

JVN CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERING AWARDS 2022



In honour of Leonie Lewis z”l
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MESSAGE FROM DANIEL LEVY

Chair of JVN

Welcome to all.

Firstly, I must say I'm delighted that we are able to hold the JVN Celebration of Volunteering in person.

Tonight we have more winners from more charities than ever before. This somewhat reflects the challenging times that we live in, the ever-increasing role of charities to ease so many social burdens, with the ongoing commitment of volunteers who are crucial to the services that they deliver.

It is a great honour for JVN to be able to celebrate so many achievements, all helping to make a difficult world a somewhat easier place.

For us at JVN, and so many in our community, the word volunteer is simply synonymous with Leonie Lewis MBE – zichrona livrachá – may her memory be a blessing.

I would like to thank Howard, Adam and Ben and all the family for supporting the Awards and allowing us to celebrate her life and legacy in some small way.

Having been to her funeral and subsequent prayers, I have never seen such an outpouring of love with quite so many people in attendance. The people who engaged with Leonie are essentially the ones who gave to our community and beyond. Leonie's role was to give them the opportunities, as well as encourage even greater engagement.

She is not only the first CEO, but the very essence of JVN.

Our external judging panel, headed up again by our dear friend, Dame Mary Marsh, had the unenviable task of selecting from the 90 winners from 46 charities the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, Outstanding Volunteer Team of the Year, Outstanding Young Adult Volunteer and Outstanding Lifetime Achiever. We thank the judges for their time and commitment – not an easy task.

Thanks to the terrific team who put this evening together, staff and volunteers and our loyal and generous supporters and sponsors who ensure that JVN can accomplish our critically important goals.

At JVN, we strive to make the world a better place through volunteering. By the same token we hope tonight will inspire you whether you are volunteering every week throughout the year or not volunteering currently to give back by donating your time, energy, and resources to the causes you're most passionate about.

Thank you for doing what you do, we are very privileged to be hosting such a spectacular group of people.

Once again, a big thank you to you all.



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THANK YOU

We offer our sincere thanks to the people and organisations who have contributed to the JVN Celebration of Volunteering Awards and the many others who support JVN.

- Our Awards Ceremony Compere, Nigel Rothband
- The Independent Judging Panel: Dame Mary Marsh, Lia Bogod-Nathans, Gaby Lazarus, Howard Lewis, Sarah Rose, Ashley Sweetland
- Our JVN volunteers who support JVN all year round and who have supported tonight's event including Dalia Cramer, Elissa Bayer, Rita Fischer, Mike Boda, Nadya Nicola, Amanda Weinberg and Robert Koch, together with tonight's event volunteers Es and Hilary Rosen, Janet Elf, Denise and David Lester
- Volunteer, Emma Ziff, for the event photography
- All those who contributed advertisements, sponsorships, greetings, messages and articles to the JVN Celebration of Volunteering Awards brochure
- Tallulah Trounson and her team at The Grove
- Shir for providing tonight's musical entertainment
- Taryn Brett at CTB Creative for designing and producing the brochure, invitations and promotional materials
- Harvey Samuels at Trophies365 for designing and producing the JVN Celebration of Volunteering Awards trophies
- Michelle Becker of pinksoul for the JVN film
- Lauren Kayser of Moviebytes for the tribute to Leonie film
- Josepha White for catering
- James Lovell of SLA for production
- The JVN Staff Team, each of whom have gone above and beyond to make this event happen

We would also like to thank everyone who nominated a volunteer, team or trustee to receive a JVN Celebration of Volunteering Award. The value you place on volunteering, in addition to your determination that volunteers should be recognised for their efforts, enables us to honour them tonight.



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SPONSORS

We would like to thank our sponsors for their very generous contributions without which tonight's event would not have been possible:

- **With thanks to the Lewis Family for sponsoring the event**
- **The Citron, Sivan and Sefton Family for Lifetime Achievement Award**
- **Edwards Family Foundation for Young Adult Volunteer of the Year**
- **Investec Weath and Investments Ltd for Volunteer Team of the Year**
- **Wohl Legacy for Volunteer of the Year**
- **MHA MacIntyre Hudson for the brochure**
- **The Ostrich Trust for the films**

We would also like to thank:

- **Gaby Lazarus for her 60th birthday appeal for JVN**
- **Howard, Adam and Ben Lewis for the Leonie's Life and Legacy appeal for JVN**

JVN TRUSTEES

**DANIEL
LEVY**
Chair of Trustees



Daniel Levy is Co-Chairman of The Grove Hotel and Luxury Family Hotels.

He has been actively involved in philanthropy for around 40 years, primarily as a long-standing board member and campaign chairman of UJIA, as part of the founding trustees of Jewish Continuity and a board member of MDA. Daniel is currently Chair of the Board of Governors at Immanuel College.

As well being a trustee since 2015 and Life Patron of JVN, Daniel is the Chair, following the very sad passing away of Chairman, David Lazarus z"l at the beginning of April 2020.

Daniel is truly passionate about volunteering, the development of youth and engagement within our community and across the wider community.

**ROSALIND
PRESTON OBE**
President



Ros describes herself as a "professional volunteer" in the not-for-profit sector and has dedicated a major part of her life to volunteering. She has served as a Trustee of the JC.Trust; President of the National Council of Women GB.; Co-Chair of the Inter Faith Network and a former Chair of Nightingale Hammerson. Ros accepted the position as president of JVN because she believes that this organisation serves the best interests of both individual volunteers and charities across the community.

**JO
COLEMAN**
Trustee



Jo is a Partner in the Charities Team of Womble Bond Dickinson in London. Jo advises all range of charities, from large national, household names to regional providers and local voluntary groups. She also advises on all matters relating to charity law, including in relation to collaborations, mergers, fundraising, trading, tax and compliance issues, including the prudent management of conflicts of interest. Jo also advises charity trustees who find themselves subject to Charity Commission Inquiries, taking steps to ensure that the Charity can meet and address the Commission's concerns. Jo is the former Chair of the Charity Law Association and served on its Executive Committee for nine years.

**PAUL
COLLIN**
Treasurer



Paul is a retired Chartered Accountant and was a former treasurer and trustee of Masorti UK. He took up a trustee position at JVN in April 2020. He is an active volunteer who tries to draw and paint in his spare time on condition that he never exhibits.



JVN TRUSTEES

**SARA
CONWAY**
Trustee



Sara is a local councillor and chairs Barnet Council's Community Leadership and Libraries Committee and the Safer Communities Partnership Board. She is also a trustee at the Arts Depot and at Sebby's Corner; a Greater London Authority Civic Futures Programme fellow, a member of Nisa Nashim and a very active volunteer. Sara was honoured and delighted to join the JVN Board of Trustees last summer after many years of involvement with JVN.

**KAREN
COOPER**
Trustee



Karen runs brand and research consultancy, Living Brands, after a career in management consultancy and advertising. She works with a wide range of commercial and not-for-profit clients helping them grow. She has been volunteering for many years and is now delighted to help JVN increase its reach across the community and beyond.

