



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

CHAYEI SARAH - REMEMBRANCE DAY: WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



TODAY IS **REMEMBRANCE DAY** - THE DAY THAT WORLD WAR I ENDED AND THE DAY THAT WE REMEMBER ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE DIED IN SERVICE.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A JEWISH PRESENCE IN THE BRITISH ARMED FORCES? THERE WERE MANY JEWISH SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN WHO FOUGHT FOR THEIR COUNTRY IN BOTH WORLD WARS AND THERE ARE STILL JEWISH SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE BRITISH FORCES TODAY. **AJEX*** HAS OVER 4000 MEMBERS WHO FOUGHT FOR THE BRITISH ARMED FORCES DURING OR AFTER WORLD WAR II.



One of those servicemen was **Mark Kosky**, who served in the RAF during World War II. He completed two tours of duty with the **Lancaster Bombers** when surviving even one was unlikely! He also volunteered for **Operation Manna** in which bombers flew dangerously low in order to drop food parcels to Dutch civilians.



Before every flight he would recite **Psalm 16** which starts "Guard me, God, for I have sought refuge in you." His crew were very impressed with this and eventually they refused to fly until they knew Kosky had said his prayer. Mark Kosky went on to be an active member in his Jewish community, serving in many leadership positions in the United Synagogue and pioneering the concept of youth services.

We are proud to remember Mark and all the other servicemen and women that served alongside him.

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