

JVN AWARDS 2024 CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

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Volunteering in the Community often begins at home, sometimes to pursue a cause close to one's heart, and sometimes because you've been inspired by a charismatic character.

Today we gather to pay homage to those individuals and groups who are making positive contributions within our Communities and within our wider Society.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to pay tribute to two inspirational characters who helped to shape this amazing organisation, both of whom I had the privilege of befriending for over 30 years. The fact that they both worked together at the JVN, one as the CEO and the other as the Chair of the Trustee Board meant that they created a volunteering powerhouse that holds a unique position not only within our Community but across the country.

Leonie Lewis inspired countless thousands of people to engage in volunteering and like so many others, she made us go beyond our normal limits.

I worked with her as a Trustee of the United Synagogue for many years when she was Director of the Community Services Division, where she pioneered countless initiatives with an infectious enthusiasm.

She is sorely missed but she would be so proud to see how the next phase of the JVN's development has contributed towards new initiatives under the sterling leadership of one her most devout protégés, Nicky Goldman.

I met **David Lazarus** in the mid 80's. A man whose voluntary work knew no boundaries and who meticulously led a Trustee Board urging them to explore opportunities beyond our traditional circle of influence so that JVN volunteers could make a significant mark on the wider community.

He often spoke to me of how proud he was to chair a team who were motivated by Leonie's dynamic leadership, and she in turn delighted in the knowledge that David was able to support effectively her goals for the organisation.

Approaching employers to encourage their staff to volunteer in soup kitchens, in community theatres, helping the homeless, volunteering during the festive period when countless of lonely people were feeling neglected, this was their legacy, one to be truly proud of.

Their work together was truly pioneering, transforming the JVN into one of the foremost volunteering organisations in the country, the ultimate "umbrella" organisation.

Many charities collaborate with sister organisations, the JVN assists and promotes volunteering like no other. To the winners for this year's Awards we salute your drive and determination.

To the recipients of the Outstanding Awards, your reward will be to raise the public profile of the organisations you represent broadening their reach and helping it to help others more effectively.

Gila and I are proud to be associated with the JVN, may all of your combined efforts go from strength to strength.

Geoffrey Hartnell

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM DANIEL LEVY JVN CHAIR

Welcome to all.

What a year. Last time we were gathered we were just coming to terms with the horrors that were emerging from Israel. As an optimist I felt, as I think many of us did, that things would improve. Sadly, my optimism was misplaced. Israel has been demonised beyond recognition, hostages and their families are still suffering unimaginable horrors and antisemitism seems to be on the rise at alarming rates. That is the bad news. The good news is, JVN and I are truly humbled and grateful to be surrounded by such an extraordinary group of caring, modest and above all, doers within our community and in many cases well beyond.

Reflecting on last year, I quote Rabbi Sacks z'l: "To be a Jew is to feel a sense of gratitude; to see life itself as a gift; to be able to live through suffering without being defined by it; to give hope the victory over fear. To be a Jew is to offer thanks."

I believe that is exactly what JVN has done. I am proud to say, based on our data, we have had record numbers of applications for volunteering and need for more volunteers to support more organisations.

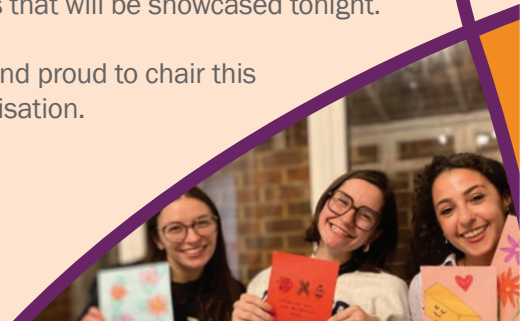
This is not only a reflection of what has taken place in the UK. In Israel, levels of volunteering have simply gone off the scale.



This afternoon, we have a record number of charity winners (105) from 53 charities. I simply want to give my most sincere gratitude to all of our charity partners and all volunteers. Just keep doing what you do, tell more people about it and together we will succeed in the spirit of tikkun olam (healing the world).

None of this would be possible without our funders, you, our charity partners and our volunteers. However, on behalf of the Trustees, I want to give my most sincere thanks and gratitude to the team at JVN, that above any other year, have made substantial personal commitments in order to celebrate some of the successes that will be showcased tonight.

I am honoured and proud to chair this wonderful organisation.



THANK YOU

We offer our sincere thanks to the people and organisations who have contributed to the JVN 2024 Celebrating Volunteers Awards.

- Daniel Levy for hosting the event
- Our Awards Ceremony compère, Nigel Rothband
- The JVN Awards 2024 Steering Group: Dalia Cramer, Elissa Bayer, Gaby Lazarus and Max Sobell
- The Independent Judging Panel: Dame Mary Marsh, Rabbi Miriam Berger, Danielle Jeffries, Howard Lewis, Michelle Rosenberg and Ashley Sweetland
- Our own JVN volunteers who support JVN all year round: Mike Boda, Stuart Clifton, Rita Fischer, Hilary Rosen and Amanda Weinberg
- The Awards volunteers: Janet Elf, Sharon Eskenazy, Joshua Kleiman, Denise and David Lester, Es Rosen and Ellie Thompson
- David Coleman for the JVN film
- Emma Ziff and Andy Katz for the event photography
- The CST volunteers for securing our event
- Asha Banerjee and her team at The Grove
- Shir for providing tonight's musical entertainment
- Taryn Brett at CTB Creative for the brochure and design materials
- Harvey Samuels at Trophy365 for the JVN Awards Celebrating Volunteers trophies
- Hendon Bagel Bakery for supplying the food
- The Jewish News for being our Media Partner
- James Lovell of SLA for production

Thanks also to the JVN Staff Team, whose dedication and hard work have been instrumental in bringing this event to life.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who submitted a volunteer, team, or trustee for a JVN 2024 Celebrating Volunteers Award. Your commitment to valuing and recognising the incredible contributions of volunteers allows us to celebrate their achievements together this afternoon.

SPONSORS

We would like to thank and appreciate the very generous contributions from the following sponsors, without which today's event would not have been possible:

- Wohl Legacy for the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award
- Our anonymous sponsor for the Outstanding Volunteer Team of the Year Award
- The Edwards Family Foundation for the Outstanding Young Adult Award
- The Citron, Sivan and Sefton Families for the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award
- Geoffrey and Gila Hartnell as our Brochure Sponsor
- The Ostrich Trust as our Food and Wine sponsor
- Think Jam for sponsoring a table
- All those who contributed advertisements, greetings, messages and articles to the JVN Awards 2024 Celebrating Volunteers brochure



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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.

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



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 J.C.Trust; President of the National Council of Women G.B.; 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, advising charities of all shapes and sizes on issues of charity law and governance. She is a former Chair of the Charity Law Association and former governor of JFS. Jo has been involved with JVN for the last decade working with Lead (JLC) on the community trustee development programme.

She is proud to be a trustee of JVN, helping to support its vital work in our community and beyond.

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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.



ELI GAVENTA

TRUSTEE

Eli Gaventa is the Director of Strategic Operations at UJIA where he works to support a more sustainable, efficient and impactful organisation. He has a Master's in Voluntary Sector Management and Grantmaking from Bayes Business School's Centre for Charity Effectiveness.

Eli is a youth worker at heart and has over 12 years of experience working with young Jewish people in the UK and Europe.

He is a passionate believer in the empowering effect of volunteering and giving back to your community and society. In addition to roles at the United Synagogue, Bnei Akiva and Sinai Youth, he has volunteered with Limmud, New Israel Fund, Tzedek and the Union of Jewish Students.



DEBRA MORRIS

TRUSTEE

Debra Morris FCA is JVN's Finance Trustee. She runs her own consultancy, providing quality accounting support and services to smaller businesses and charities.

Debra began her career at BDO Stoy Hayward, progressing to working in industry. She formerly held positions as a trustee for Mitzvah Day and Jewish Women's Aid.

Debra describes herself as a committed community volunteer (she was the first female Chair of Woodside Park Synagogue) and is currently the lead volunteer for 20th Finchley Scout group.