**PROFESSOR
MARGARET HARRIS**
Trustee

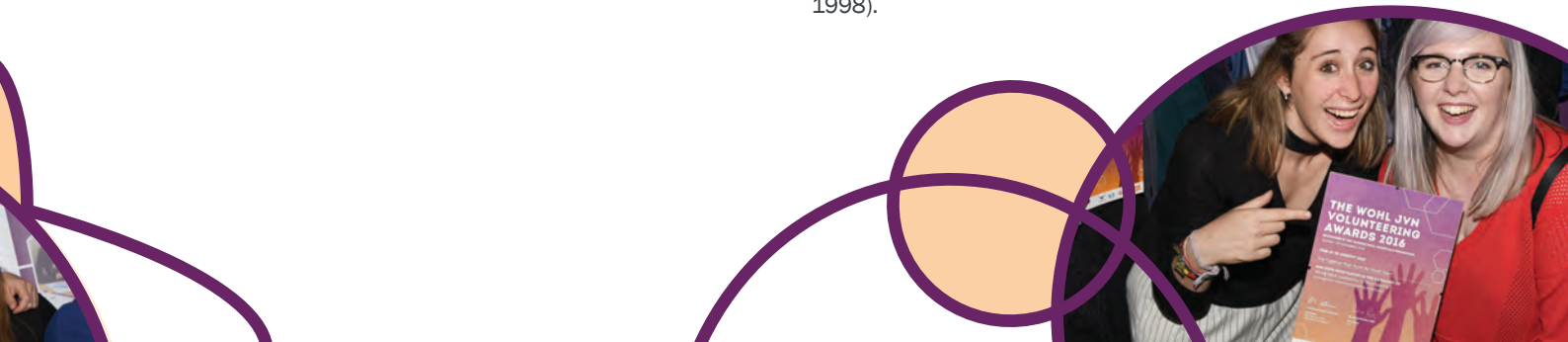


Margaret Harris is Professor Emerita of Voluntary Sector Organisation, Aston University. She has been a trustee at JVN since 2016. She worked in local government and the voluntary sector before becoming an academic specializing in practice-focused research on charities. She has published on topics including: volunteering; governing bodies; performance management; community cohesion; and faith based organizations. She is the author of 'Organizing God's Work: Challenges for Churches and Synagogues' (Palgrave Macmillan, 1998).

**RICHARD
WERTH**
Trustee



Richard Werth FCA was Chief Executive of Banner Homes, until 2014. He subsequently set up a new house builder called Troy Homes building high quality homes in the South East of England. Previously Richard was a Governor of Immanuel College, for over 10 years, having been treasurer and Chair of its Property Group as well as Deputy Chairman. He has also been a director of NHBC, the largest warranty provider to new home owners. Richard joined the Board of JVN in December 2017.



NOMINATING CHARITIES



MESSAGE FROM NICKY GOLDMAN

JVN Chief Executive



Everyone in the room tonight is here because volunteering has touched our lives – doing it, did it, inspired by someone close to us who has or does.

The Jewish people have survived through the ages by creating institutions to support each other and the wider community. Organisations were largely founded on a voluntary basis and the importance of volunteers until today cannot be understated.

The past two and a half years since the start of the pandemic have been very challenging for us all and sadly this is continuing amidst economic uncertainty, labour shortages and the rise of the cost of living. This means that the charities we support are challenged to provide their services and need JVN's support even more to promote volunteering and connect volunteers, as well as to help with managing volunteers in the optimal way.

JVN is keeping going, working hard to get more people volunteering, despite the challenges. JVN's unique role in connecting, placing and supporting volunteers into charities continues to be invaluable. We are the only space in the Jewish community where people can find a whole range of volunteering opportunities within the Jewish community and wider charity sector year-round.

We know that volunteering helps people get through crises, whether they are helping people online or in person. Volunteering has many health benefits also, and at a time when loneliness and isolation are very real issues, volunteering helps to keep people active, engaged with the community and ensures they have a focus and purpose. It is one aspect of their life that they have control over.

Over the last year we have worked hard with many charities' Volunteer Managers, helping them shape and reshape multiple times the opportunities for people to volunteer in their organisation.

We are hugely proud of the role JVN plays as an essential part of communal infrastructure. We could not do this work without support from our stakeholders – prospective volunteers, charities and donors. We would like to say a big thank you for your ongoing support.

With warm wishes,

Nicky Goldman
Chief Executive

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MESSAGE FROM EPHRAIM MIRVIS

Chief Rabbi



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“JVN has provided us with the ‘wings’ we need to ascend the heights of community responsibility.”



MESSAGE FROM SADIQ KHAN

Mayor of London

Congratulations to everyone taking part in the Jewish Volunteering Network's (JVN) Celebration of Volunteering Awards 2022. As Mayor of London, I believe it is vitally important to recognise the value and contribution of the Jewish voluntary sector and the work its volunteers do to help improve the lives and opportunities of others.

Whether it is donating your time and expertise or sharing your experiences with others, volunteers play a crucial role in strengthening our communities and in helping to build a better London for everyone. I saw this first-hand during the Covid pandemic, and we are seeing this again now with community groups and volunteers mobilising to support others during times of huge economic difficulty.

I would also like to pay tribute to the work and contribution of the late

Leonie Lewis MBE for her hard work in championing Women in the Community and for the role she played in strengthening the voluntary sector. While her presence in the sector will be missed by many, she leaves a powerful legacy that will endure long into the future.

Finally, well done to all those who have been nominated for awards and once more thank you to all those who have volunteered through JVN. I wish JVN every success in its work of facilitating volunteering opportunities and connecting people to causes that make London a better place to live, work and visit.

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

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MESSAGE FROM TZIPI HOTOVELY

Ambassador of Israel to the Court of St James's

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Message from HE Tzipi Hotovely,
Ambassador of Israel to the Court of St. James's

I would like to send my warmest wishes to all the staff and supporters of the Jewish Volunteering Network on the occasion of the Volunteering Awards 2022.

Learning more about the diverse and dynamic Jewish charities in the United Kingdom continues to be a highlight of my posting. I particularly pay tribute to your volunteers, whose hard work and dedication helps to ensure that every person in the community is supported and that their needs are met. The JVN's ethos truly embodies the vital Jewish value of 'Arvut Hadadit' - each person within the community taking responsibility for another.

I send a sincere Mazel Tov to the evening's winners and I hope that you all have a successful and enjoyable night.

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MESSAGE FROM MARIE VAN DER ZYL

President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews



On behalf of the Board of Deputies of British Jews I am delighted to send my warmest wishes and support to the JVN on the occasion of your annual awards.

JVN has become a wonderful asset to the Jewish community. It is the perfect combination of a winning idea with great organisation which manages and mobilises volunteers effectively. And although the time of the volunteers may be free, the organisation and resources which underpin their work are not. That is why we all need to support its work in any way we can.

Volunteers are the glue which holds our community together. The Jewish community can only be successful when people offer their time and expertise for free. And as we all face hardships during the current cost-of-living crisis, what better time than now to be giving time for those who desperately need our help.

Volunteering not only benefits the organisations but also the volunteers. There is no better feeling than giving your time for a greater cause. Helping and contributing to the wellbeing of those around us is its own reward but we also gain socially and by acquiring new skills. I know that many of those who work selflessly to represent their local synagogue or organisation, also give

their time for other causes as well, whether within our community or outside. Those who have brought a project to fruition, enabled others to achieve their goals and made a difference to people's lives, gain a satisfaction which is hard to beat.

I and my elected colleagues at the Board of Deputies are volunteers ourselves. And we should all be doing something, whether it involves giving time for the elderly, the young or the disabled, participating in a community project, marshalling at a fun run, raising money for a good cause or selling cakes at a school fete. I know that sentiment would be echoed by my fellow Deputies and Honorary Officers who represent their communities and organisations and give us a democratic voice and ask nothing in return. I am also proud to represent JLGB as a Deputy. This is an excellent example of an organisation which would collapse without volunteers.

