksgiving on the accouchement of her majesty the queen, and the happy birth of a princess, delivered at all the synagogues throughout Great Britain on Sabbath the 29th day of Nisan, A.M. 5603, 4pp. (29 April; Princess Alice) OCR 1/5/3*

**Order of service for the day of mournful assembly of the Jewish congregations throughout Great Britain, being the day of the burial of his late royal highness Augustus Frederick, duke of Sussex, Thursday, fourth day of Iyar, A.M. 5603, 7pp. (4 May) OCR 1/5/3/5*

1844 *Form of song and thanksgiving offered at all the synagogues throughout Great Britain, on Sabbath the 24th day of AB, A.M. 5604 on the accouchement of her majesty the queen, and the happy birth of a royal prince, 4pp. (10 August; Prince Alfred) OCR 1/5/3/7*

1846 **A prayer offered by the United Congregations of the British Empire, for the success of the philanthropic mission to Russia, of Sir Moses Montefiore, F.R.S. etc. etc. Adar, 5606, 3pp. (Sabbath 28 February⁴) MMB p. 154*

Form of thanksgiving to almighty God, as recited in all the German synagogues throughout the British Empire, on the first day of Pesach, 5606, for the signal victories

⁴ JC, 6 March 1846.

obtained by the British troops in India, over the army of the Sikhs, 5pp. (Sabbath 11 April) OCR 1/5/1; Mocatta 52/34

Form of thanksgiving on the occasion of the accouchement of her majesty the queen, and of the happy birth of a princess, recited in the synagogues throughout Great Britain, on Sabbath the 5th day of Sivan, A.M. 5606, 7pp. (30 May; Princess Helena) OCR 1/5/3/8

Prayer to almighty God, offered up in all the German synagogues of the British empire, on Sabbath, October 17th, 5607, and the two following Sabbaths, to avert the calamitous consequences of the famine which exists in parts of this country, 2pp. OCR 1/5/1; Mocatta 52/30

1847 *Form of service to be used in all synagogues throughout the United Kingdom, on Wednesday, 24th March, 5607 A.M., being the day appointed by command of her majesty to be observed as a general fast and day of humiliation, 4pp. (Irish famine) OCR 1/5/1; Mocatta 52/31*

Form of thanksgiving for the late abundant harvest, to be used in all the synagogues of the British empire, in charge of the chief rabbi. October 17th, 5608, 4pp.⁵ OCR 1/5/1

1848 *Form of thanksgiving on the occasion of the accouchement of her majesty the queen, and of the happy birth of a princess, recited in the synagogues of the United Congregations, on Sabbath the 25th day of March, A.M. 5608, 7pp. (Princess Louise) OCR 1/5/3/9*

Prayer offered up in all the synagogues of the United Congregations, on Sabbath, the 29th of April, and the three following Sabbaths, for the continuance of peace and tranquillity 2pp. (Chartist agitations) OCR 1/5/1

1849 **Prayer offered up in the London congregations of the United Congregations, on the occasion of the departure of Sir Moses and Lady Montefiore for Jerusalem, 2pp. (April⁶) Roth 23*

Form of prayer to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations in the British Empire, on account of the great mortality caused by the cholera, [2]pp. (mid September, for the duration of the epidemic⁷) OCR 1/5/1

Form of prayer and thanksgiving, for the cessation of the cholera, to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations in the British empire, on Thursday, 15th November, 5610, A.M., [2]pp. (day of thanksgiving) OCR 1/5/1

1850 *Form of prayer and thanksgiving to almighty God for the safe delivery of her majesty the queen of a prince, on Sabbath, the 11th of May, 5610, 7pp. (Prince Arthur) OCR 1/5/3/10*

1853 *Form of prayer and thanksgiving to almighty God, for the safe delivery of her majesty the queen, of a prince. Recited in the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on Sabbath, the 16th of April, 5613, 7pp. (Prince Leopold) OCR 1/5/3/11*

1854 *Order of service to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on Wednesday, the 26th April, 5614, appointed for a day of general humiliation and prayer, 11pp. (Crimean war) OCR 1/5/1; Mocatta 52/17*

Form of prayer for our repentance and the success of our arms to be used at the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue Bevis Marks and at the branch synagogue on Wednesday

⁵ The date given in the title, repeated in *JC*, 15 Oct. 1847, was a Sunday. This might be a misprint: *The Sun*, 18 Oct. 1847, reports its use on the preceding Sabbath.

⁶ *JC*, 23 April 1849.

⁷ *Morning Chronicle*, 17 Sept. 1849.

April 26th 1854-5614. *The day appointed as a day of general humiliation*, 11 pp. private collection

Form of prayer and thanksgiving for the present abundant harvest, to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations in the British Empire, on the first day of the Feast of the Tabernacles, 7th October 5615, 7pp. OCR 1/5/1

1855 *Order of service to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on Wednesday, the 21st March, 5615, being the day appointed by proclamation for a solemn fast, humiliation, and prayer, 11pp. (Crimean war) OCR 1/5/1; Mocatta 52/15*

Form of prayer for our repentance and the success of our arms to be used at the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue Bevis Marks and at the branch synagogue on Wednesday March 21st 1855–5615 The day appointed as a day of general humiliation, 11 pp. private collection

Form of prayer and thanksgiving, for the successes obtained by the troops of her majesty and those of her allies in the Crimea, and especially for the capture of the town of Sebastopol, to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations in the British Empire on Thursday, 4th October, 5616, 7pp. OCR 1/5/1; Mocatta 124/10

1856 *Order of service to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on Sunday, the 4th May, 5616, appointed for a general thanksgiving to almighty God for the restoration of peace, 11pp. OCR 1/5/1; Mocatta 124/11*

1857 *Form of prayer and thanksgiving to almighty God, for the safe delivery of her majesty the queen of a princess. Recited in the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on Sabbath, the 25th of April, 5617, 7pp. (Princess Beatrice) OCR 1/5/3/12*

Order of service to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire. On Wednesday, the 7th of October, 5618. Being the day appointed by proclamation for national prayer, 11pp. (national fast day during the Indian “mutiny”) OCR 1/5/1; Mocatta 52/7

