

JOURNEY TO SAFETY

HERITAGE TRAIL: POVERTY



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Landmark 3	Wentworth Street Arch
Finish	Liverpool Street Underground Station

Life was not easy for many of the children who came on the Kindertransport. They brought very few possessions with them, and could not rely on their family back home for help. Poverty among the Jewish community was not unheard of the time, as this trail shows.

- 1** Plaque on Middlesex Street
This is at 125-9 Middlesex Street, above a pub called The Shooting Star. The site housed The Jewish Board of Guardians for 60 years. The organisation has since become the Jewish Welfare Board and Jewish Care. The organisation worked tirelessly to help the Jewish poor of the area.
- 2** Brune Street soup kitchen façade
This beautiful terracotta façade was designed by the well-known Jewish architect Solomon Lewis in 1902. It was one of the many soup kitchens founded by wealthy West End Jews to reduce poverty among the Jews in the area.
- 3** Wentworth Street Arch
This arch is all that remains of the Charlotte de Rothschild Model Dwellings, opened in 1887 and built to reduce the housing shortage among poor Jews. The arch reads "Erected by the Four Per Cent Industrial Dwellings Company Ltd, 1886".

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