Those who work so hard and energetically to help others, deserve our recognition, which is why the Board of Deputies is proud to support the JVN Awards and offer our congratulations to all those involved – and that means to anybody who gives their time to a good cause.

Marie van der Zyl
Board of Deputies of British Jews



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MESSAGE FROM MARGARET HODGE MP



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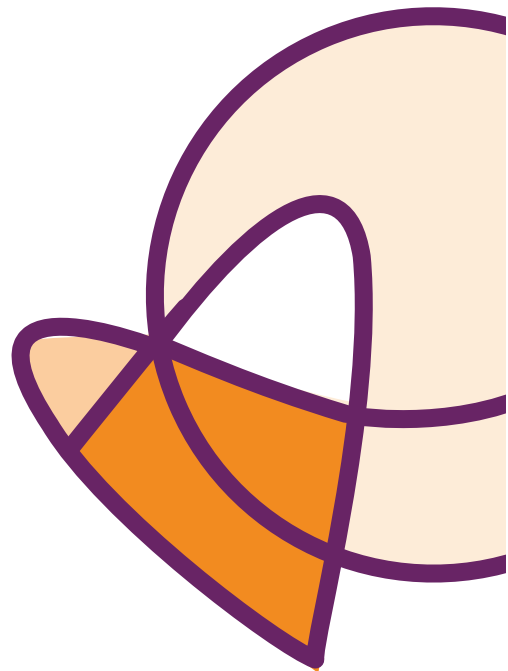
“Congratulations to everyone who has received an award this evening. The Jewish Volunteering Network’s Awards are showcasing the incredible range of causes individuals across our community have dedicated so much of their time to. I have enormous admiration and gratitude for the volunteers’ contributions, particularly at a time when most families are struggling to look after themselves, let alone others. Well done everyone – this is well deserved.”

MESSAGE FROM KEITH BLACK Chair, The JLC



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“I’d like to congratulate Nicky and the whole team at JVN for their hard work. The generosity of our community’s time is essential to the running of so many aspects of communal life. Without JVN and the plethora of volunteering opportunities provided we would all be poorer. Congratulations to everyone nominated and in receipt of an award at this year’s celebration.”



MESSAGE FROM SHAUN DELANEY

Head of Volunteering Strategy, DCMS



Volunteering is core to a vibrant and resilient society. Volunteering can offer people of all ages an incredible variety of roles that meet their passions and personal circumstances. It can offer the opportunity to grow new skills and interests, as well as a platform to make a difference to our communities.

Being a volunteer brings such positivity. However, volunteering has not escaped some of the most challenging times we've seen in recent years, most notably as we recover from the effects of COVID-19. Throughout the pandemic, we've seen people step forward to help their neighbours and communities in huge numbers. It cannot be overstated how important that act of kindness has been to so many. But the difficulties our communities face are also posing challenges for volunteering as people take the difficult decision to prioritise other things. As such, organisations are facing increasing difficulties in attracting and keeping volunteers.

DCMS aims to support the volunteering community to tackle these challenges head on. Within the Volunteering team, enhancing people's sense of community and belonging is central to all we do. Earlier this year, I was delighted to come

and talk at the 2022 Reigniting Volunteering Conference hosted by the Jewish Volunteering Network and the Jewish Leadership Council, discussing trends in volunteering and how we can tackle some of these challenges.



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This is why I am also thrilled to write this message. Valuing and recognising volunteers and the efforts that enable volunteering is fundamental to people making a difference in our communities. It is particularly heart-warming to see this year's awards being held in honour of the late Leonie Lewis MBE - a fierce advocate for volunteers and volunteering, and someone who is dearly missed by us all.

So I'd like to offer my congratulations to all the nominees of this year's awards. You are making such an admirable difference to the lives of so many around you. *Thank you, thank you, thank you!*

LEONIE'S LIFE & LEGACY



Getting more people volunteering to celebrate Leonie's Life and Legacy by making their own difference in the world.

Leonie Lewis MBE z"I loved to volunteer, and she encouraged many people to do it in her own inimitable style. She helped to make a difference to the volunteer's life, to the charity and to their beneficiaries.

In Leonie's honour, JVN is launching **Leonie's Life and Legacy** programme for 2023.

Leonie believed that volunteers were the lifeblood of our community and what we do as volunteers reflects our society. Furthermore, within interfaith volunteering, in which she was so actively involved, there was the potential of breaking down barriers and widening communities to bring people together.

The pandemic brought shifts in volunteering and the cost-of-living crisis is and will bring more challenges. Whilst more people volunteered at the start of the pandemic, the general trend is downwards, yet the need and demand is continually increasing.

We therefore need to rekindle past volunteers' passion and get more people enjoying the benefits of volunteering for themselves and for society.

As part of **Leonie's Life and Legacy**, we are looking to raise funds with an initial target of £36,000 to continue Leonie's legacy to promote volunteering in the community through JVN. We are so pleased that Leonie's family are fully supporting this campaign in her memory.

justgiving.com/campaign/leonieslegacy



MESSAGES FOR LEONIE LEWIS MBE Z"L

Martyn Lewis, Chairman, Queen's Award for Voluntary Service



It is many years since Leonie's amazing persuasiveness brought me into contact with the Jewish Volunteering Network which she ran with such enthusiasm and style. I already knew about the great volunteering work being carried out among the Jewish community, but she enabled me to see the full range and depth of that through new eyes.

Her tireless work to try to bring many faiths together also won much acclaim, and she was a natural and outstanding choice to become a national judge of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service - a role she carried out with scrupulous care and superlative judgement. She argued passionately, and yet acknowledged with consummate graciousness the rare occasions when her verdict was gently over-ruled by a majority of her fellow judges.

I was privileged to write the foreword to her fundraising book "The Tin Lady", which was a real labour of love for her and yet another way in which she played an immensely valuable role in the great web of volunteering, that binds our communities and our country together. She was taken from us far too young, and will be sorely missed by all with whom she spread her unique magic.

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DANIEL LORD FINKELSTEIN OBE



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“It was impossible to say no to Leonie. She had a personality that meant you didn't want to. Although what you wanted generally didn't have much to do with it. Because Leonie focused on the cause and she made sure you did too. What fun she was. Driven but only by love and caring and the desire to do the right thing. We've lost her but we will never lose her inspiration.”

MESSAGES FOR LEONIE LEWIS MBE Z”L

Rosalind Preston OBE, President of JVN



Leonie Lewis MBE

Leonie was a woman of many talents all of which I had grown to discover and greatly appreciate over a long period of time.

I first met her when she was a young budding activist combining parent-hood and work in the community. Any synagogue, charity or event which had Leonie on board was able to rely on enthusiasm, energy, brilliant fund-raising ideas and total commitment.

Her concern for others in need was never restricted to the Jewish world; refugees, the homeless, those suffering mental ill health, all had a champion and friend once Leonie was on their case.

She volunteered her services when I asked her to join my team when we were beginning a major piece of research for the late Chief Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Sacks, and contributed her outstanding ability as a field worker and information gatherer.

My association and friendship with Leonie grew ever stronger once JVN was established and she held the post of our first CEO – a job she held for the next ten years – and her abilities and work ethic enabled this new small charity to become one of the community’s shining stars.



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Thank you Leonie. You will always be in our hearts and minds and much missed.

MESSAGES FOR LEONIE LEWIS MBE Z”L

Susan Winton, Co-Founder of JVN and Past Chair of Trustees



I always knew Leonie touched so many people, but I just didn't take on board that she touched everybody until I read the beautiful tributes and outpouring of love after she died. I realised then that I was just another member of the Leonie Lewis fan club. It was truly an honour and a privilege to have her in my life.