1859 **Prayer offered up in the London synagogues of the United Congregations, for the success of Sir Moses Montefiore’s mission to Rome on behalf of Edgar Mortara, of Bologna, 2pp. (Sabbath 12 February⁸) BL 1976.f.20(33)*

**Prayer offered up in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews on Adar I, 5619 in consequence of the approaching departure of Sir Moses and Lady Montefiore on their mission to Rome, 4pp. (Monday 7 March) MMB p. 155*

Form of prayer and thanksgiving to almighty God, to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations in Great Britain, on Saturday, the 30th of April, 5619, for the success granted to our arms in suppressing the rebellion and restoring tranquillity in her majesty’s Indian dominions, 11pp. OCR 1/5/1; Mocatta 52/6

1861 *#Form of service to be used in all synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on Monday, the 23rd December, 5622, the day of burial of his royal highness the Prince Consort, 11pp. OCR 1/5/3/13; Mocatta 124/7*

#Order of service for the day of mournful assembly, used in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews, on the day of the burial of ... the Prince Consort, Monday ... 23rd December, 1861, 7pp. BL 1976.f.21(24)

⁸ JC, 18 Feb. 1859.

1863 *Prayer to be offered up in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews on Kislev 3, 5624, in consequence of the approaching departure of Sir Moses Montefiore, baronet, on his mission to Morocco, 4pp. (Sabbath 14 November) Bod. Mont 62i15a

*Prayer offered up in the London synagogues of the United Congregations, on Sabbath, the 10th of Kislev, 5624, for the success of Sir Moses Montefiore's mission to Morocco, [3]pp. (21 November) Mocatta 53/51

1864 Form of prayer and thanksgiving to almighty God, for the princess of Wales' safe delivery of a prince, to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on Sabbath, the 16th January, 5624, 7pp. (Prince Albert Victor) OCR 1/5/3/14; Mocatta 53/54

Form of prayer and thanksgiving, to be used in the synagogues of the Spanish & Portuguese Jews, on Sabbath, 8th Sebat, 5624 on the occasion of the safe delivery of the princess of Wales and the happy birth of a prince, 3pp. OCR 1/5/3/15

*Form of prayer & thanksgiving for the success which attended the mission of Sir Moses Montefiore, baronet, to Morocco, to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on Sabbath, April 16, 5624, 4pp. Mocatta 53/52

1865 A form of prayer for relief from the plague amongst cattle, and for protection against the cholera, to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations of Great Britain, 5626, [3]pp. (late October, every Monday and Thursday, especially Monday 23 October, during the epidemics⁹)

1866 *Prayer offered up in the synagogues of the United Congregations, on the occasion of Sir Moses Montefiore's departure for the Holy Land. Adar, 5626, 3pp. (Sabbath 24 February¹⁰) BL 1976.f.20(29)

*Prayer offered up in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews ...on Adar, 5626 ... on the occasion of the approaching departure of Sir Moses Montefiore, bart., for the Holy Land, 5pp. Leopold Muller Memorial Library, Oxford

Form of prayer for relief from the plague among cattle, and for protection against the cholera, to be used in all synagogues of the United Congregations of Great Britain, [3]pp. (August: JC, 24 August¹¹)

A prayer & thanksgiving for relief from the plague amongst cattle, and for protection against the cholera, to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on Sabbath, November 24th, 5627, 4pp. OCR 1/5/1; Mocatta 53/42

1867 *Prayer offered up in the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on Sabbath, 27th of July 5627, for the success of Sir Moses Montefiore's mission to Jassy, 5pp. Mocatta 53/46

*Prayer to be offered up in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews, on the 24th Tamuz 5627 on the occasion of the approaching departure of Sir Moses Montefiore, bart., for Roumania, 7pp. Mocatta 53/45

⁹ JC, 20 Oct. 1865. Cattle were already affected, but cholera had not yet spread from the continent. Mocatta 53/48 and RP78 have forms with identical titles for the same Jewish year, though two distinct versions were published: see below for August 1866.

¹⁰ JC, 23 Feb. 1866.

¹¹ This form replaced the form of 1865 with the same title. The crown had ordered revised prayers for churches, to accommodate the arrival of cholera in Britain.

**Prayer and thanksgiving offered up on Sabbath 21 September 5627, on the occasion of Sir Moses Montefiore's return from Roumania* Leopold Muller Memorial Library, Oxford

1868 *Form of prayer and thanksgiving for the preservation of the life of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and for the success and safety of the Abyssinian expedition, to be used in all the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on Sabbath, July 4th, 5628, [3]pp.* OCR 1/5/1; Mocatta 53/40

Form of thanksgiving: to be used in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews, on Sabbath, 14 Tamuz, 5628, for the preservation of the life of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and for the success of Her Majesty's army in Abyssinia, 7pp. Mocatta RP77

1871 *Form of prayer for the recovery of his royal highness the prince of Wales, and also on behalf of the queen, the princess of Wales, and of all the royal family. To be read in all the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, [2]pp.* (from Sabbath, 16 December¹²) OCR 1/5/3/16; Mocatta 53/32

1872 *A form of prayer and thanksgiving to almighty God, for the recovery of his royal highness the prince of Wales; to be used in all synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on Sabbath, 27th January, 5632, 7pp.* OCR 1/5/3/17; Mocatta 53/33
prayers on the thanksgiving day for the recovery of the prince of Wales, Tuesday 27 February: *JC*, 1 March¹³

**Prayer to be offered up in the London synagogues of the United Congregations on Sabbath, July 13th, 5632, for the safety of Sir Moses Montefiore's journey to Russia, [3]pp.* Mocatta 124/1

**Prayer offered up in the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Synagogues of England, on Sabbath, July 13th, 5632, for the success of Sir Moses Montefiore's journey to Russia, [3]pp.* University of Chicago Library, Rosenberger 97–24

1875 **Prayer for the safety of Sir Moses Montefiore's journey to the Holy Land: offered up in the London synagogues, 5635, 3pp.* (June¹⁴) Mocatta 53/21

**Form of prayer and thanksgiving on the safe return of Sir Moses Montefiore, bart., from his mission to the Holy Land, to be used in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation, on Sabbath, September 18th, 5635–1875, 7pp.* Mocatta 53/19

1879 **memorial prayer in synagogues of the United Congregations for Benjamin Artom, haham of the Sephardi congregations, Sabbath 18 January: JC, 10 January*

1882 **Prayer for the Jews of Russia, [3]pp.* (Sabbath 18 February¹⁵) OCR 3/2/41; Mocatta RP78 RUS

**Form of prayer to be used in the synagogues of the Spanish & Portuguese congregations, London, on Saturday, 29th Sebat, 5642–18th February 1882. To implore divine aid on behalf of our brethren the oppressed Jews of Russia, 7pp.* OCR 1/5/2/4

¹² On Saturday, 2 December, some synagogues marked the prince's illness by reciting the Jewish prayer for sickness, which *Times*, 6 Dec. 1871, noted as a "precedent for Christian churches". After publication of the crown order for churches on 9 December, Adler directed synagogues to continue use of that prayer with the insertion of the prince's name, before issuing this special form of prayer: *JC*, 15, 22 Dec. 1871.