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CLIVE NATHAN

TRUSTEE

Clive has been in insurance all his career (although he did run a market stall to get him through university). He is currently CEO of Underwriting at Brown & Brown (Europe).

Clive began his career in 1987 as a graduate entrant with Commercial Union, where he had a number of different roles. He joined AXA UK in 1999 as National Broker Director. Between 2006-2016 he was CEO of Towergate Underwriting, having joined the business in 2003 as a Regional Managing Director.

Clive has worked with JVN in the past and was formerly a trustee of Leket UK. He is a Spurs fan and keen cyclist and raises money for charities, such as Kisharon Langon and Alzheimer's Society through his two wheel adventures.



MAX SOBELL

TRUSTEE

Max is Head of CRM Campaigns for The LEGO® Group and has spent his career working in a number of industries leading on digital transformation and marketing.

He used to be active in Jewish youth movements, working for Hanoar Hatzioni for two years and is passionate about volunteering experiences with a focus on youth engagement.



RICHARD WERTH

TRUSTEE

Richard Werth FCA was Chief Executive of Banner Homes, a house builder, until the company was sold in 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, stepping down after 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.

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM NICKY GOLDMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, JVN

We are delighted that you have joined us today as we celebrate 105 incredible volunteers and volunteer teams from 53 charities across the Jewish community and the wider charity sector. This year marks a milestone: the highest number of charity submissions from the largest range of organisations since we adopted the “everyone’s a winner” concept in 2019.

As Rabbi Sacks stated, our community could not exist for a day without its volunteers. Volunteers bring perspective, insight, diverse skills, unwavering commitment, and a passion for the cause. I love the idea of the “triple win”—volunteering benefits the charity, the charity’s beneficiaries, and the volunteers themselves. Personally, I always feel uplifted after co-leading a Shabbat or Yom Tov service at Sandringham, Jewish Care’s Stanmore/Bushey campus, experiencing the residents’ warm welcome and appreciation.

As a small charity, organising an event of this scale is no mean feat. We are immensely grateful to our wonderful chair, Daniel Levy, for hosting this event at The Grove. A heartfelt thank you also goes to Stuart, Asha, and the entire team at The Grove for making this event possible.

We deeply appreciate the dedication and leadership of our trustee Board: Daniel, Clive Nathan, Debra Morris, Eli Gaventa, Jo Coleman, Karen Cooper, Richard Werth, and our remarkable President, Ros Preston. Supporting a small infrastructure charity like JVN is no easy task, and we are truly thankful for their vision and commitment.

Special thanks are also due to our sponsors and donors, whose support makes this event—and all our work throughout the year—possible. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity.

To our Awards Steering Group—Elissa Bayer, Dalia Cramer, Gaby Lazarus, and Max Sobell—your hard work and commitment

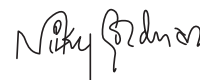
are inspiring. Thank you for being such a vital part of this event.

I would also like to acknowledge our phenomenal JVN team—both staff and volunteers. Your passion and dedication drive our mission to connect people with volunteering opportunities and support the outstanding Volunteer Managers at the charities we partner with.

And to the Volunteer Managers we collaborate with: we see the vital role you play within your organisations and deeply value your efforts to support and empower your volunteers.

This January will mark six years since I joined JVN, and what a journey it has been. Together, we’ve navigated challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, refugee crises from Afghanistan and Ukraine, the cost-of-living crisis, the atrocities of October 7th in Israel, and rising antisemitism in the UK. We have mourned the loss of two giants in the Jewish volunteering world: our founding Director, Leonie Lewis z”l, and former Chair, David Lazarus z”l. Through it all, the silver lining has been the outpouring of people stepping forward to volunteer and make a difference. I am proud that JVN enables individuals to channel their desire to help into meaningful action.

In 2025, JVN will celebrate its 18th anniversary. In Judaism, the number 18 holds deep significance, symbolising Chai—life. It is a privilege to reflect on how JVN has brought volunteering life into our community for nearly two decades. Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey.



Nicky Goldman
Chief Executive



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBI SIR EPHRAIM MIRVIS KBE





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Office of The
CHIEF RABBI

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Message from the Chief Rabbi

I am delighted to send my warmest greetings to everyone at the Jewish Volunteering Network on the occasion of your 2024 Volunteering Awards, which also marks 18 years since JVN's inception. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate not only the significant achievements of the award winners but also the numerous volunteers across our community whose selfless efforts make a profound difference to countless lives.

Our Jewish tradition teaches us that responsibility — achrayut — is a fundamental Jewish value. It is our obligation to care for and support one another, especially in times of need. Over the years, JVN has been at the forefront of turning this sense of responsibility into action, creating so many wonderful opportunities for individuals to serve and make a difference.

In these challenging times, our community has shown its true strength through unity and support. JVN continues to provide a vital platform for people to come together and help, offering avenues for meaningful volunteering that truly reflect our values of care and compassion.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to the entire team at JVN whose tireless efforts are a constant source of pride. Your work not only enhances the lives of those in need, but it also strengthens the fabric of our community, ensuring that we continue to thrive together.

May you continue to go from strength to strength and may the impact of your work continue to inspire and uplift all those you serve.



Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis KBE



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JVN
JEWISH VOLUNTEERING NETWORK
A TREE OF LIFE FOR THOSE WHO GROW

MESSAGE FROM RABBI JOSH LEVY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE MOVEMENT FOR REFORM JUDAISM



On behalf of Progressive Judaism in the UK, we are delighted to support JVN and its Celebration of Volunteering Annual Awards 2024.

Today's ceremony will highlight and celebrate all those incredible volunteers who enable our communal charities to provide the dedicated support and service that so many rely on.

The last 15 months have been very difficult for the Jewish community.

That is why events like this are so important. Not only are they a chance to showcase the incredible work done by Jews up and down the country, but also serve as a reminder that when we are united, we are stronger in facing any challenges that come along.

In the near-decade this event has been running, we are proud to have seen many Progressive

AND RABBI CHARLEY BAGINSKY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, LIBERAL JUDAISM



Jewish congregations, groups and members win these prestigious Celebration of Volunteering Awards.

But more than that, it is so special that this is a true cross-communal event.

When it comes to volunteering – age, location and denomination don't matter. All that counts is fulfilling our Jewish responsibility to help those who need us most.

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Rabbi Josh Levy
Chief Executive
The Movement for
Reform Judaism

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charley Baginsky'.

Rabbi Charley Baginsky
Chief Executive
Liberal Judaism

MESSAGE FROM RT. HON. KEIR STARMER KCB KC MP

PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM



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THE PRIME MINISTER

I am delighted to be sending this message for the Jewish Volunteering Network (JVN) Awards 2024.

I congratulate all volunteers who have been nominated for an award. I pay particular tribute to the JVN on its 18th year, and for being one of the leading volunteer networks, supporting charities across the UK.

I take this opportunity to reaffirm the extraordinary role that the Jewish community plays in Britain today. As I have got to know the community and visited its synagogues and charities, I have been moved time and again by its energy and warmth. It is the achievement of countless volunteers, who by multiple acts of kindness, give Jewish life in this country its humanity and grace.

I wish you every success for the year ahead and a marvellous celebration. The Jewish community, and all it stands for, makes Britain a better, stronger society.

All best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Keir Starmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MESSAGE FROM RT HON KEMI BADENOCH MP

LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY



Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP
Leader of HM Opposition
Leader of the Conservative Party

This year's Jewish Volunteering Network awards celebrate the exceptional volunteers who go above and beyond to serve their community.

Volunteering has a transformational effect on the lives of others.

I see that as a constituency MP.

And as Leader of the Conservative party, I know Britain wouldn't be the country it is today without the sacrifice of people, anchored in their community, who go the extra mile expecting nothing in return.

Too often those giving up their own to help others are not properly recognised. So, I am delighted volunteers are being recognised for their invaluable work, and I congratulate each and every one of them on their award.

I thank the Jewish Volunteering Network for making the recognition of volunteers possible. JVN does a heroic job in providing support to those who need it in the Jewish community and more widely. The Jewish Volunteering Network should take immense pride in recruiting and inspiring a new generation of volunteers to serve their communities.