I am one of the lucky ones - because I had a front row seat for those few incredible years when we were building JVN. I was a direct recipient of the "Leonie effect." Hiring Leonie to build JVN was one of the best decisions of my life - not only for everything she did to launch JVN into the community - but for what she taught me first-hand about how to conduct yourself in the world, as a kind and thoughtful human being. She jumped right in to everything she did with great enthusiasm - she was almost fearless - probably because she was cushioned by her great big heart.

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It is a tribute to Leonie and the incredible people, staff, lay leaders, volunteers and supporters, who have given of themselves to JVN over the years, that JVN continues to be a beacon of excellence in volunteering and such a valuable asset to our community. I am immensely proud.

Leonie's Life and Legacy Messages

Leonie helped me reshape my career. I feel indebted for her kindness, belief in me and encouragement.

In honour of my mentor, colleague and friend, Leonie. Missed every day, her life and legacy will live on.

In memory of Leonie Lewis who sounded like she was an absolutely incredible human being!

For JVN and Leonie.

Forever in my heart xxx

In memory of Leonie Lewis z'l, who inspired thousands of volunteers with her energy and love of the community. She is greatly missed.

Leonie - my mentor, my colleague, my friend. Missed every day. We will continue her legacy by getting more people into volunteering.

Proud to salute a legendary community leader.

In grateful memory of Leonie who did so much for this fantastic charity. Wishing this event and JVN every success.

In memory of an incredible woman and in friendship to her no less incredible family and wishing the family achichas gamim.

Donating to a great cause in memory of a great woman.

In loving memory of my dearest friend.

Leonie's Life and Legacy Messages

We will always be inspired by Leonie's hard work to make the world a better place.

Kol hakavod to Howie and family.

In heartfelt tribute to Leonie's achievements and friendship: we miss her so much.

In loving memory of my dear cousin who gave so much to the Jewish community, the wider community and her family. May her dear soul rest in peace.

She will not be forgotten by those of us fortunate to have known her.

Such an appropriate and worthwhile cause in Leonie's memory.

We are very happy to turn our great grief to accountable mitzvot for Leonie's memory.

Such a special person whose loss we deeply feel but her legacy will live on. May her memory always be for a blessing.

In memory of Leonie Lewis tremendous dedication and work on behalf of her community.

We may not have got to know you but your memory lives on in so many beautiful ways.

May we all strive to give and do for others the way she did.

A great cause and to an exceptional woman!
Rest peacefully Mum.

May Leonie's memory be a blessing for the world and may her neshama have an aliyah.

In memory of the most special lady.

Leonie's Life and Legacy Messages

Such a fitting tribute - to encourage others to follow in Leonie's memorable footsteps.

The efforts my grandma made live on until today and beezrat hashem forever.

An amazingly talented person who readily shared her gifts with so many who have benefitted from just knowing Leonie.

We are pleased to support Leonie's Life & Legacy, in loving memory of dear Leonie z"l.

Her neshama should have an Aliyah!

In memory of an extremely kind and special woman, who clearly passed her values on to her beloved children. May Leonie's legacy continue for generations to come and be a zchus for her nshama & family.

One amazing lady - sorely missed.

In memory of a truly inspirational lady. We'll be forever grateful for the warm welcome Leonie gave us when we moved to the community.

Remembering with love our dear friend and everything she did for others. We think about her every day.

An amazing inspirational woman loved and admired by all who met her.

In loving memory of our dear friend Leonie, who will live on in our hearts xxx

In memory of the ultimate volunteer, Leonie Z"L.

Leonie's Life and Legacy Messages

Leonie had that magical ability to make us all feel special - whereas SHE was the one who was special.

A wonderful example to us all.

Sorely missed.

In memory of Leonie Lewis.

A wonderful way to honour the memory of my inspirational cousin, the bedrock of our family. A fitting way to keep her in our hearts and minds.

Remembering Leonie forever for her passion of volunteering, and her gentle persuasion. Volunteering keeps us alive and unified.

Remembering Leonie, her passion, her inspiration, and her dedication.

Leonie was a truly special person and a great loss to not only the Jewish Community.

Remembering our dear friend Leonie who we think about every day.

Leonie was a remarkable individual, greatly missed. The legacy fund is a most fitting tribute.

An amazing tribute to your dear Mom. Hatzlocha.

An amazing person. Is, and will be, sorely missed.

May her memory be a blessing for you all. x

In loving memory.

Her legacy should live on through her children's mitzvos.

Her neshama should continue to have an aliya.

Such a special way to honour your mother.

In memory of an amazing woman x
Amazing cause - love to you all.

Leonie's Life and Legacy Messages

Remembering Leonie with love and affection. A truly wonderful lady.

A remarkable lady who gave enormously to the Jewish community, sadly missed.

I never knew your mom, but I am always most inspired by those who dedicate their life in servitude of others. She sounds like an incredible woman. Happy to help keep her legacy alive.

An amazing lady, who not only did amazing work, but, was always smiling.

May her neshama have an Aliyah.

May her neshama be for a blessing and may her legacy live on in the continuation of the amazing work of JVN. I loved working with Leonie setting up the CDD of the US all those years ago. Special times.

Forever inspired by Leonie's leadership and care, and will miss her always x

Leonie z'l was so special and is so missed. This great initiative will ensure her passion for volunteering continues as her legacy. May her memory be for a blessing for her family and for us all.

Leonie was a lady who, once met, was never forgotten. Her passion for whichever cause she supported was infectious. She is definitely a massive loss to so many who knew her.

The legacy of Leonie's z'l huge contribution is a blessing for our community. She is much missed and fondly remembered x

I was privileged to work closely with Leonie, just before she left us. She worked tirelessly to re-structure our volunteering. She was dynamic & knowledgeable.

Leonie's Life and Legacy Messages

Her legacy lives on with GOODS
FOR GOOD.

A special lady who made an
outstanding impression, both on
the people she met and the
causes she supported.

Leonie was a wonderful friend and
an inspirational leader, with huge
energy. We miss her greatly, and
always will, but this is a fitting
way to continue her amazing work
xx

In memory of Leonie who
always had a beaming smile
on her face, a zest for life and
willingness to help everyone.
I feel blessed to have known her
for 30 years.

In memory of a great lady
who showed me what
volunteering could do not
only for the community but
also the volunteer. I will always
thank her for her guidance.

Proud to have had the
opportunity to work closely
with Leonie at the US and the
early days of JVN.
A true inspiration.

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JVN CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERING AWARDS COMPERE

Nigel Rothband



Nigel Rothband has over thirty years experience compering awards ceremonies, corporate events and business conferences. He has built a reputation as an engaging and humorous after dinner speaker. Nigel regularly acts as a master of ceremonies at weddings and bar mitzvahs.

For the past ten years Nigel has hosted the weekly Man City Show podcast and is heard and seen on radio and television discussing all things Manchester City.

He is a season ticket holder and follows City both home and away and writes a weekly column for the BBC Sport website.

Away from the microphone Nigel is a leadership coach, business mentor and facilitator working with teams all over the world. In the past twelve months he has worked with senior leadership teams including Levi's, Whitbread, Mars, The FA, Meggitt and Pets at Home; in Germany, The Czech Republic, Singapore, Mexico, USA and Coventry.