¹³ Synagogues re-used the thanksgiving prayer from 27 January.

¹⁴ Montefiore departed on 11 June.

¹⁵ *JC*, 10, 24 Feb. 1882. The prayer accompanied appeals for collections for a relief fund.

Form of thanksgiving to be used in the synagogues of the United Congregations of the British Empire, on the first day of the Festival of Tabernacles, Thursday, September 28th, 5643, 3pp. (victories of British forces in Egypt) Mocatta 54/55

Form of thanksgiving in acknowledgement of the success of our arms, held in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews, on the first day of the Feast of the Tabernacles, 5643, 7pp. OCR 1/5/2/5; Mocatta 54/54

1884 **Service of prayer and thanksgiving to be used in all the synagogues of the British empire, on the occasion of Sir Moses Montefiore, bart., completing his hundredth year. Sunday, 26th October, 5645–1884, 11pp.*¹⁶ Mocatta 54/51

1885 *A prayer for her majesty's forces in the Soudan. 5645–1885, [3]pp. (Sabbath, 28 February*¹⁷) OCR 1/5/1; Mocatta RP78

**memorial prayer in synagogues of the United Congregations for the funeral of Sir Moses Montefiore, Sabbath 1 August: JC, 31 July*¹⁸

1887 *Jubilee service. Prayer and thanksgiving to almighty God, for the protection afforded to our gracious sovereign Queen Victoria, during a long and prosperous reign. To be used in the Spanish and Portuguese synagogues, on Sunday, the 19th of June, 5647–1887. By the Rev. Dr. M. Gaster, chief rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews, 11pp. Mocatta 54/40*

Service of prayer and thanksgiving, to be used in all the synagogues of the British empire, at the celebration of the jubilee of her gracious majesty, Queen Victoria, on Tuesday, the 21st June, 5647–1887, 15pp. OCR 1/5/3/18; Mocatta 54/38

1890 **Prayer for the Jews of Russia, to be offered up on Sabbath, November 15th, 5631–1890, and the two succeeding Sabbaths, [2]pp. OCR 1/5/2*

1891 **Prayer for the Jews of Russia, to be offered up on the Day of the Atonement, 5652 (October 12th, 1891), [2]pp.*¹⁹ OCR 1/5/1/6; Mocatta 54/16

**A prayer on behalf of our oppressed brethren in Russia, to be read in the Spanish and Portuguese synagogues on the Day of Atonement, 5652–1891. By the Rev. Dr. Gaster, chief rabbi, [3]pp. OCR 1/5/2/7; Mocatta RP78*

1892 #*A form of prayer to be used in all the synagogues of the United Hebrew Congregations in Great Britain and Ireland, on Saturday, January 23rd, 5652–1892, being the Sabbath after the funeral of his late royal highness the duke of Clarence, 3pp. OCR 1/5/49; Mocatta 54/9*

#*Prayer for cessation of the disease now raging, to be read in the Spanish and Portuguese synagogues, on Sabbath, the 23rd Tebet, 5652/23rd January, 1892. By the Rev. Dr. Gaster, chief rabbi, 3pp. (influenza, which had killed the duke of Clarence) OCR 1/5/2/8; Mocatta RP78*

¹⁶ On Adler's suggestion, this form was also used at Bevis Marks, at this time without a *haham*: *JC*, 18 July 1884.

¹⁷ *JC*, 27 Feb. 1885.

¹⁸ As Montefiore had been a Sephardi, Adler directed that the Sephardi prayer should be used.

¹⁹ Hermann Adler circular to ministers, 5 Oct. [1891], OCR 3/2/41, associates this prayer with contributions to a relief fund.

1894 *Form of prayer and thanksgiving to almighty God for the duchess of York's safe delivery of a prince, to be used in all the synagogues of the United Kingdom, on Sabbath, June 30, 5654–1894, 4pp.* (Prince Edward, later Edward VIII²⁰) OCR 1/5/49; Mocatta RP77

1897 *Service of prayer and thanksgiving to be used in the synagogues of the British empire at the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of her majesty's accession to the throne, on Sunday June 20th 5657–1897, 13pp.*²¹ OCR 1/5/3/24; Mocatta 124/28

The diamond jubilee service. Prayer and thanksgiving to almighty God, for the protection afforded to our most gracious sovereign, Queen Victoria, during a long and prosperous reign. To be used in the Spanish and Portuguese synagogues, on Sunday, the 20th of June, 5657–1897. By the Rev. Dr. Gaster, chief rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews 11pp. Bod. Mont 62h24[1]

1899 *A prayer for her majesty's forces in South Africa, 5660–1899, [2]pp.* (from late October, for wartime Sabbaths²²) OCR 1/5/1

1901 *Order of prayer to be used at the memorial service on the evening of Saturday, February 2nd, 5661–1901, the day of the funeral of her late majesty, Queen Victoria, 11pp.* OCR 1/5/3/28; Mocatta 124/33

Memorial service on the occasion of the burial of her majesty Queen Victoria, the eve of the 14th Shebat, 5661–2nd February, 1901, at 7.30 p.m. to be used in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese congregations, 9pp. OCR 1/5/3/29

1902 *Prayer and thanksgiving to almighty God for the restoration of peace in South Africa, to be used in the synagogues of the United Kingdom on Wednesday, June 11th, 5662–1902, 7pp.* OCR 1/5/49; Mocatta RP78

Thanksgiving service on the occasion of the cessation of hostilities in South Africa and the conclusion of peace, to be held on the first day of Shebuoth, Wednesday, 11th June 1902, in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese congregations of Great Britain, 7pp. OCR 1/5/2/9; Mocatta RP78

Order of service to be used in the synagogues of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British empire, on Thursday, June 26th, being the coronation day of their majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra, 13pp. (postponed²³) Mocatta RP77

Order of service to be used in the London synagogues on Sabbath, June 28th, 5662–1902, in celebration of the coronation of their majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra, 7pp. (not used²⁴) OCR 1/5/3/31; Mocatta RP77

²⁰ Adler's form was also used in the Spanish and Portuguese and the Reform synagogues, "the first time that all three sections of the community showed unanimity in this respect": *JC*, 6 July 1894.