I hope everyone enjoys the ceremony and many congratulations once again!

Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP

MESSAGE FROM RT. HON. SIR OLIVER DOWDEN KCB CBE MP

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR HERTSMERE



Rt Hon Sir Oliver Dowden KCB CBE MP
Member of Parliament for Hertsmere



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Dear all,

Re: 9th Annual Jewish Volunteering Network Celebration of Volunteering Awards

As we celebrate the 9th Annual Jewish Volunteering Network Celebration of Volunteering Awards, it is an honour to join in recognizing the exceptional individuals who give their time, energy, and passion to enrich our community.

This year's awards are especially meaningful, marking not only the achievements of these inspiring volunteers, but also the 18th anniversary of the Jewish Volunteering Network.

Volunteers are the backbone of our charities, and their dedication makes an immeasurable impact on the lives of so many. From the Volunteer of the Year to the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, every nominee and awardee embodies the values of selflessness, commitment, and community spirit.

I want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of this year's nominees and winners. Your tireless efforts and remarkable contributions are deeply appreciated. It is because of people like you that our community continues to thrive and grow stronger each day. Due to unavoidable commitments, I regret that I am unable to attend the awards to personally express my gratitude.

Thank you for your continued service and for inspiring others to follow in your footsteps. May this recognition be a reminder of how truly valued and appreciated you are.

Yours sincerely,

*Mazd Tov to all
worthy winners!*

The Rt Hon Sir Oliver Dowden KCB CBE MP
Member of Parliament for Hertsmere

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MESSAGE FROM TZIPI HOTOVELY

AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL TO THE COURT OF ST JAMES'S



The Ambassador's Office

Embassy of Israel

London



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לונדון

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

On the occasion of the ninth annual Jewish Volunteering Network's (JVN) Celebration of Volunteering Awards, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all volunteers who give up so much of your time in selfless service to others in our community.

JVN – now in its eighteenth year – does remarkable work in promoting, connecting and supporting volunteers across the entire Jewish community and beyond. They are absolutely right, therefore, to recognise the tireless efforts and inspiring sacrifices of so many volunteers who make an incredible difference daily.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all those in particular who have been nominated for an award this year. You should be deeply proud of your achievements and of your positive contribution to your local community – you are all extremely deserved of your nomination!

Once again, I send my sincerest thanks for all that you do and I wish you the very best of luck as you continue to make a difference to other people's lives.

Tzipi Hotovely

Tzipi Hotovely

Ambassador for Israel to the Court of St. James's

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MESSAGE FROM SIR SADIQ KHAN

MAYOR OF LONDON



MAYOR OF LONDON

Message of support to the Jewish Volunteering Network's (JVN) Celebration of Volunteering Awards 2025

I would like to congratulate everyone participating in the 9th annual ceremony of the Jewish Volunteering Network's Celebration of Volunteering Awards in 2025.

It is with great pleasure that I express my appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who dedicate their time and skills to London's many and varied charities. Your continued support of those who need you most across London's Jewish and wider communities, represents an outstanding contribution to our city.

Congratulations also on marking 18 years of The Jewish Volunteering Network. Your commitment and hard work are exemplary, and your volunteers are a source of inspiration and leadership, empowering and encouraging Londoners to work together to create better and stronger communities. Thank you for the work you do for each other and London.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sadiq Khan". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

MESSAGE FROM SARAH SACKMAN MP

FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN



I am so proud to support the Jewish Volunteering Network and wish them mazal tov on their ninth annual awards ceremony. JVN embodies so much of what is inspiring and special about our community – the commitment to look out for others, act with love and give back. Wishing everyone at JVN the best of luck for the next chapter.

MESSAGE FROM KEITH BLACK

JLC CHAIRMAN



I want to extend my deepest appreciation to Nicky and the entire JVN team for their hard work over the last year.

From our memorial gathering in Hyde Park, to the numerous professional development opportunities we held, the JVN was a crucial partner in ensuring the involvement of volunteers within our community.

Without their invaluable contribution, many of these communal activities would simply not be possible.

Congratulations to all those individuals nominated for this year's awards and a special mazal tov to those honoured with an award.

MESSAGE FROM DAVID PINTO DUSCHINSKY MP

LOCAL HENDON MP



I would like to thank all volunteers from across the Jewish Volunteering Network (JVN) for their superb efforts this year! Your dedication to helping others and giving back is truly uplifting.

It has been an incredibly difficult year for our community but despite the challenges, it is so inspiring to see how volunteers are determined to bring light to the world and embody the spirit of Chesed and Tzedakah every single day.

I loved visiting the Jewish Volunteering Network in December and seeing firsthand the wonderful work that you do. I have also greatly enjoyed working with many of JVN's charity partners this

year including Mitzvah Day, Community Security Trust, Gift, Kef Kids, and Norwood. Meeting volunteers and charity workers doing incredible things, big or small, is a true highlight of my job as an MP.

I wish all the volunteers at JVN good luck for the coming year. I am excited to keep meeting and working with you to enrich our wider community.

Keep on doing your brilliant work!

With all my best wishes,

David

MESSAGE FROM PHIL ROSENBERG

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS



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

Volunteering is at the very heart of the Jewish community and these awards do so much to shine a light on those whose efforts go above and beyond.

We are working towards a brighter future for the UK Jewish community. The Jewish community thrives only when people offer their time and expertise for free. The selfless efforts of our incredible volunteers deserve to be rewarded. They are an asset to us all and they are rightly cherished.

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. This sentiment is certainly echoed by my fellow Deputies and Honorary Officers who all represent our communities and organisations as volunteers.

The Board of Deputies is proud to support the JVN Awards and we offer our congratulations to all those involved.

Phil Rosenberg
President, Board of Deputies of British Jews

MESSAGE FROM ROBERT VOSS CBE CSTJ

HM LORD-LIEUTENANT OF HERTFORDSHIRE



I am delighted to support the Jewish Volunteering Network.

I greatly admire the wonderful work you do in support of the community in so many different ways and your involvement with a vast number of charities is truly inspirational. Charity is at the heart of our Jewish heritage and JVN exemplifies the outreach that the Jewish people have in the wider community.

As President or Patron of over 30 charities, I am well aware of the vital role that charities play in the daily life of so many people locally,

nationally and internationally. It is not only the financial support but the physical, moral and spiritual support that is so important and the time given by so many involved with JVN is to be applauded.

Unfortunately, I am not able to be with you this year as I will be celebrating my grandson's bar mitzvah on the day.

I wish all the winners and those nominated a hearty Mazeltov and many congratulations.

Robert Voss CBE CSTJ



MESSAGE FROM SARAH ELLIOTT

CEO OF NCVO



Volunteering is at the heart of thriving communities. It brings people together, strengthens bonds, and enables individuals to make a real difference. Volunteers give their time, energy, and expertise to support causes they care about, creating positive change in ways that no other resource can.

Across the UK, volunteers play a vital role in the success of charities and community organisations. From providing a listening ear to leading on complex projects, their contributions are invaluable. Volunteers help tackle some of society's biggest challenges, build stronger networks, and support those most in need.

Volunteering doesn't just benefit communities – it also enriches the lives of those who give their time. It's an opportunity to learn new skills, meet

people, and feel connected to something bigger. Many volunteers tell us how rewarding it is to see the impact they can make, whether in someone's life or for a cause they are passionate about.

At NCVO, we are proud to champion the work of volunteers and highlight the essential role they play in shaping a better future. Every story of volunteering reflects the power of compassion, resilience, and shared purpose.

The JVN Awards are a celebration of these values. They shine a light on the volunteers who dedicate their time to strengthen and support their communities. Their generosity and dedication make the voluntary sector so special. By continuing to support, value, and grow volunteering, we can ensure it remains a cornerstone of an inclusive and fair society.

To the volunteers being honoured today – and to the countless others who give their time selflessly – thank you. You are what make our communities stronger, and your work inspires us all.

