

Friday, 16th October, 2015 ~ 1pm-2pm

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# The Last Minyan

## A Belfast Jewish Story

by Aaron Black



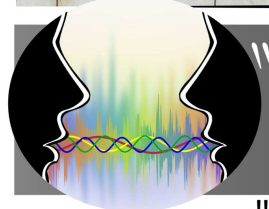
### Documentary Film Screening

In conjunction with the "From Home to Here" exhibition, curated by Prof. Karen Corrigan and Dr Adam Mearns of Newcastle University, there will be a free public screening of *The Last Minyan: A Belfast Jewish Story*, a film by Aaron Black. This documentary tells of the disappearing world of the Belfast Jewish community, as seen from the inside. Aaron Black observes the ageing community as it struggles to gather the ten men, or 'Minyan', needed for a prayer service. The film explores the reasons why keeping the synagogue open and the community going is so important to those that remain. Small Jewish communities are disappearing all over the UK - this is the story of one of them. Aaron Black grew up in the community and had his Bar Mitzvah in Belfast, but like many of his generation, he stopped going to synagogue. Now, twenty years later, he goes back to where his father, Michael Black, is the residing chairman. (Originally shown as part of the BBC True North series.)

**CENSUS OF IRELAND**  
(Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given)

**FORM A.**  
of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept

RELATION to Head of Family	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION	EDUCATION	AGE	SEX	RACE
Head of Family	Jewish	Can not Read	45	M	D
Wife	do.	Can not Read	42	F	
Son	do.	Read and Write	23	M	Do
Son	do.	Read and Write	18	M	Do
Daughter	do.	Read and Write	21	F	Do
Daughter	do.	Can not Read	19	F	Do
Daughter	do.	Read and Write	15	F	Do



"múin Béarla  
do na leanbháin"

"Teach the Children English"

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