²¹ The service included a revised text of the prayer for the queen and royal family, to accommodate changes since Jewish political "emancipation" in 1858: *JC*, 23 April 1897.

²² *JC*, 22 Oct. 1899. Gaster refused to issue a special prayer for the Spanish and Portuguese synagogues, arguing that unless commanded by the queen a prayer for success in war was contrary to Jewish traditions, although some Sephardi ministers used Adler's prayer: *JC*, 24 Nov. 1899 (but see Gaster's prayer in 1914). After the British government annexed the Boer republics, Adler ordered discontinuance of the prayer: *JC*, 12 Oct. 1900. Its use may have resumed as the war continued during 1901.

²³ The form exists in two versions, as in early June Adler issued a revised text, changing two sentences to include thanksgiving for the peace treaty: *JC*, 6 June 1902. The king fell ill on 24 June, and the coronation and services for the day were postponed.

²⁴ An abridged version of the earlier form, prepared because Adler considered it difficult for London congregations to assemble on coronation day itself, given the processions and crowds. He offered the following Saturday or Sunday as alternative dates, leaving the decision to the council of the United Synagogue: *JC*, 9 May 1902. The re-arranged coronation date made the form redundant.

Prayer for the recovery of his majesty King Edward, and also on behalf of the queen and of all the royal family, [2]pp. (from Sabbath 28 June: JC, 4 July)²⁵ OCR 1/5/3/30 services for the United Hebrew Congregations on the re-arranged coronation day, Sabbath 9 August²⁶

A special service on the occasion of the coronation of their majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra: to be held on Sabbath, the 9th of August, 1902, in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews, by the Rev. Dr. Moses Gaster, 7pp. Bod., Heb.d.179(1) #thanksgiving prayer for the king's recovery, Thursday 30 October²⁷

1905 **Prayer for the Jews of Russia, 2pp. (18 November and following Sabbaths) OCR 1/5/1²⁸*

1906 **fast and day of intercessory prayer, for the Jews of Russia, Monday, 20 August: JC, 17 August²⁹*

1910 *Order of prayer to be used at the memorial service on Friday, May 20th, 5670–1910, the day of the funeral of his late majesty, King Edward, 8pp. OCR 1/5/49*

Memorial service on the occasion of the burial of his majesty King Edward, on the 11th of Iyar, 5670–20th May, 1910. To be used in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese congregations, 7pp. OCR 1/5/49

1911 *Order of service to be used in the synagogues of the United Hebrew Congregations in his majesty's empire, on Thursday, June 22nd, 5671–1911, being the coronation day of their majesties King George and Queen Mary, 13pp. OCR 1/5/3/38; Mocatta 124/43*

A special service on the occasion of the coronation of their majesties King George & Queen Mary to be held on Thursday, the 22nd of June, 1911, in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews, by the Rev. the Haham Dr. Moses Gaster, chief rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese congregations, 7pp. OCR 1/5/49; Mocatta RP77

1914 *A prayer of supplication consequent on the declaration of war, August 5674–1914, [2]pp. (from Sabbath 8 August, during the war³⁰) OCR 1/5/2/18*

A prayer "For the time when thou mayest be found", to be recited in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese congregations on the occasion of the war in which this country is now engaged, by the Rev. M. Gaster, chief rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' congregations, [4]pp. (from late September³¹) Mocatta RP78 GAS

²⁵ *JC*, 4, 11 July 1902: Adler recommended that on Sabbath 12 July the prayer should be preceded by psalm 103, in thanksgiving for the king's deliverance "from imminent peril".

²⁶ Adler ordered use of his form for the original coronation date, with the addition of a thanksgiving for the king's recovery: *JC*, 8 Aug. 1902.

²⁷ Recommended by Adler to ministers (*JC*, 24 Oct 1902), to follow the national thanksgiving service at St Paul's Cathedral on 26 October.

²⁸ The year 1906 is added in pencil to this copy, but the form was first issued after reports of the pogroms were received: *JC*, 17, 24 Nov. 1905.

²⁹ The prayer from 1905 was re-issued for this occasion.

³⁰ *JC*, 7, 14 July 1914. The title of a later reprint stated that it was "to be recited every Sabbath": Mocatta RP78.

³¹ The prayer was issued for use only on Tuesday, 29 September, but the elders of Bevis Marks resolved that its use should continue on Sabbaths during the war: *JC*, 9 Oct. 1914. See the revision below, in 1918.

1915 *The Great War. Order of intercession service on Sabbath, January 2, 1915*, 11pp. (national day of intercession 3 January) OCR 1/5/41;³² Mocatta RP78

“The voice of weeping”. Order of service for the success of our arms to be used in the Spanish and Portuguese synagogues of Great Britain on Sunday, the 3rd of January, 1915, the day appointed as the day of general intercession by command of his majesty, 7pp. OCR 1/5/2/14; Mocatta RP78

Prayer of supplication to be read every Sabbath after the prayer for the king and the royal family, [2]pp. (no specific date) OCR 1/5/2: reprinted 1916, OCR 1/5/2/18a, and 1918, Mocatta RP78 OFF

special psalms and use of the prayer from 2 January, for the anniversary of the outbreak of war, Wednesday, 4 August: *JC*, 30 July, 6 August

1916 *The Great War. Order of intercession service on Sabbath, January 1, 5676–1916*, 11pp. (national day of intercession on 2 January) OCR 1/5/2/17