Sarah Elliott

MESSAGE FROM SUSAN WINTON

CO-FOUNDER, JVN

Rabbi Sacks wrote in To Heal A Fractured World that **“Judaism is a complex and subtle faith, yet it has rarely lost touch with its simple ethical imperatives. We are here to make a difference, to mend the fractures of the world, a day at a time, an act at a time...”**

Rabbi Sacks’ words are indeed inspiring, but then what? What can I do? How can I help? Finding a volunteering opportunity can be daunting - and even intimidating.

It was Spring 2006 when my friend Inger Fenner suggested I meet Judy Citron z”l for a coffee because she was working on this idea and could use some help.

I had just decided to take a career break and was looking for how to fill my time for six months. I wanted to volunteer but how? where? what?

My coffee with Judy couldn’t have come at a more opportune time. It was truly “bashert.” I thought her idea to create a service that matches Jewish volunteers to organisations that need volunteers was brilliant. I wished it existed already to help me. I was all in!

We hit the ground running. Those early years were an adventure into the unknown. Meeting with donors, filling in grant applications, deciding what to call ourselves, creating a logo, building the

website, writing policies, meeting with communal organisations, finding office space, hiring staff - all while taking turns holding each other up, giving each other pep talks when the other got cold feet.

Needless to say, my six month career break turned into six years. There are so many people who helped along the way - true angels - each and every one - helping to build JVN into what it is today, one act at a time, one day at a time.

If you are reading this message which I was asked to write to celebrate our 18th birthday, then you will rightly assume JVN is a well-established integral part of the UK Jewish community for which we can all rely on to help us with all things volunteering. Sometimes the greatest ideas are the simplest - but getting here was anything but simple. We’ve come a long way from Judy’s kitchen table.

On behalf of both of us, thank you all. I don’t take it for granted. My heart is full.



IMPACT FIGURES IN THE LAST 18 YEARS

8,158 VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY VOLUNTEERS ON THE WEBSITE FOR THESE OPPORTUNITIES

THESE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BEEN VIEWED **754,366** TIMES IN THE LAST 10 YEARS

90 (Include Trustees) TRAINING SESSIONS/ FORUMS/ CONFERENCES **1600** ATTENDEES OF TRAINING FORUMS OR CONFERENCE (Between 2018-2023) **470** DIFFERENT CHARITIES HAVE POSTED ROLES ON THE JVN WEBSITE ON

470 CHARITIES

4,000 OPPORTUNITIES

 **8,000** VOLUNTEERS

NIGEL ROTHBAND

COMPÈRE



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 twelve years Nigel has hosted the weekly Man City Show Podcast and is regularly heard and seen on radio and TV discussing all things Manchester City. A season ticket holder, he follows City home and away.

He regularly interviews authors at their book launches and in the past 12 months, amongst others, he has interviewed; Sir Trevor McDonald, Clive Myrie, Alan Johnson, Danny Cipriani, Wayne Barnes and Gary Stevenson.

Away from the microphone, Nigel is a leadership coach, business mentor and facilitator working with teams across the globe. Recent clients are the leadership teams from Levi's, The FA, BritVic, Mars, B&Q, Zurich Insurance and Interflora.

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 Vice President, and also represents Hertfordshire in the Masters County Championship. He is a member of MCC. In the winter Nigel is an active football referee and is officiating in his 40th consecutive season in the Watford Sunday League.

Nigel stepped down, after six years, as Chair of the charity 'Sing Inside' this summer. Sing Inside provide group singing workshops in prison, enabling all to enjoy singing with others free from judgement or assessment, inspiring hope and confidence, and facilitating connection with others.

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.

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

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TIME MAY BE PRECIOUS, BUT DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF MICRO-VOLUNTEERING. JVN IS CREATING A MICRO-VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY FOR CARD WRITING, INVITING VOLUNTEERS TO OFFER SUPPORT TO PATIENTS AT THE ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.



IN COLLABORATION WITH MOISHE HOUSE, JVN LED A SESSION WHERE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MADE ROSH HASHANAH CARDS FOR NIGHTINGALE HAMMERSON. THIS INITIATIVE BROUGHT A SENSE OF CONNECTION TO THE RESIDENTS, SHOWING THEM THEY ARE REMEMBERED AND VALUED.





NOT ONLY DO JVN CONNECT AND
HELP DEVELOP TRUSTEES, WE ALSO
WORK WITH LEAD IN CREATING A
PIPELINE FOR THE FUTURE!



JVN AND NORWOOD ARE
NOT ONLY CREATING FAMILY
MEMORIES BUT ALSO
PLANTING THE SEED FOR A
FUTURE OF VOLUNTEERING.



JVN SNAPSHOTS

JVN IS SUPPORTING CHARITIES, INCLUDING THE BOARD
OF DEPUTIES AND JLC, IN CREATING VOLUNTEER TEAMS
FOR EVENTS THAT BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER.



INDEPENDENT JUDGING PANEL



DAME MARY MARSH

Dame Mary is a cross-sector leader and non-executive director/trustee with engagement and achievements in a diversity of contexts. She has chaired the Independent Judging Panel for the JVN awards since 2009. She is currently a Director on the Board of the LSO (London Symphony Orchestra), chair of the LSO Discovery Advisory Committee, Chair of Memo/Eden Portland and a Trustee of the British Spanish Society. She is a Patron of both the Institute of Imagination and the EY Foundation. In recent years she has been a Trustee of Teach First, a non-executive director of HSBC Bank plc and a member of the Governing Body at London Business School. She was the independent Chair of the Board of Trustees at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health from 2016-21. Following the earlier stages of her life journey as a teacher, including as a headteacher of two comprehensive schools in the 1990s, latterly Holland Park School, she was Chief Executive of the children's charity NSPCC and Founding Director of Clore Social Leadership.



RABBI MIRIAM BERGER

Miriam is the founder and CEO of Wellspring, a unique environment within British Jewry which combines ritual and mental wellbeing. Wellspring aims to help people find acceptance with their life as it is and supports them in creating personalised mikveh based ceremonies to mark moments of transition in life. She is continuing the work of the ancient rabbis who created meaningful ritual for the milestones they witnessed. Miriam was recently appointed Rabbi Emerita after 18 years at Finchley Reform Synagogue where she doubled the size of the community and made FRS a flagship synagogue of the Reform Movement. Her creativity and innovation has led to pioneering achievements in education, prayer services and pastoral work, as well as making headlines throughout the pandemic with novel ways of engaging her community whilst keeping them safe.



DANIELLE JEFFRIES

Danielle studied a BSc in Psychology at Bristol University, and for the last 5 years has worked in the Jewish Charity sector in a variety of roles.

Danielle is the Community Dementia Coordinator for Jewish Care. She oversees programmes for people living with dementia and their carers, who are still living in the community. She does this across London and Southend, aiming to find unique ways to stimulate and engage individuals, improving their quality of life and allowing people to 'live well with dementia'. Danielle will continue to grow these programmes to ensure that both the person living with dementia and their carer have the support they need.

Danielle is passionate about raising dementia awareness across the community by delivering dementia awareness training to various shuls and schools. She helps them to develop and run their own programmes, continuing to enhance the provisions and support available for the community.



HOWARD LEWIS

Howard has been volunteering for a diverse range of charities for 60 years. His early involvement centres on youth causes, including serving as a youth club leader, which resulted in his meeting and ultimately marrying Leonie, the first Chief Executive of JVN.

Following his retirement in March 2022 as the International lead partner of a top 10 firm of chartered accountants, he has furthered his involvement with many local and communal causes, as well as continuing to actively help the many charities supported by Leonie during her lifetime, which includes continuing her weekly collections on behalf of Community Connex, formerly Harrow Mencap. His involvement with this cause has been extended to helping in many other areas. He continues to jointly lead a group of volunteers who were previous winners of the Outstanding team award.



MICHELLE ROSENBERG

Michelle has been Community Editor at Jewish News since October 2022. She has more than two decades of media experience across PR, radio broadcasting and communications. She is the author of five women's history books for British publisher Pen & Sword and loves books, history and art. Married with two teenage daughters, she trains regularly at a local boxing gym and enjoys walking in the woods with her two overweight spaniels.