A keen sportsman, Nigel has represented Great Britain at five Maccabiah Games. As an opening batsman he plays for Chorleywood Cricket Club, where he is a Vice President, and also represents Hertfordshire in the Masters County Championship. He is a member of MCC. In the winter he is an active football referee and this season is embarking upon his 38th consecutive season officiating on the Watford Sunday League.

A keen supporter of charities, Nigel and his wife Nicole recently set up the fundraising initiative 'Hosting For The Hungry' encouraging dinner hosts to ask their guests to pledge money to help alleviate hunger instead of receiving gifts.

Nigel is currently a trustee and Chair of the charity 'Sing Inside' that provides group singing workshops in prison, enabling all to enjoy singing with others free from judgement or assessment, inspiring hope and confidence, and facilitating connection to others.

Living in Stanmore, Nicole and Nigel have been active members of Bushey United Synagogue for over thirty years and they have two grown up sons.

DAME MARY MARSH

Chair of the Judging Panel



“Each round of the Awards I am so impressed by the variety of organisations in the community and their very committed volunteers”

In 2009 I was introduced to JVN through the Pears Foundation to help with the proposed first round of JVN Awards. This started my journey of engaging with the amazing volunteering across the Jewish community.

That was when I first met with Leonie Lewis, who we want to recognise and remember at the 2022 JVN awards. In our tributes to her we will acknowledge too that the whole idea of the Awards and the development of them was Leonie’s initiative.

I was very privileged to be asked by Leonie to be the independent chair of the judging panel. I have done it now for each round of the Awards since and I have been remembering so much this time about what I learnt from Leonie and how much I admired her dedication, determination, commitment and inspiration.

At each round of the Awards I am so impressed by the variety of organisations in the community and their very committed volunteers, many of them doing this over years, even decades and a significant number for a lifetime. This became ever more evident through the pandemic where the action and commitment became yet more determined and valued, as we

celebrated at the last awards all done online. It is very special that we are back doing the awards together in person this year and at such a wonderful venue.

We have been fortunate to have had a strong group of volunteers joining me as judges. They have all been wise and insightful giving generously of their time to review nominations and then to meet for what can be a long evening together to agree the final winners.

The nominations have got stronger too. It helps the judges to review each one fairly when they are fully completed responding to the criteria set. So my thanks go to all those who take the trouble to compile and submit their charity’s nominations. I welcome the opportunity for every charity to have its own nominee winner, either an individual or a team, as well as the overall JVN Outstanding Award winners.

I am very happy to be able to join in with your celebrations for the JVN Awards once more and be part of the special tributes to Leonie Lewis and the great legacy she left for us all. It is good to have members of her family with us tonight – our thanks to them too for the support they gave Leonie and the work of volunteering in the Jewish community.

THE JVN CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERING AWARDS INDEPENDENT JUDGING PANEL



Lia Bogod-Nathans

After a career in training consultancy, Lia held a few volunteering roles at charities, before switching to professional volunteer management.

Lia was involved with JVN from 2008 when Leonie Lewis asked her to join its first Volunteer Coordinator Steering Committee. With her experience of volunteer management in the wider community, Lia joined JVN in 2012 and became its Head of Charity Engagement and Volunteering, a position she held through to September 2020.

Having met with so many inspiring volunteers and charities over the years, Lia is excited to have been asked to be part of the judging panel for this year's JVN Volunteering Awards.



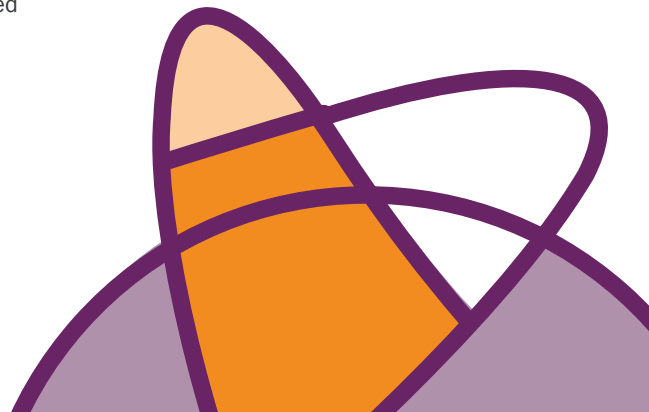
Gaby Lazarus

Gaby Lazarus is a former Trustee of Jewish Child's Day and is currently a Trustee and (volunteer) Volunteer Co-ordinator at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue. In previous lives, Gaby worked in Hotel Management in Switzerland for 10 years, followed by 9 years in the family pharmaceutical/nutritional business. When their children started school, she went back to college and retrained as a special needs teaching assistant, volunteering at Swiss Cottage SEN School for 6 years. Gaby has been associated with JVN since its launch; her husband David (z"l) was one of the original trustees and Chairman for 7 years, until he tragically succumbed to Covid in April 2020. Gaby is passionate about encouraging and promoting volunteering and she is honoured to be part of the judging panel this year.



Howard Lewis

Following retirement as the International lead partner of a top 10 firm of chartered accountants in March 2022, Howard has furthered his previous involvement with a range of local and communal causes. Since the commencement of the Covid pandemic, he has organised and managed vaccination centres in Harrow and undertaken other voluntary duties for his medical centre. He is part of the team that previously won the Outstanding Volunteer Team of the Year Award and has undertaken counselling for several charities.



THE JVN CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERING AWARDS INDEPENDENT JUDGING PANEL



Sarah Rose

Sarah's background is in HR, operations and business support within voluntary sector organisations. She previously worked in the youth and homelessness sectors, before starting her current role as Head of People and Operations at Brighton & Hove Jewish Community - due to open its doors to the community in January 2023. Having recently completed an MSc in HR with the Open University, Sarah is passionate about creating organisational cultures that allow people to thrive.

Sarah began her volunteering journey befriending through the Association of Jewish Refugees and then with Camp Simcha, GIFT and JVN. She currently sits on the JW3 Young Advisory Group and volunteered at Limmud Festival this winter. She is passionate about all types of voluntary work and inspired by the range of ways in which people are giving back across the community.



Ashley Sweetland MBE

Ashley is Head of Global Communications, Engagement & ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) at Convatec Group Plc, a leading international medical products and technologies company. Previously, he has held a variety of corporate affairs and strategic communications roles for organisations including InterContinental Hotels Group Plc and CBRE.

Ashley is currently a trustee of St John England (the parent charity of St John Ambulance) and HM Armed Forces Jewish Community, having formerly held trustee roles with the UK Youth Parliament and National Council for Voluntary Youth Services. He was a member of the Young Norwood Board for five years and its Co-Chair from 2016-2018, and has been a judge for the Norwood Volunteering Awards since 2014 and JVN Awards since 2019. Ashley was awarded the MBE for services to young people in 2012.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

AJR

David Collins

David diligently volunteers whether in the country or abroad, having converted a cupboard into a space where he can record and edit the AJR Journal so sight impaired members can enjoy the news.



All Aboard Shops

Gilad Reback

Gilad has been volunteering with All Aboard shop charity since December 2019 and excelled in all the departments he has supported.



Alyth Synagogue

Martin Cohen

Martin has devoted himself beyond the call of duty to drive our mini-bus over a number of years enabling members of our community to access our events.



Barnet United Synagogue

Suzanne Goldsmith

Throughout the pandemic Suzanne kept in touch with members of the 'Monday Club' when they would be missing their usual routine. She then reinvented it to become the 'Monday Social'



British Emunah

Barbara Feigenbaum

Barbara has been dedicated to Emunah for the last 7 years fundraising £1000's via our eBay site which they are very grateful for.