Intercession service. Order of service by the Rev the haham Dr M Gaster to be used in the Spanish and Portuguese synagogues on Sunday the 2nd January 1916. The day appointed as the day of general intercession, 2 pp. private collection

intercession services Sabbath 5 August, for the second anniversary of the outbreak of war: *JC*, 4 August³³

The Great War. Order of intercession service on Sabbath, December 30th, 5677–1916, 11pp. (national day of prayer 31 December) OCR 1/5/1

1917 **Form of praise and thanksgiving to almighty God for the taking of Jerusalem by his majesty’s forces, first day of Chanukah, 5768. To be used Sabbath Chanukah, December 15, 5768 (1917), after the prayer for the king and the royal family*, 3pp. OCR 1/5/2/19

1918 *The Great War. Order of service for the day of prayer and thanksgiving appointed by his majesty. Sabbath, January 5, 5678-1918*, 8pp.³⁴ (national day of prayer 6 January) OCR 1/5/2/23

The Great War. Prayers to be read every Sabbath after the prayer for the king and the royal family, 11pp. [no specific date] OCR 1/5/41; Mocatta RP78 OFF

A prayer “for the time when thou mayest be found” (Ps. 32. 6) to be recited in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese congregations on the occasion of the war in which this country is now engaged. By the Rev the haham, Moses Gaster, Ph.D., chief rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese congregations. A new and revised edition, [4]pp. OCR 1/5/41; Mocatta RP78 GAS

prayer on the fourth anniversary of the outbreak of war, Sabbath 3 August: *JC*, 2 August

The Great War. Form of praise and thanksgiving to almighty God consequent on the cessation of hostilities to be used Sabbath, November 16, 5679–1918, 7pp. OCR 1/5/41

³² The title of a second copy in the same file adds “to be used in the synagogues of the British Empire”, and has a handwritten note: “Colonies, Australia & N.Z.”.

³³ The service of 1 January 1916 was re-used. It is likely that the third anniversary in 1917 was similarly observed, but no reports have been found.

³⁴ The form included the text of the king’s letter published in *Times*, 8 Nov. 1917, which had appointed this day of prayer. It was printed in English only and with italicised changes to “sabbath” and “Houses of Worship” as “suggested alternative readings (instead of Sunday and Churches) for Jewish use”. The letter was to be read either before the sermon or at the start of the service.

1919 *The Great War. Form of praise and thanksgiving to almighty God for the restoration of peace*, 12pp. (6 July³⁵) OCR 1/5/41; Mocatta RP73 Jew

Prayer offered up in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews on Sunday, 8th Tamuz, 5679–6th July, 1919, the day appointed by command of his majesty as the day of thanksgiving on the signing of the treaty of peace, [3]pp. Mocatta RP78

1920 **Form of praise and thanksgiving for the granting to Great Britain of the mandate for Palestine as a national home for the Jewish people to be used on Tuesday, May 25th, 5680 (1920)*, 7pp. OCR 1/5/2/31

prayer for the first meeting of the League of Nations, Sunday 14 November: *Times*, 10 November³⁶

1921 *Prayer for the success of the disarmament conference at Washington to be recited after the prayer for the king and the royal family on Sabbath, November 12th, 5682–1921*, [2]pp.³⁷ OCR 1/5/2/32

1922 **Form of praise and thanksgiving to almighty God for the approval by the League of Nations of the British mandate for Palestine as a national home for the Jewish people: to be read before the prayer for the king and the royal family on Shemini Atzereth, 5683 (Oct. 14th, 1922)*. 4pp. University of Chicago Library, Rosenberger 86–46

1925 #*Memorial prayer for her majesty Queen Alexandra, Sabbath, 28th November, 1925–5686*, [2]pp. OCR 1/5/49

1926 prayers for the peace of the country, Sabbath 8 May, during the General Strike³⁸

1928 *Prayer for the recovery of his majesty King George V. To be read in synagogues after the prayer for the royal family*, [3]pp. (from Sabbath 1 December³⁹) OCR 1/5/49

Prayer for the recovery of his majesty the king, to be read in the Spanish and Portuguese synagogues, [2]pp. OCR 1/5/49

1929 *Prayer of thanksgiving for the recovery of his majesty King George V. To be read in synagogues before the prayer for the royal family Sabbath, July 6, 1929*, 2pp. OCR 1/5/49

Prayer of thanksgiving for the recovery of his majesty the king to be read in Spanish and Portuguese synagogues, on Sabbath, 28th Sivan, 5689–6 July, 1929, 2pp. BL 1976.eee.26(2)

**Memorial service for the victims of the massacres in the Holy Land. Sunday, 3rd Ellul, 5689/8th September, 1929*, 3pp. OCR 1/5/41

1930 *Prayer for the success of the naval conference, London. To be read after the prayer for the king and the royal family, on Sabbath, January 18th 1930, and on every subsequent Sabbath during the conference*, 3pp. OCR 1/5/41

³⁵ *JC*, 4 July 1919.

³⁶ An initiative of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches, and announced in co-ordination with leaders of the British protestant churches.

³⁷ Also for use “on other suitable occasions” during the conference: *JC*, 11 Nov. 1921.

³⁸ British newspapers were not published during the strike, but see the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, *Daily Bulletin*, 10 May 1926.

³⁹ *JC*, 30 Nov. 1928.