ASHLEY SWEETLAND MBE

Ashley is Vice President, Head of Global Corporate Affairs at Convatec, a global medical products and technologies company listed on the FTSE 100. Previously, he has held a variety of corporate affairs and strategic communications roles for organisations including IHG Hotels & Resorts and CBRE. Ashley is a trustee of St John England (the parent charity of St John Ambulance) and Friends of HM Armed Forces Jewish Community. He has volunteered with Norwood since 2012, having been Co-Chair of Young Norwood between 2016-2018 and a judge for the annual Norwood Volunteering Awards since 2014. He has been a judge for the annual JVN Awards since 2019. Ashley was awarded an MBE in 2012.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

1. ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES (AJR)

TREVOR SALOMON

Trevor has used his own experience, caring for his dear wife who has young onset Alzheimer's Disease, to help and support others. He has facilitated a support group for those caring for a spouse with dementia, for over four years, creating a warm cohesive unit. It has been transformative for the members, and a lifeline in their time of need.



2. ALL ABOARD SHOPS

RAMESH JAYARAMAN

Dedicated to helping All Aboard charity shops and the causes and charities we support. Genuinely passionate in his actions in wanting to make this world a better place.



3. ALYTH SYNAGOGUE

TRACEY KIEVE

Tracey never seeks reward. She is a genuinely generous, giving, lovely volunteer and she really deserves the recognition of being Volunteer of the Year. Tracey is modest and humble and is greatly humbled by any fuss over her. Tracey always gives of herself and now it is nice to see her lauded in some way.



4. CAMP SIMCHA

DALIA RUDOLPH

Dalia's remarkable 12-year commitment to Camp Simcha makes her the charity's longest-serving volunteer. As a Camp Simcha Big Sister,



her unwavering devotion to the child she supports has brought joy and stability during challenging times. As the child has grown, Dalia has adapted her support to meet her evolving needs, becoming much more than just a volunteer—she is truly a beloved member of the family.

5. CHAI CANCER CARE

SORELLE KAFTON

Sorelle is a warm presence for our clients and has generously given her time to Chai over the last two decades. Sorelle assists by transporting our clients to and from our centre, ensuring they can access the crucial support they need during their cancer journey. She also helps at ad hoc events throughout the year.



6. CST

NEIL ROSEN

A thoroughly likeable and reliable ambassador for CST all round involved for over 20 years, volunteered on over 500 security shifts, developed countless volunteers. Someone who we are delighted to highlight as our volunteer of the year.



7. BRITISH EMUNAH

JOHN GROSSMAN

We look forward to John's wit and humour as he joins us on a weekly basis to raise much needed funds on our online platform. His networking skills within his community has resulted in fantastic donations for our cause and we are extremely grateful !



8. FEAST WITH US

JUDY BERMAN

We nominate Judy as our Volunteer of the Year for her endless support and dedication, making an impressive 320 meals this year for those experiencing homelessness. Her unwavering support and reliability have been instrumental in helping FEAST expand our services and fulfill our mission. Thank you Judy!



9. FOOD BANK AID

BELINDA MILROD

Believe in Belinda - our totally 'teariffic' admin queen!



10. GIFT

MIRIAM IBGUI

Miriam has been on the ultimate journey with GIFT - she's been an outstanding volunteer who has inspired many others to get involved. She has made the most amazing contribution to our organisation.



11. GOODS FOR GOOD

ANDREW JACOBS

For the past 10 years, Andrew has been an invaluable business mentor, providing crucial guidance and support in establishing and growing our charity.



12. IMMANUEL COLLEGE

DAVID SMITH

Totally modest, unassuming, deep thinking, caring, supportive and generally brilliant!



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

13. JEWISH CARE

MAUREEN VALINS

Maureen has a gentle, effective and caring manner with everyone she interacts with and knows exactly what is needed to be done before even being asked. It is because of dedicated volunteers, like Maureen, that Jewish Care is able to touch the lives of 12,000 people each week.



14. JEWISH CARE SCOTLAND

MARILYN LOW

Always ready to cover for her team, Marilyn shines supporting the community. She glows positivity and is an inspiration to all!



15. JNETICS

KAREN

Jnetics

Karen is our Volunteer of the Year for her exceptional dedication to Jnetics, significantly impacting numerous lives through her commitment to our student genetic carrier screening programmes.

16. JTEEN

BATSHEVA NETZER

BatSheva Netzer - a real powerhouse and inspiration, Mum, Grandmother, Business owner & Counsellor - someone who ALWAYS has time to help.



17. JW3

RUTH FINKEL

Ruth's dedication to volunteering here knows no limits. She's always happy to sign-up for any role and be a friendly hard-working asset to our entire volunteers group.



18. JEWISH WOMEN'S AID

JO ROSENTHAL

Jo has been an invaluable asset to JWA, expertly guiding us through financial challenges like COVID and the cost-of-living crisis. She professionalised our financial processes, securing stability and growth, while ensuring we remained in a strong position to support those in need.



19. KISHARON LANGDON

MURRAY SEGAL

Murray is an exceptional team member whose initiative and kindness have transformed our charity. His warm presence in the office truly embodies our mission of supporting members in building independent skills, making him an invaluable asset to our team.



20. MACCABI GB

MARC LEVY

For over 30 years, Marc Levy has been a dedicated volunteer, offering his expertise as a trustee and his leadership in various capacities. His financial acumen and hands-on involvement have saved the charity time and resources, while his passion has inspired others to join and contribute.



21. MAGEN DAVID ADOM UK

ALEX ULLMANN

Alex has brought not only a contagious enthusiasm, but passion for his ambulance station refurbishment project. His warmth, charm and tireless persistence is unmatched.



22. MITZVAH DAY

NICK GRANT

Nick Grant has been selected as our Charity Winner for his exceptional leadership and dedication to Mitzvah Day. His tireless efforts in organising and inspiring his community to participate in numerous Mitzvah Day projects have made a profound impact on our organisation and the people we serve.



23. NIGHTINGALE HAMMERSON

ANGELA WILSON

Research shows that residents live longer in a care home with volunteers. Angela demonstrates this by helping us reduce isolation and improve the Quality of Life for our Residents.



24. NORTHWOOD AND RUISLIP US

DAVID LEVY

David Levy is a unique, calming figure, who enables us to run our remarkable Mitzvah Day Gardening project as well as creating our beautiful Shul Eco Garden.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

25. NORWOOD

PETER GIRVAN

Peter Girvan is both a resident and volunteer at Ravenswood Village supporting both the stables and bike club.



26. RESOURCE

GALIA MORAN

Galia Moran, an Occupational Psychologist, has volunteered weekly for over 12 years, providing invaluable psychometric profile analysis to Resource's unemployed clients, significantly enhancing their job prospects. Her expertise, dedication, and efforts in developing workshops and mentoring new volunteers make her a deserving candidate for Volunteer of the Year, having positively impacted nearly a thousand individuals' careers.



27. ROYAL FREE CHARITY

ERIC SAYLISS

Eric is driven to help others. He has the sunniest and happiest disposition and ease of relating to anyone. He's able to offer a chat to anyone willing to participate and will find a topic to resonate with them. 'He's an absolute inspiration' - Lady Daniela Pears.



28. S & P SEPHARDI COMMUNITY

JENNIFER BROOKE

Jenny has taken an idea and turned it into a meaningful and



effective project successfully encouraging other members to volunteer across the demographic. Her Good Food Train project has been a resounding success and provided a platform for wider volunteering in the community. She has provided inspiration to everyone.

29. THE LIBERAL JEWISH SYNAGOGUE

JENNY STEPHANY

Jenny's longtime support, passion and compassion for our community is very evident. Jenny's engagement is enduring and heartfelt, and the Ivy Clearing initiative at the Liberal Jewish Cemetery that Jenny instigated last year is testament to this. It has been incredibly successful and beneficial to the whole community on many levels and encouraged new volunteers to embark on their own volunteering journey at the LJS.