Camp Simcha

Victoria Joseph

Victoria is always available and ready to participate in whatever they need, being generous with her time and energy.



She has exceeded their goals, working as a participant, a leader and advisor.

Caritas Westminster

Victoria Odesesan

Victoria has been a volunteer as they have developed and launched the Safe in Faith project, beginning work with them in 2021. Without her they would not have been able to launch the project.



FEAST with Us

Phil Sommerich

Over the past 14 months, Phil has regularly volunteered his time to help deliver nutritious meals from their kitchens to various shelters for vulnerable communities and they can always count on him.



GIFT

Michael Obadiah

Michael have become GIFT's "computer guy" fixing any devices that needed things done before they could loan them out to families. He has dedicated over 1000 hours to this since the May 2020.



Goods for Good

Judy Sharp

Judy started to regularly volunteer for us just before the Pandemic in March 2020. She spent several days a week to sort and pack essential goods for vulnerable people in the UK and also overseas.



iheart Principles

Dana Arenson

Dana has been a trustee since July 2018, meeting weekly with the Head of Education creating teaching materials and training courses and contributing to forming iHeart as the charity it is today.



Jami

Dave Richman

Dave has volunteered at Jami since 2014 with the Befriending services, spending time in their hubs and visiting patients in mental health units several times a week. He is an invaluable volunteer.



Jewish Blind & Disabled

Peta Cohen

Peta has been volunteering at JBD for a few years befriending tenants in our building in North East London each week and spends a considerable amount of time chatting to tenants, bringing a smile to their day.



Jewish Care

Monique Cadji

Monique has volunteered at Michael Sobell Centre since 1990, beginning as a 'Here to Help' volunteer and now the Social Work and Community Support Team and now extending to outreach services.



Jewish Care

Sally Caplan

Sally has volunteered since 2008, she has sat on a Steering Committee, Advisory Board and the Governance Committee with Jewish Care's Redbridge Jewish Community Centre.



Jewish Museum London

Lynda Gordon

Lynda has volunteered without fail almost every Sunday for over 10 years, giving over her mornings to welcome visitors and assist on the shop desk, ensuring every single visitor is given a warm welcome.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR /CONT

Jnetics

Ann Jayson

Ann is our longest standing and most dedicated volunteer. She has volunteered for Jnetics since we started offering screening services in 2014, attending screening events and managing the exit desk.



Jewish Women's Aid

Edward Miller

Edward is available as and when needed as a McKenzie Friend volunteer for our clients, supporting them in court, helping them to prepare their witness statements and with other documents.



Kef Kids

Dr David Spitzer

Dr David Spitzer has been volunteering for KEF KIDS since August 2016 as a GP at our residential schemes for children with disabilities, as well as supporting KEF throughout the year.



Kisharon

Valerie Hajioff

Valerie is an amazing and supportive volunteer who has gone above and beyond her duty to deliver personalised and therapeutic activities to ladies with learning disabilities, who all love her sessions.



Langdon

Robin Jacobs

Robin has volunteered with Langdon since April 2020, inspiring and motivating both the staff team and client group in their knowledge of Judaism and the joy celebrating festivals brings to people.



Maccabi GB

Stephen Joseph

Stephen went above and beyond for Maccabi GB with the Maccabiah Games having been nominated Chair of Tennis 2 years before, recruiting 60 players for the games and 2 Junior Teams and much more.



Magen David Adom

Howard Taylor

Over nearly a decade of service, Howard has supported the fundraising efforts of MDA UK to support paramedics and volunteers in Israel to fulfil their duties.



Nightingale Hammerson

Jenny Strauss

For 11 years Jenny has volunteered on-site with our residents and has made the additional commitment of being able to provide adhoc support remotely in a befriending pastoral role.



Northwood United Synagogue

Aviva Wilford

"Aviva reaches all corners of our community and the larger community – a pure Eishet Chayil".



Norwood

Michele Ashton

Michele was our first volunteer to help on zoom with our 'Connect Together' programme in March 2020 and now volunteers weekly for the donor care team.



Resource

Jacqui Ross

Jacqui has volunteered continuously for Resource for 10 years, coming 3 or more hours each week. She has delivered around 1,500 one to one IT sessions,



helping build knowledge and confidence.

Royal Free Charity

Bruce Rimmer

Bruce has volunteered 102 hours with Chase Farm Hospital this year as 'Meet and Greet' host in Area 5 for patients and nurses in the Breast Care and Maxillofacial clinics.



The Together Plan

Vesta Svendsen

Vesta Svendsen is a turbo-charged volunteer who started as a volunteer translator, but is now coordinating an international team, is translating and editing two books, plans and runs events, and is our ambassador in the USA.



United Synagogue

Maytal Charing

Maytal Charing has been the chair of Finsbury Park Synagogue since 2015. Her ceaseless work has united people young and old to their Judaism and to each other.



WIZO

Joanna Wulwik

Joanna has been Head of Jewish Women's Week for many years and is a dedicated volunteer. Although JWW is a 1 week campaign, she works all year round to make the campaign a success.



VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR

AJR

The Pinner Outreach Team

This team is dedicated, coordinated, warm and inviting. They provide a special vibe to the Pinner Outreach meetings for our Survivors and their spouses.



Helen
Team member



All Aboard

Shops

Salford Shop

Salford's shop team have created a warm, friendly and inviting atmosphere for all who visit the shop. Each new volunteer is trained in using all the equipment in a shop and they are a close group.



Salford Team



Barnet United

Synagogue

Barnet Shul Chesed Team

The team give direct provision of care to the community as well as managing and mentoring the wider team. They have improved the provision to those in the community in need and also non-members.



Team Leader
Justine



Camp Simcha

Camp Simcha Big Brothers and Big Sisters

The goal is to provide fun and attention to children within families who are experiencing the trauma



Big Brothers and
Sisters Salford Team

of childhood illness. Each team member is committed to a family who they support on a weekly basis.

Chai Cancer Care Club 18

The team have gone above and beyond expectations, raising money to support many of the services Chai provides. They are dedicated in ensuring the golf day is always a huge financial, social and rewarding success.



Club 18



Food Bank Aid

Food Bank Aid Hub Coordinators

The coordinator team ensure that the volunteers know what needs to be done. They ensure that donations are sorted, packed up and then delivered. They give their time, energy, commitment, and enthusiasm to any request.



Food Bank Aid



GIFT

The Giving Kitchen

The team come weekly to the GIFT kitchens to chop, prep, sauté, package and deliver healthy, filling and fresh meals for people who are unable to cook for themselves.



Food Bank Aid



Homeless Action in Barnet HAB Team

One of the goals was to tackle the ever-increasing need of Archiving. The team achieved more than expected as there were documents that were over 20 years old that were taking up a lot of space.



Jami

The Jami Compeer Befriending Programme

The programme continues to support people experiencing isolation or loneliness. The team has grown from a few volunteers to 70 befrienders, who are each matched with a Jami service user.



Jewish Bereavement Counselling Service

JBCS Volunteer Counsellors

The volunteers are all professionally trained and counsel and support children, individuals, families and couples who have experienced a death and need help in their grief.



Jewish Blind & Disabled

The Warwicks

The Warwicks run the weekly breakfast club at Aztec House. They are committed to their volunteering role and go out of their way to ensure that the breakfast club is inclusive for everyone.



The Warwicks



VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR /CONT

Jewish Care Jewish Care Memory Way Café

The team set up regular, in-person gatherings over tea for people who are living with dementia together with their family carers with a welcoming, sociable, hospitable and accepting space.