1933 *Prayer on behalf of our brethren in Germany, to be recited after the prayer for the king and the royal family on the Festival of the Pentecost and on the Sabbaths thereafter, [2]pp. (from Wednesday 31 May⁴⁰) Mocatta RP78

1935 Prayer and thanksgiving for the semi-jubilee of his majesty's accession to the throne Sabbath, 11th May, 5695–1935, 12pp.⁴¹ OCR 1/5/49; Mocatta RP77

Prayer and thanksgiving for the semi-jubilee of his majesty's accession to the throne Sunday, 12th May, 5695–1935, 12pp. OCR 1/5/49

1936 Memorial prayer for his majesty King George to be read on Sabbath, 25th January, 5696–1936 before the prayer for the royal family, [2]pp. OCR 1/5/49

Order of prayer to be used at the memorial service on Tuesday, 28th January, 5696–1936 the day of the funeral of his late majesty King George, 8pp. OCR 1/5/49

Memorial service on the occasion of the burial of his majesty King George on Tuesday the 28th of January 1936. To be used in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese congregations, 13pp. OCR 1/5/49

1937 Prayer and thanksgiving for the coronation of their majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth Sabbath, 8 May, 5697–1937, 12 pp. OCR 1/5/49

Special service on the occasion of the coronation of their majesties King George & Queen Elizabeth to be held in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews on Sunday, the 9th May 1937, 15pp. Mocatta RP77

Prayer and thanksgiving for the day of the coronation of their majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth Wednesday, 12th May, 5697–1937, 12pp. OCR 1/5/49

1938 *A service of prayer and intercession on behalf of the sufferers from the renewed attack on religion and human freedom Sunday, 17 July, 1938, 12pp.⁴² Mocatta RP78

*fast day and prayers on Sunday 18 September, during the Czechoslovakian crisis, for the preservation of peace and “amelioration of the terrible position ... of Jews all over the world”: *Times*, 17 September⁴³

*Prayer and supplication, to be recited on the Sabbath of Penitence and on the Day of Atonement after the prayer for the king and the royal family, [4]pp. (1 and 4 October⁴⁴) Mocatta RP78

*A service of prayer and intercession for the Jews in Germany. Sunday, 20th November, 1938, 12pp.⁴⁵ Mocatta RP78

1939 Prayer for the success of the Palestine conference convened by H.M. Government, [3]pp. (Sabbaths 26 February and during the conference⁴⁶) Mocatta RP78 PAL

⁴⁰ *JC*, 8 Sept. 1933, reports Hertz asking for the prayer to be recited during future festivals, as well as on Sabbaths. It continued in use until superseded by a new form in 1939.

⁴¹ This form contained a prayer for use with the ordinary Sabbath services; the form for Sunday (below) was for synagogues which wanted an additional special service: *JC*, 15 March 1935.

⁴² After Hertz's public announcement of these special prayers, the heads of the main English churches appointed their own prayers for the same day, in sympathy with the Jewish communities.

⁴³ Arranged in agreement with the chief rabbimates of other nations. Archbishop Lang, with the king's approval, had announced a national day of prayer on this date, in the cause of peace.

⁴⁴ Lang called for a national day of thanksgiving for the Munich settlement on Sunday 2 October.

⁴⁵ After *Kristallnacht*, Lang called for prayers for the persecuted Jews of central Europe from Sunday 13 November.

⁴⁶ *JC*, 24 Feb. 1939.

**Prayer for our brethren in Germany and Italy to be read after the prayer for the king and the royal family*, 1p. (before mid May⁴⁷) OCR 1/5/2

**The Nazi war. Prayer of supplication to be read every Sabbath and festival after the prayer for the king and the royal family*, [2]pp. (from 9 September⁴⁸) Mocatta RP78

**Prayer to be recited in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews on the occasion of the war in which this country is now engaged*, [4]pp. (undated) Mocatta RP78

Prayer and supplication to be recited on the Sabbath of Penitence and on the Day of Atonement after the prayer for the king and the royal family, [2]pp. (Sabbath 30 September and Thursday 5 October) OCR 1/5/2; Mocatta RP78

The Nazi war. Intercession prayer on Sabbath, September 30, 5700–1939, 2pp. (national day of prayer on 1 October) National Library of Israel

1940 **Prayer to be recited in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews during the war in which this country is now engaged*, [4]pp. (undated) Mocatta pamphlets RP78 [reprinted 1943: *AJB*1937 p. 327]

The Nazi war. Intercession prayer on Sunday, May 26, 5700–1940, [2]pp. (national day of prayer) OCR 1/5/2; Mocatta RP78

**The Nazi war. Prayer of supplication to be read every Sabbath and festival after the prayer for the king and the royal family*, [2]pp. (from May⁴⁹) OCR 1/5/2; Mocatta RP78
thanksgiving prayers for “the deliverance of the allied forces from the enemy at Dunkirk”, during the week to Sabbath 15 June: *JC*, 14 June

**The Nazi war. A service of prayer and intercession*, 8pp. (Sunday 23 June⁵⁰)
Mocatta RP78

private prayers at noon each day “for the survival of the fundamentals of our common civilization”, from mid July⁵¹

The Nazi war. A service of prayer and intercession in connection with the anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities, Sunday, September 8, 5700–1940, 8pp. (national day of prayer)
Mocatta RP78 SED

prayer for Greece, Sabbath 14 December: *Times*, 12 December⁵²

1941 *A service of prayer, intercession and thanksgiving in connection with Britain’s fight for freedom, Sunday, March 23, 5701–1941*, 8pp. (national day of prayer) Mocatta RP78

**Supplication for the success of H.M. forces; and the safety of the civilian population: and memorial prayer for those fallen in battle and for the civilian victims of the war, to be read every Sabbath and festival, after the prayer for the king and the royal family*, [4]pp. (from mid May⁵³) Mocatta RP78

A service of prayer and intercession in connection with the second anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities, Sunday, September 7, 5701–1941, 8pp. (national day of prayer)
Mocatta RP78

⁴⁷ *JC*, 12 May 1939.

⁴⁸ *JC*, 8 Sept. 1939.

⁴⁹ *JC*, 24 May 1940; a revision of the form of 1939, now adding a “Memorial prayer for those fallen in battle”.

⁵⁰ *JC*, 21, 28 June 1940, linked to prayers for France in churches on Sunday 16 June.

⁵¹ *JC*, 26 July 1940: Hertz’s notice followed an appeal on 2 July by the Anglican archbishops, with the king’s approval. He signed a joint appeal with the heads of English churches for special youth services on the weekend of 10–11 August: *Times*, 19 July 1940.

⁵² Text in *JC*, 10 Jan. 1941.

⁵³ *JC*, 16 May 1941.