30. THE TOGETHER PLAN

CARL KAPLAN

Carl Kaplan has been selected for this award because of his exceptional dedication as a volunteer, going above and beyond to support those searching for their ancestral roots. His commitment to helping isolated Jewish communities in Belarus highlights the personal and global impact of his work, making him truly deserving of this honour.



31. UNITED SYNAGOGUE

HUW DAVIS

Huw has been the Warden and



then Chair at Ruislip Synagogue for many years and took a bold decision to engage with change and merge with Northwood synagogue to create Northwood & Ruislip United Synagogue. Huw is now the Vice Chair of the newly formed community.

32. WIZO

JACKIE KALMS

Jackie is a devoted WIZO volunteer, always giving her all & encouraging others to do so. She is reliable & cheery & an asset to WIZO.



33. PROJECT IMPACT

RACHEL HOPE

Rachel is an invaluable asset to Project ImpACT.



34. UJIA

EMILY COHEN

Emily has provided extraordinary work to amplify the media stories of those killed and the survivors of October 7th. Simultaneously she has responded to the practical needs of the survivors with innovation, compassion and empathy.



35. KEREN GIRLS

REBECCA ABELES

Rebecca Abeles lives and breathes Keren. She gives of herself endlessly and tirelessly to ensure no girl is left without support.



VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR

1. AJEX JMA - CHAPLAINS' CARDS TEAM



The AJEX Chaplains' Card Project Team hold our Jewish Heritage in their hands. They have worked tirelessly to open up the story of thousands of Jewish men and women who served in the Second World War to a wider audience. This digitisation project has flown because of this wonderful team. Thank you!

2. ALL ABOARD SHOPS WENDY AND THE PRESTWICH VOLUNTEER TEAM



Inspirational and dedicated team who always go the extra mile.

3. CAMP SIMCHA SUNNYMEDE RAMBLERS



For over 12 years, The Sunnymede Ramblers have been curating and taking part in almost monthly fundraising walks for Camp Simcha raising an incredible £15,000 to date and increasing awareness of the charity's work.

4. CHAI CANCER CARE CHAI VOLUNTEER LUNCH TEAM



We are incredibly blessed to have a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers who generously give their time at Chai, preparing and serving lunches to our clients.

5. CST THE HERTS TEAM



The Herts team stands out for their remarkable dedication and progress, despite being a new team within CST.

They have consistently demonstrated a willingness to step up and take on responsibilities, making them an asset to the charity. Their positive attitude, commitment, and teamwork serve as an inspiration, motivating others to get involved and contribute.

6. FEAST WITH US NNLS COOKS



We nominate the dedicated volunteer cooks at NNLS for their incredible support, preparing 40 meals weekly for vulnerable individuals at SHP Clendon House. Their teamwork, resourcefulness, and commitment have been key in combating food insecurity and ensuring the success of FEAST's volunteer-led kitchen. Thank you Jan, Debra K, Debbie and Debra F!

7. FOOD BANK AID THE FANTASTIC FOUR WHEELERS



Dream drivers deliver donations daily.

8. GENERATION 2 GENERATION GENERATION 2 GENERATION (G2G) HOLOCAUST SPEAKERS.



The Generation 2 Generation (G2G) team of Holocaust speakers work tirelessly to deliver high level and engaging presentations to ensure the lessons of the Holocaust are learned. They also contribute to the running of G2G and are therefore the heart of the charity's success.

9. GIFT CHARITY CARDS OF CARE



Cards of Care are people who truly

care. They connect thousands of willing volunteers with people who need a letter of love. They've been responsible for spreading so much warmth and kindness across the world and with hearts as big as theirs, this project will go even further!

10. HELP4THEHOMELESS FOOD PREPARATION TEAM



Wonderful people with a true sense of togetherness and camaraderie to help our evening volunteers shine to help the homeless.

11. HOLLAND PARK SYNAGOGUE YOHO TEAM



YOHO (Young Holland Park) Team of the Year for our Young Jewish Sephardi community in London!

12. HOUSE OF LIFE HOUSE OF LIFE VOLUNTEERS



The House of Life volunteers are devoted to preserving our heritage, ensuring its legacy endures for past, present, and future generations. Their unwavering passion and commitment to safeguard the community's history, memories and traditions make them truly exemplary.

13. JAMI JAMI HEAD ROOM CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS



With support from our community programme volunteers, Head Room has grown its Coffee and Connect group from just three people to a weekly meeting of around 20 individuals.

VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR

14. JEWISH BEREAVEMENT
COUNSELLING SERVICE (JBKS)



JEWISH BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING
SERVICE (JBKS) TEAM OF VOLUNTEER
BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLORS.

The value of JBKS lies within its people - the dedicated and wonderful JBKS Volunteer Bereavement Counsellors.

15. JEWISH CARE
JUDY AND DAVID GOTTLER AT
JEWISH CARE PEARS COURT



It is hard to explain the impact this couple have on Sandringham. But easy to see when you witness them in and around the building. And the love and respect the tenants have for them says it all.

16. JEWISH CARE SCOTLAND
JCS WELCOME WEDNESDAY
VOLUNTEERS



Dedicated to creating pockets of connection throughout the community, JCS's Welcome Wednesday Volunteers are proud to represent the organisation by maximising our resources to promote wellbeing and make a difference in the lives of others. They do more than care!

17. JLGB
THE LIVERPOOL MUMS



The Liverpool Mums of JLGB have shown remarkable dedication and resilience in revitalising Jewish youth engagement in Liverpool amidst the crises our community and wider society have faced in recent years. Their inspiring leadership and

commitment to community service make them worthy recipients of the Volunteer Team of the Year award.

18. JW3
WEDNESDAY MORNING
FOODBANK PACKING TEAM



Our Wednesday morning Foodbank packing team perfectly represented by Danielle Simonson, Tibor Gold, Diana Pollins, Chava Stimler, perform the mammoth task each week of seamlessly transforming a large part of JW3 into the well-run foodbank operation preparing 100+ food packages each week.

19. JEWISH WOMEN'S AID
JWA SCHOOL AMBASSADORS



The JWA School Ambassadors 2024 have had a huge impact upon the education work of JWA and their enthusiasm and commitment to making a difference within their school community has been inspiring and a joy to watch. They have grown in confidence as a team and excelled in all the initiatives they undertook throughout their time on the programme.

20. KEF KIDS
KEF CREATIVE CLUB



KEF Creative Club Members visits to Sage Nursing Home are a very special and unique mutually beneficial collaboration, focusing on using our abilities, as opposed to focusing on our disabilities to be able to help others.

21. KEREN GIRLS
THE KEREN MENTORS



Keren mentors are the backbone of the organisation. For over 6 years they have helped support over 50% of the girls who come through Keren. They do so quietly, without fanfare. We are so grateful for their consistency, confidentiality and dedication to Keren.

22. KISHARON LANGDON
ENTERPRISE TEAM



The Kisharon Langdon Enterprise Team go above and beyond in helping not only our own community, but the wider community also. Their work supports a huge number of people and their dedication to volunteering is outstanding.

23. MACCABI GB
EMYG24 VOLUNTEER TEAM



Our exceptional EMYG24 Volunteer Team gave up their time to ensure the European Maccabi Youth Games were a success, demonstrating unwavering dedication in the face of logistical and security challenges. Their commitment to the safety, joy, and unity of participants made them truly indispensable.

24. MAVAR
MAVAR VOLUNTEER TEAM



Without our volunteers Mavar simply would not be able to exist - our team of dedicated volunteers go above and beyond on a daily basis so that our members are able to create a life that is authentic to them.

VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR

25. NIGHTINGALE HAMMERSON TUESDAY BRIDGE GROUP



This is a diverse team of volunteers, of different ages and backgrounds who came together for one purpose: To create an engaging and accessible activity, a fun environment which is a highlight for many Residents in Nightingale House.

26. NOA GIRLS MENTORING TEAM



Our mentors deserve an award for their extraordinary dedication, consistently going above and beyond to provide tailored, compassionate support that empowers each girl to overcome their mental health challenges. Their contribution is reflected by their mentees, with 96% reporting that they have had a positive relationship with their mentor, 100% feeling listened to and 80% feeling more hopeful about their future.