Jewish Care's
Memory Way Café

JEWISH CARE

Jewish Care Jewish Care Befriending Team

The team build meaningful relationships with older people. This is through chats, as well as cultural and social connections. They enable Jewish Care to oversee 600 befriending matches between clients.



Befriending Team -
Sandra Joseph

JEWISH CARE

Jewish Museum London Collections Digitisation Team

The team scans, digitises and transcribes objects from our collection, making them more accessible. They do this whilst interacting with visitors and engaging them with the process of digitisation.



Collections
Digitisation Team

JEWISH MUSEUM
LONDON

Jewish Women's Aid JWA Counsellors

The team are fully qualified and deal with distressed clients suffering from trauma related to domestic abuse. They are willing to listen to stories that others do not want to hear.



JEWISH WOMEN'S AID

British Jews in the First World War – We Were There Too WWTT Volunteers

As well as volunteering, as researchers the team support events, school visits and talks. They support the We Were There Too (WWTT) staff, ensuring that each project delivers what it sets out to do.



WWTT Volunteers



JW3

JW3 Food Bank

Between cooking hot meals, packing grocery bags, sorting through donations, and delivering food, the team gives at least 18 hours of their time every single week to combatting food poverty in Camden.



Food Bank



Kisharon

Childs Hill Library Young Volunteer Team

The Kisharon volunteer team helped us to deliver our services while helping us to expand our services to local housebound residents. They process new stock of books and periodicals, as well as withdrawn books and DVDs, along with sorting different sections of books and undertake gardening work.



Kisharon Team



Langdon Wednesday Art Club

This group run an art club to help Langdon Members express themselves creatively. But it has become so much more than that. More than one member told us this is a kind of therapy for them.



Weds Art Club



Liberal Judaism Israel Tour Tzevet Team

The team led on our online covid camp, they were heads of camp last summer and this summer they lead Israel tour. They go above and beyond, putting in many hours in planning and preparing.

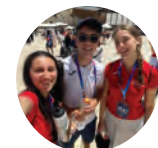


Israel Tour Tzevet



Maccabi GB Junior Management Team - Maccabiah Games

The team supported athletes in 2022 with a safe, accessible, and fun environment. They spent 2 years training and developing their own skillset, visiting weekly trials, and attending staff trainings.



Junior Management
Team -
Maccabiah Game



VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR /CONT

Northwood United Synagogue Northwood Network

Community care - no job too big or too small - they are always there for all our members - especially throughout the pandemic!



Northwood Network team



PaJes

Chairs of Governors

School governors give their time voluntarily to the schools they serve. During Covid, Chairs were essential in helping and supporting the senior teams to rise to numerous challenges.



Paperweight Paperweight's Weightlifters

Our incredible team of volunteers are dedicated and committed, giving of their time and expertise often dealing with several sensitive issues for those in need. Paperweight Weightlifters lighten the load so life can begin again.



Paperweight Team



Project Impact Project Impact Ambassadors

The 2021-22 Ambassadors volunteered regularly at sessions for younger teens and also



Project Impact Ambassadors

met frequently as part of our Youth Board. They also participated in leadership training seminars.



Raphael - The Jewish Counselling Service Qualified Counsellors

Our Qualified Counsellors are for the most part, invisible in the community but quietly and professionally give their expertise and professionalism on a consistent basis to those in need.



Raphael Counsellors



Royal Free Charity Digital Volunteers

Digital Volunteers teach patients how to attend their appointments remotely by using the 'Attend Anywhere' NHS platform to help reduce missed appointments and digital inequalities in certain patient population.



Team Leader Vinod



The Together Plan- Aid Together Volunteer Team

An amazing and inspirational team who year on year make sure, thanks to their efforts, that humanitarian aid and resources reach isolated communities in Belarus, ensuring that no-one is forgotten.



Aid Together Volunteer Team



United Synagogue Essential Food Parcels Volunteers' Team

The EFP team is formed of around 100 people who help provide food parcels to 120 households weekly. Tasks include: - cooking meals, unpacking deliveries, packing food parcels and then delivering them to the recipients themselves.



Esstential Food Packing Team



YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

AJR

Noemi Van Hoof

Noemi has gone above and beyond with AJR. She is a reliable, cheerful and respected member of the team. During her time she coordinated a team of German volunteering befrienders and developed a volunteer newsletter that still runs each quarter.



All Aboard Shops

Anna Akenteva

Anna has been an immense help running the All Aboard Streatham Shop, developing and implementing a poster featuring all the charities that All Aboard support. She has also taken initiative in encouraging Gift Aid for donors.



GIFT

Rebecca Baruch

Rebecca has volunteered with GIFT for the past 10 years in a variety of roles and now manages the packing of special request food support parcels every Sunday. She is a wonderful role model, putting her community first and dedicating her valuable time to make a difference.



Give. Help. Share.

Rafael Kamhi

Rafael was integral in helping develop our online presence and used his initiative and technical expertise to improve our brand. During his time he re-invented our website and set up our LinkedIn profile taking ownership and producing a professional finished product.



Jewish Care

Rob Sher

Rob has been involved in Jewish Care since 2015 and has become a true role model, ambassador and inspiration. As Young Jewish Care Chair he helps influence and shape Jewish Care's engagement with young people having a huge positive impact, encouraging them to be engaged and enthusiastic.



Jewish Women's Aid

Talia Pavell

Talia is an enthusiastic, creative and dedicated volunteer for JWA being a part of an amazing awareness and fund-raising project and panel. She has been a champion in raising awareness on how to access support and help in unique ways, through a recipe book for Jewish students and took on challenges with ease.



Kisharon

Tamara Cohen

Tamara is a real asset to Childs Hill Library. Through her exceptional work ethic, enthusiasm for learning new tasks and assisting customers and colleagues alike she is blossoming into a thorough professional.



Maccabi GB

Ben Brownson

Ben has volunteered at Maccabi GB for 13 years and in the last 3 years set up the Jewish Golf Initiative (JGI). He is a dedicated volunteer who has connected Jews around the world through sport and has been instrumental in creating partnerships between JGI, Golf England



and launching the programme in 3 Jewish Primary Schools.

Nightingale Hammerson

Lena Sakure

Lena has been an inspiration to many residents and enriched our musical sessions. She is an integral member of the Intergenerational (IG) Team, contributing enormous value and broadening the scope of IG practise in the care home industry.



Norwood

Daniel Joseph

Dan has successfully co-chaired the Young Norwood (YN) Friends of Old Church Lane (OCL) for the past 3 years, positively contributing and brightening up the days of the people we support. He runs bi-weekly activities at OCL and is always willing to go above and beyond.



The Together Plan

Leo Levine

Leo is a member of the youth team, helps with translations, supports projects in Belarus, helps to plan and run events, and is the co-creator of the Making History Together Holocaust education programme.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

AJEX JMA

Jeffrey Jay

Jeffrey has spent decades volunteering for AJEX. He was a key member of our Hendon Branch, the National Treasurer, National Standard Bearer and AJEX Trustee. He continues to volunteer and support us in many ways.



AJR

Vera Gellman

Vera has been a member of AJR and volunteering for over 25 years. She is the glue that has kept the Pinner Group going and together, even through the pandemic, with the help of Head Office.



All Aboard Shops

Lorna Bennett

Lorna has been volunteering with All Aboard for a quarter of a century and continues supporting the team at East Finchley, by guiding new volunteers and providing the shop team with ideas and practical help.