1942 *special prayers for the war effort on the first day of Passover, as the Jewish “festival of freedom”, Thursday, 2 April: *JC*, 27 May⁵⁴

**Memorial prayer for the victims of the mass massacre of Jews in Nazi-occupied lands. To be recited on Tisha B'av after the reading of the law, and on succeeding Sabbaths after the prayer for the king and the royal family*, [3]pp. (from Thursday 23 July) Mocatta RP78

*day of supplication on behalf of “brethren in danger of extermination at the hands of an inhuman enemy”, and “fervent prayer for speedy victory and a righteous peace”, Wednesday, 12 August: *JC*, 7 August⁵⁵

Order of service for the national day of prayer and dedication on the third anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities, Thursday September 3, 1942–1942, 8pp. Roth

**Order of service on the day of fasting mourning and prayer for the victims of mass massacres of Jews in Nazi lands Sunday, 5th Tebeth, 1942–13th December, 1942*, 12pp.⁵⁶ Mocatta RP78

*week of mourning and intercession, Sunday 13 December to Friday 18th: *JC*, 11 December⁵⁷

1943 prayers for the people of Russia, Sabbath and Sunday 20–21 February: *JC*, 19 February⁵⁸

**“Prayer for the living! Remember the dead!” A Passover message by the Chief Rabbi* (containing two prayers for Monday 19 April: “supplication for our surviving brethren in and from Nazi lands”, and “Memorial prayer for the victims of the mass massacres”) [2]pp. Mocatta RP78

Order of service for the national day of prayer and dedication on the fourth anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities, Friday, September 3, 1943–1943, 8pp.⁵⁹ Mocatta RP78

prayers for China, Sabbath 9 October: *Times*, 30 September

1944 prayers for the living and memorial prayer for the dead, for Passover, Friday, 7 April: *JC*, 31 March⁶⁰

**A service of mourning and prayer on the first anniversary of the “Battle of Warsaw” Monday, 29th Iyar, 1944–22 May 1944*, 12pp.⁶¹ *NBAJ* p. 200

prayers after D-Day, for victory of the allied forces, Sabbath 10 June, and special intercession services for the United Nations on Sunday, 11 June: *Times*, 8 June

⁵⁴ Texts from the service of 2 September 1941 were to be used. This occasion was a substitute for the observance of a national day of prayer on Palm Sunday, 29 March, a Christian festival with which synagogues could not be associated: Tomlin, *Protest and Prayer*, 213–14. Hertz repeated the issue of special prayers at Passover in 1943 and 1944: see below.

⁵⁵ Arranged in conjunction with orthodox rabbis of America. Hertz appointed the use of earlier intercession prayers, and the prayer issued in July.

⁵⁶ The chief reference was to the Jews of Poland; collections were made for Polish refugees. There may have been prayers for Poland during earlier Sabbath services: *Sunday Times*, 6 Dec. 1942; Tomlin, *Protest and Prayer*, 208.

⁵⁷ Hertz, the Beth Din and the Board of Deputies jointly appealed for Jewish businesses to close during the fast day, and Hertz asked for suspension of amusements during the week.

⁵⁸ The instructions included special sermons on the Sunday, with collections for the Jewish Fund for Soviet Russia.

⁵⁹ Memorial prayers for the victims of war and massacres in this service were to replace earlier versions recited on Sabbaths and festivals: *JC*, 27 Aug 1943.

⁶⁰ A re-issue of Hertz’s Passover prayers for 1943.

⁶¹ A form principally for a service organized by Hertz and the Board of Deputies in Bevis Marks, but with arrangements for “communal services ... at the same time throughout the provinces”: *JC*, 12 May 1944.

*Order of service for the national day of prayer and dedication on the fifth anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities Sunday, September 3, 1944–5704, 8pp.*⁶² Mocatta RP78
prayers for the people of Holland, suffering a famine, Sabbath 28 October: *JC*, 20 October

1945 *The world war. Service of praise and thanksgiving for the victory of the allied nations, 16pp.* (national thanksgiving day for victory in Europe, Sunday 13 May⁶³) OCR 1/5/55; Mocatta RP78
service on the national thanksgiving day for victory over Japan, Sunday 19 August: *JC*, 17 August⁶⁴

1946 **National prayer for peace organised by the United Nations Association during the United Nations week. To be read daily from Sabbath, September 28th, to the Day of Atonement, October 5th, on Sabbath after the prayer for the king and the royal family, 2pp.* BL 3408.d.41
**prayer for the United Nations, Sabbath 19 October: JC, 18 October*⁶⁵

1947 *Order of service for the national day of prayer on Sunday, July 6th, 1947 (fast of Tammuz 5707). By command of his majesty King George VI, 12pp.* Mocatta RP78

1948 **special psalm and reading to mark the end of the British mandate in Palestine (and establishment of the state of Israel), Sabbath 15 May and succeeding Sabbaths: JC, 14 May*⁶⁶

1951 special psalms for the start of the Festival of Britain, Sabbath 5 May: circular, 30 April, OCR 6/1/1
Prayer for the recovery of his majesty King George VI. To be read in synagogues after the prayer for the royal family, [2]pp. (from 27 September) OCR 1/5/49
Prayer of thanksgiving for the recovery of his majesty King George VI. To be read in synagogues before the prayer for the royal family Sabbath, 8th December, 1951, [2]pp. OCR 1/5/49

1952 *Memorial prayer for his majesty King George to be read on Sabbath, 9th February, 1952/13th Shebat, 5712, [2]pp.* OCR 1/5/49
*Order of service to be used at the memorial service for his late majesty King George, [1]pp.*⁶⁷ OCR 1/5/49
Memorial service on the occasion of the burial of his majesty King George on Friday the 15th of February 1952. To be used in the synagogues of the Spanish and Portuguese congregations, 13pp. OCR 1/5/49
**memorial prayer for Chaim Weizmann, Sabbath 15 November: JC, 14 November*

⁶² As in September 1943, the memorial prayers were to be used on succeeding Sabbaths and festivals: *JC*, 25 Aug. 1944.

⁶³ Hertz also instructed that special afternoon services should be held on VE-Day or the following day, that the special prayer in this form was to be read on the Sabbaths before and after the thanksgiving day and, later, that a benediction should be included in the thanksgiving service: *JC*, 27 April, 11 May 1945.

⁶⁴ Hertz ordered re-use of the form for 13 May, with further directions for the benediction.

⁶⁵ To mark the national intercession service for the United Nations at St Paul's Cathedral on 20 October. The deputy chief rabbi asked for the prayer issued in September to be recited again.

⁶⁶ See *JC*, 1 Oct. 1948, for discontinuance by the new chief rabbi, Israel Brodie.