27. NORTHERN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION GROUP NHEG LEADERSHIP TEAM



Through the difficult Covid/post Covid time the Team has created a growing charity passing on the life stories and experiences of victims of Nazi persecution and the Holocaust. In this short period of time we have been hosted by over 250 different organisations and spoken to well over 25,000 people in order to counter all forms of discrimination including antisemitism.

28. NORTHWOOD & RUISLIP UNITED SYNAGOGUE



NORTHWOOD & RUISLIP UNITED SYNAGOGUE MITZVAH DAY TEAM 2024

Each year our Northwood and Ruislip United Mitzvah Day team grow from strength to strength. However this year the team have even surprised themselves. Bring it on!

29. NORWOOD - THE TWINS GROUP VOLUNTEERS KENNEDY LEIGH FAMILY CENTRE



The Volunteers at the Twins & More Group help support families and their children through play sessions at The Kennedy Leigh Family Centre.

30. PROJECT IMPACT IMPACT YOUTH KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS



The ImpACT Youth Kitchen teens are an inspiration to the community, cooking healthy meals weekly for homeless shelters & foodbanks. The inspiring work of these teens embodies the spirit of community service & social responsibility.

31. ROYAL FREE CHARITY CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS



Chaplaincy Volunteers form an integral part of the support available for patients, family, visitors and staff at the Barnet and Royal Free Hospitals. Chaplaincy volunteers provide a compassionate, non-judgemental and spiritual source of support for all the aforementioned stakeholders.

32. SEED SEED SHUL COMMITTEE



Belinda, Carolyn, Eli and James are a dedicated, approachable and committed team who enhance every aspect of the Seed Shul.

33. THE LIBERAL JEWISH SYNAGOGUE SINGING FOR THE MIND TEAM



The LJS programme of activities and groups is undeniably enhanced by the dedication and care of our Singing for the Mind team - they are a much-needed and appreciated constant in the lives of its participants who are coping with memory loss and the beginnings of dementia. This incredible team supports our own members as well as the wider local community and its impact cannot be underestimated. Rising to the challenge of keeping sessions going throughout the pandemic, they have worked tirelessly to promote the benefits of group singing and this year have built the number of participants back up to pre-pandemic level.

34. UJIA LETTER LIFE LOVE COMMITTEE



The LLL team used their heartbreak following the events of October 7th to create an occasion for hope and positive response to horror. The Letter Love Life theatrical event created an opportunity and forum for a celebration of the history and importance of Israel to the Jewish people that was innovative and a first for the Jewish community in this forum.

VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR

UJIA (CONT)

The production is due to appear in other major Jewish communities around the world as a fundraiser for Israel and therefore is a contribution from the creativity and innovation of British Jewry to the Jewish world.

35. UNITED SYNAGOGUE
JEWISH VISITING
HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

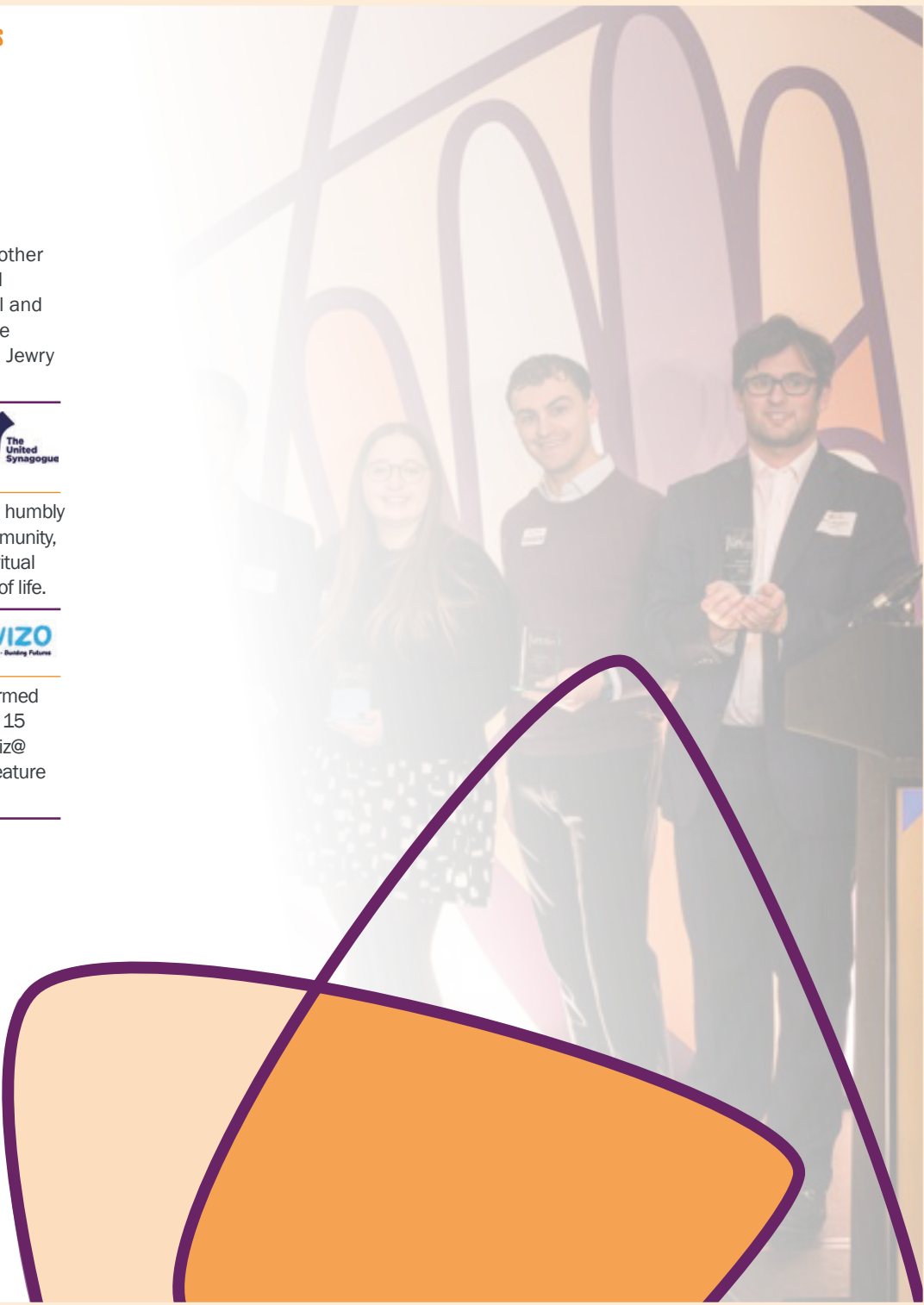


Jewish Visiting Chaplains quietly and humbly work for the benefit of the whole community, to ensure religious, pastoral and spiritual needs are met during difficult times of life.

36. WIZOUK
WIZOUK QUIZ@HOME TEAM



Michael Myers & Ed Epstein have formed an amazing team for the past nearly 15 years to ensure WIZOUk's annual quiz@home event remains a permanent feature in the Jewish fundraising calendar.



YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

1. ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES (AJR) IEVA SAIKAUSKAITE



Ieva is a young woman who has a full-time career in mental health provision, but finds time to visit survivors and refugees of the Holocaust. She is conscientious, kind and dependable and has become an outstanding volunteer for AJR, and the ladies she visits.

2. CST OFEK PEREZ



Ofek joined in December 2023 signing up after the events of Oct 7 2023. In that time he was shown outstanding commitment to CST in terms of his training and volunteering at his shul and on jobs. He has worked over 50 shifts in less than a year which is unprecedented. A truly remarkable achievement and role model for all young people who want to join CST.

3. BRITISH EMUNAH EZRA WOODMAN



Ezra is a self-motivated individual who is concise, analytical and refreshing in his writing and we are grateful for his writing skills time and journalistic approach and the enthusiasm he has brought to the role.

4. GIFT CHARITY RUTH KLAJMAN



Ruth Klajman is someone who always goes above and beyond. She's been volunteering in so many different ways with GIFT but with one common theme - she cares and she commits and she gets others involved. She has taken so many projects to the next level because she is so passionate about her volunteering.