Barnet United Synagogue

Ronnie Palester

As a new member 17 years ago, council member and local honorary officer Ronnie has volunteered for Belmont shul, Barnet shul and Belmont cricket club. He frequently transported elderly members in his mini cab without charge.



Belfast Jewish Community

Jane Danker

Jane has been volunteering to help the community for over 30 years in several roles. She was on the synagogue council for several years before becoming their Hon Sec. She was on the board of the community magazine the BJR and is now the editor in charge.



British Emunah

Rochelle Selby

Rochelle has been volunteering for British Emunah for 50 Years and is totally dedicated. She has encouraged many people over the years to join British Emunah and has raised large sums of money for Emunah.



GIFT

Yael White

Yael has been volunteering for GIFT for the past 18 years, since it was founded. She has got involved in GIFT's food bank from food rescue on a weekly basis to yearly food drives, and during COVID cooked 100's of home cooked meals for those really struggling.



Jewish Blind & Disabled

John Joseph MBE

John was appointed Chairman of JBD in 1994. His vision and leadership transformed the charity. During his time JBD built 5 new purpose-built developments of mobility apartments.



Jewish Care

Rita Newmark

Rita was one of the original founders of Meals on Wheels and for 50 years has been making and delivering food to members of the local community, coordinating and making the deliveries and checking on the welfare of older people at home.



Jewish Women's Aid

Bea Glass

Bea has been a volunteer for JWA for seventeen years. Based in Leeds she has been instrumental in keeping the local volunteers inspired, motivated and together as a group. Bea has helped put on many awareness events about the support available to Jewish women affected by domestic abuse.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD /CONT

Kisharon

Marc 'Yitzy' Lerner

Marc "Yitzy" Lerner is a Kisharon Trustee, Kosher Outlet Trustee and Hatzola Ambulance Driver. Married with 2 children, he also collects Tomchei Shabbos every Thursday at R' Chuna's.



Maccabi GB

Brian Green z"l

Brian Green dedicated his lifetime to volunteering for the Maccabi movement in Great Britain and latterly for the benefit of Maccabi Europe. He engaged thousands of people through the prism of Jewish Sport to enhance their Jewish identity and give them a true connection to the Jewish Community.



Mitzvah Day

Laura Marks OBE

Laura is passionate, full of creative ideas to inspire others and then provides the grit, determination, and commitment to make it happen. Her dedication is seen through the continual development of Mitzvah Day. Each year in November over 40,000 join together to make a difference in the community around us.



Northwood United Synagogue

Alan Moss

"Alan always goes beyond the call of duty – nothing is impossible - his determination and care unite the members of Northwood United Synagogue (NUS)."



Norwood

Wendy Geering

Wendy has been a dedicated volunteer at Ravenswood RDA (Riding for the Disabled) for over 35 years. She has shaped how the stables can best support the residents, showing passion, initiative and leadership for Norwood.



Royal Free Charity

David Scarff

Having established Royal Free Radio (formally Radio Enfield), David has volunteered for over 50 years reaching 1000's of local patients across North London Hospitals. He has devoted his time and energy to help provide an exceptional radio service.



United Synagogue

Stuart Bloom

Stuart has been volunteering for the community since 1997 and is extremely passionate about ensuring that members of the community are engaged and interact on a regular basis. In his role as Chairman of Bushey Synagogue, he supported numerous welfare and social programmes and is an asset to the community.



WHEAT Mentor Support Trust

Naglaa Sadik Ahmed Mustafa

Naglaa is a key member of WHEAT Mentor Support Trust, firstly as a mentor and now as a trustee. She is a stabilising figure and symbol of continuity. She is a role model and inspiration, mentoring many young people to achieve their goals and aspirations.



WIZO

Miriam Falk

Miriam has headed up the WIZO group in St John's Wood for many years and is a role model for many. She has a long history of supporting those in need and contributed to WIZO at all levels.



HALL OF FAME 2022



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2020

Ruth Green UJIA

Ruth served UJIA with the highest distinction as a Trustee. Ruth put enormous amounts of time, as well as seemingly-limitless energy, into UJIA. Ruth's formal role was as Trustee for the UK Programme but she was so much more than that – a constant source of advice, pushing us to innovate, supporting our professional staff, going way “above and beyond” to make time for whatever challenges we have faced.



VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR 2020

United Synagogue United Synagogue Chevra Kadsha

Chevra Kadisha, which literally means holy or sacred society, is a group of people that carry out the most holy work by preparing a deceased person for burial. This is seen as one of the most important Mizvot (good deeds) as the deceased person cannot thank you nor can they repay you for the help you gave. 2020 was one of our busiest years. All the volunteers receive training. They come to the cemetery as a team of four, either during the day or at night, dependent on requirements. We never know from each day when these volunteers will be called.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2020

Elaine Grazin Jewish Women's Aid

Elaine Grazin was one of the founder members of Jewish Women's Aid in Leeds in the 1980s, and has been a committed volunteer since then, supporting the Helpline, as well as raising awareness and holding roles as a trustee, sub-committee member, advisor and Honorary Vice President of Jewish Women's Aid. Over the years, she has spoken about JWA at communal events including Limmud, at synagogues, panel events and at Women's Aid national conference.

Previous Hall of Fame Members: Ruth Barnett, Rivka Bick, Samantha Brunner, Jonathan Clingman, Eliezer Gilbert, Marsha Gladstone, Harry Heber, Chaya Hoff, The JWA Helpline Team, Alan Lazarus, Lilian Levy, Stella Lucas MBE, Joseph Malinsky, Hannah Manson, Marilyn Podro, Dimitri Raziev, Leora Robinson, Sarah Rose, Noah Rubin, Helen Sarkany, Adam Shelley and Robin Woolf.

HALL OF FAME 2022



INNOVATION IN VOLUNTEERING DURING COVID AWARD 2020

Bushey Synagogue Bushey Covid Coordinators

Bushey United Synagogue asked people to step forward as volunteers to assist members requesting help with shopping, picking up prescriptions etc. They had responses from over 60 people who were all set up on an 'Errands Request' WhatsApp group to help members with their needs.

Jewish Blind & Disabled Virtual connecting during the pandemic

Within a few weeks of the first lockdown, thanks to the power of social media and word of mouth, JBD had recruited over 60 new volunteers, people of all ages, to befriend and support their tenants who were

scared of the Covid 19 pandemic. A huge number of these volunteers have continued to make calls and run Zoom activities supporting their tenants throughout the pandemic.

JLGB JLGB Virtual

Virtual was their response to ensuring that children and young people can continue to have fun, learn new skills, make a difference and complete their volunteering awards during lockdown. Teenagers hosting the shows, interviewing influential leaders and celebrities and making the show run behind the scenes. They also often challenge their viewers to take part in acts of kindness, such as upcycling plastics, learning sign language and first aid, doing good deeds for others such as create art, cookmeals, share their favourite books and songs etc.

Kef Kids Remote Respite and Support Services

The KEF Centre's doors may have been physically closed due to COVID-19 but the organisation continued to provide vital support and specialist services remotely. Some of the key remote innovative services done by volunteers, included creating and delivering support packages, Zoom group sessions and celebrating milestones.

JVN IN NUMBERS

Connecting Volunteers:

490

people registered on JVN's website during the year

815

applications for volunteering opportunities.

330

placements

Supporting Charities:

52

subscribing partner charities, who received membership benefits.

502

volunteering opportunities were posted on our website by **116** charities.

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JVN ran **11** sessions for **116** Volunteer Managers.



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Nov 21 - Oct 22

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