⁶⁷ A full form issued to ministers has not been found. This "Abbreviated form", giving the contents of the service with page references to the prayer book, was for use by members of the congregation: circular, 8 Feb 1951, OCR 6/1/58.

1953 *Prayer on behalf of our brethren in Russia and the countries under her domination to be recited on Sabbaths after the prayer for the queen and the royal family, 2pp. (from 31 January⁶⁸) JTS DS135.R9 P66 1953

#Memorial prayer for her majesty Queen Mary Sabbath, 28th March, 1953–5713, 4pp. OCR 1/5/49

Prayer and thanksgiving for the coronation of her majesty Queen Elizabeth. To be recited in all synagogues on Sabbath, 30th May, 1953/5713 or on the day of the coronation, Tuesday, 2nd June, 1953/5713, 12pp.⁶⁹ OCR 1/5/50;⁷⁰ Mocatta RP77

1954 thanksgiving prayer for Queen Elizabeth's return from a Commonwealth tour, Sabbath 15 May: *JC*, 14 May

Prayer of thanksgiving on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, to be recited on Sabbath, 22nd May/19th Iyyar 5714 after the prayer for the queen and the royal family, [2]pp. *NBAJ* p. 203

*prayer on behalf of Jews on trial in Egypt for espionage and sabotage, Sabbath 25 December: *JC*, 24 December

1955 Prayer for the success of the four-power conference at Geneva to be read after the prayer for the queen and the royal family, on Sabbath, 16 July, 1955–5715, [2]pp. *BL* 1976.g.27(1)

1956 *Tercentenary Sabbath. Prayer of thanksgiving on the occasion of the three hundredth anniversary of the resettlement of Jews in England. To be recited on Sabbath, 7th January, 1956–23rd Tebeth, 5716, after the prayer for the queen and the royal family, [2]pp. *BL* 1976.g.27(3)

*special services in support of Israel, Sunday 15 April, requested by the chief rabbi and the *haham*, following an appeal by the chief rabbi of Israel for a world day of prayer: *JC*, 6 April

*prayer for the success of the London conference on the Suez crisis, Sabbath 18 August: *JC*, 17 August

*prayer in Sephardi synagogues for Jews in Egypt and the Middle East and for exiles from Hungary, Sabbaths 1 and 8 December: *JC*, 7 December

1960 Order of prayer and thanksgiving for the safe delivery of her majesty the queen of a prince to be recited on Sabbath, 27th February, 1960 after the prayer for the queen and the royal family, [2]pp. (Prince Andrew) OCR 6/1/219⁷¹

prayers for the international disarmament conference, Sabbath 12 March: *Times*, 29 February⁷²

*Prayer of thanksgiving on the occasion of the bicentenary of the establishment of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, to be recited in synagogues on Sabbath, 19th November 1960/5721, after the prayer for the queen and the royal family, 3pp.⁷³ *NBAJ* p. 197

⁶⁸ *JC*, 30 Jan., and, for discontinuance, 6 March 1953.

⁶⁹ The first printing of this form mistakenly retained Queen Mary's name in the prayer for the royal family. This was corrected in the issue of a revised text.

⁷⁰ The same file contains copies printed specifically for various provincial and London synagogues.

⁷¹ OCR 1/5/50 contains a first proof of the form, with the alternatives of "Prince" or "Princess" in the title.

⁷² The chief rabbi was included with the heads of the main British churches in a joint appeal for prayer.

⁷³ Composed jointly by the chief rabbi and the *haham*: *JC*, 18 Nov. 1960.

- 1962 **Memorial prayer for the victims of Nazi persecution*, 3pp. (Sabbath 4 August⁷⁴)
 AJB1937 p. 331
- 1963 *prayer for distressed Jews everywhere, especially in Russia, during Passover: *JC*, 5 April
 *memorial prayer for the victims of Nazi persecution, to mark the 25th anniversary of the pogroms in Germany and Austria, Sabbath, 2 November: *JC*, 1 November
 *memorial prayers for President Kennedy, Sabbath 30 November: *JC*, 29 November
- 1964 *Order of prayer and thanksgiving for the safe delivery of her majesty the queen of a prince to be recited on Sabbath, 21st March 1964*, 2pp. (Prince Edward) BL ORB30/6721
- 1967 **Prayer on behalf of our brethren in Russia issued by the chief-rabbinite-in-commission, to be recited on Sabbath 11th February, 1967*, 3pp.⁷⁵ JTS DS135.R9 P67 1967
 *prayers for the peace of Israel, Sabbath 27 May, requested by the chief rabbi and the *haham*, and the rabbinic council of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: *JC*, 26 May⁷⁶
 *day of fast and intercession during threats of an Arab–Israeli war, Monday 5 June, jointly requested by the chief rabbi and the *haham*: *JC*, 2 June
 *thanksgiving for Israel’s victory in the Six-Day War, Sabbath 10 June: *Daily Telegraph*, 10 June
 *prayers for the welfare of Jews in Arab lands and the Soviet bloc, Sabbath 1 July, jointly requested by the chief rabbi and the *haham*: *JC*, 30 June
- 1968 *prayer for Russian Jewry, Sabbath 6 January, following appointment of a day of prayer in Israel: *JC*, 29 December 1967
 *sermons and prayers “for the plight of Jews in lands of repression and oppression”, on one day during Passover, requested by the chief rabbi and *haham*: *JC*, 5 April
 *thanksgiving for the reunification of Jerusalem during the Six-Day War, Sunday 26 May, agreed by chief rabbinate across the world: *JC*, 12 April
- 1969 #prayer in Sephardi synagogues, for Prince Charles’ investiture as prince of Wales, Sabbath 5 July: *JC*, 11 July
- 1970 *prayer for the peace of Israel and the victims of terrorism, on the 3rd anniversary of the ceasefire at the end of the Six-Day War, Thursday 11 June: *JC*, 5 June

⁷⁴ The context was a revival of British fascist and anti-semitic agitation: *JC*, 3 Aug. 1962.

⁷⁵ During the official visit to Britain of the Soviet premier, Kosygin: *JC*, 3 Feb. 1963.

⁷⁶ Tensions between Egypt and Israel had increased sharply from mid May.