5. JEWISH CARE ELLA HAVAS



Ella has huge compassion, she listens and the members have connected with her and look forward to seeing her. Through her studying and understanding of the Holocaust, she is able to understand and support the members and plans to further her volunteering and Holocaust studies. Ella is also really helpful, completing tasks really efficiently, she is on hand and very willing. All this would be amazing but especially for one who is just 21.

6. JLGB MATTHEW CLAYMAN



Matthew Clayman is an inspirational young leader whose dedication to empowered leadership, logistics, and first aid has transformed JLGB's groups, events, and camps. His contributions have strengthened the charity's operations and enhanced its ability to nurture and protect the next generation.

7. JW3 ANTHONY COHEN



Anthony is a rock for our Foodbank, coming in each week not only contributing his excellent cooking & washing up skills, but also providing endless jokes with his deadpan humour to perk up the other volunteers.

8. KISHARON LANGDON SETH MARKS



A dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer who really has reenergised sport for our members.

9. MACCABI GB CHLOE LEIGH



Chloe Leigh has been an exceptional volunteer for over seven years, growing into a leadership role where she supports junior athletes at major international events. Her passion, dedication, and ability to inspire others make her an invaluable asset to our charity, both now and in the future.

10. NIGHTINGALE HAMMERSON NORA SALOLAINEN



As a young volunteer, Nora adapted exceptionally well to a new environment and connected with our staff and our Residents. Her experience helped build bridges to Nightingale House and to the Jewish Community in general.

11. NORWOOD TALIA AZIZ



Talia Aziz has been a regular volunteer at our community events for many years always bringing a smile with her.

12. TRIBE US HARRISON COHEN



Harrison is a dedicated and caring madrich who has continuously given his all to Tribe. He has been an inspiration to the community and our chanichim, and is an amazing role model for us all.

13. UJIA JAMIE RANDALL



Jamie is a highly capable and dedicated lay leader at UJIA, demonstrating exceptional community leadership skills. As an invaluable member of the Young Patrons committee, he consistently excels in teamwork and collaboration.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1. AJR (THE ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES)

CHERYL LEIGH



Cheryl is the volunteer that every organisation wishes they had. She has visited the same Holocaust survivor for more than 15 years, offering support to her and respite to her family. Cheryl has let nothing get in the way of her voluntary service and her kindness and compassion have made her invaluable to the lady she visits.

2. ALYTH SYNAGOGUE
JEANNETTE COHEN



Jeannette has always been a willing volunteer and will turn her hand to anything she is asked to do. For over thirty years she has been involved in the life of the community and shown those around her what it is to be a great volunteer.

3. CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S
GERALD MCENERY



Lifelong Volunteer who has been dedicating his time supporting families with people with learning disabilities.

4. CST
PHILIP MITCHELL



Phil Mitchell for outstanding work in mobile and regional work, as well as training. Always has a smile on his face, the consummate professional and diplomat, and has given an

unfathomable amount of time to the security needs for the community in Central East London and Essex.

5. BRITISH EMUNAH
SARA GREENFIELD



Sara's heart and soul is Emunah . She is a stalwart of the Emunah family and her quiet hands on devotion and advice the last 15 years needs to be recognised.

6. JAMI
DINNY CHARKHAM



Dinny is the heart of Finchley Hub. She is truly like family to members of the hub. There is no one else like Dinny and we truly appreciate all she does.

7. JEWISH CARE
GLORIA MORGAN



Nothing is too much to ask of Gloria, she is always happy to help and does so with a big smile. She always welcomes new volunteers, encouraging them and giving them tips and supporting people in their roles.

8. JLGB
SHIRLEY LANE



Shirley Lane is the fairy godmother of JLGB, having dedicated her life to empowering generations of young people. Her exceptional leadership, fundraising, and intergenerational volunteer programmes have shaped the charity and inspired countless others to follow in her footsteps.

9. JEWISH WOMEN'S AID
ALLISON GLAZER



Allison has been a consistent, loyal and dedicated volunteer counsellor for JWA and our clients who have experienced domestic abuse. She has also supported her peer counselling volunteers by being their representative on the volunteer participation group. We are very lucky to have her at JWA.

10. KISHARON LANGDON
TONY FRANKS



Tony is The King of Jewish Charity Golf Days!

11. LEEDS JEWISH WELFARE BOARD
ROSELYN MANNING



Roselyn is one of our 'unsung heroes' who has supported the Leeds Jewish community tirelessly and it is time that Roselyn is recognised for all of her valuable time, experience and support gifted through volunteering

12. MACCABI GB
DAVID WOLFF



David has devoted his life to Jewish sports, serving as Chairman of the Maccabi GB Southern Football League since 1970. Over his decades of service, he has nurtured thousands of Jewish athletes and built a thriving grassroots football community.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

13. NIGHTINGALE HAMMERSON PATRICIA CORREN



Patricia's vision was a blueprint for the engagement activities in Nightingale House. Her plan was developed widely in both Nightingale and eventually in Hammerson House.

14. NORTHWOOD & RUISLIP UNITED SYNAGOGUE BRIAN GEMINDER



Brian Geminder is the epitome of building relationships and giving to others. A beautiful example of how much one person can give to not only their community, but the community at large.

15. NORWOOD ALFRED & BRENDA GARFIELD



Alfred & Brenda Garfield are worthy nominees for the Lifetime Achievement Award, giving over the past 30 years their time, support and commitment to the residents of Ravenswood Village.

16. PINNER SHUL DAVID SUMMERS



This nomination reflects the esteem in which David is held due to his work for Pinner Synagogue and the wider Jewish and non-Jewish community over more than 40 years. His contributions include maintenance of the fabric of our shul building and ensuring the safety and security of all members and visitors to

the premises, creating constructive relationships with local and London-wide law enforcement authorities, which support the safety of our community and our non-Jewish neighbours, as well as his "behind the scenes" diplomatic work with B'nai B'rith, advocating for Israel and promoting the interests of Jews worldwide.

17. THE LIBERAL JEWISH SYNAGOGUE SONIA LEANSE



Sonia is an asset to our community through her long-standing involvement with programmes for senior members and guests and is an inspiration to so many of us. Sonia's selflessness and consideration for the well-being of others, along with her welcoming smile, sunny demeanour and not forgetting her renowned baking and ice-cream making skills, all make Sonia a very worthy Charity Winner. The LJS is very fortunate and grateful to Sonia for the positive impact she has had on our organisation.

18. UNITED SYNAGOGUE GILL CASHDAN



Gill Cashdan provides therapeutic care to prisoners and their families, through Jewish and multi-faith chaplaincy services, improving the chances of successful reintegration into society and healthy familial relationships.

19. WIZOUK MICHELE VOGEL



Michele has been a committed WIZO member for almost 50 years & successfully taken on many key roles that have helped to shape the success of WIZO.

20. YOUTH ALIYAH CHILD RESCUE SION MEHDI z"l



After a lifetime of serving the Jewish Community, Sion Mehdi spent the entire 25 years of his retirement as a full-time volunteer English teacher and mentor for at-risk children in Israel.

21. UJIA BEN CAHN



Ben has shown immense commitment and loyalty to the work of the bursary committee. Without his tireless work and leadership, many hundreds of young people would have struggled to take part in the important rite of Israel Tour.



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Together, Ann and Bob (z"l) were founder members of the LJS Members' choir, singing for 30 years. They were joint editors of the monthly LJS Newsletter from 1992-1998. They have helped organise numerous events and concerts, regularly participating in many services, in particular providing central personal testimonies for our Kristallnacht memorial services.



OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

CHERYL BRODIE, VOLUNTEER AT THE JLC

Cheryl is a hugely valued member of the JLC Lead team. She joined the JLC in 2019 as a Learning & Organisational Development Consultant. Cheryl was seeking a way to give her professional skills in a voluntary capacity and utilises her wealth of experience in organisational strategy to contribute to the success of the organisation and the professional development offering specifically.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

ABIGAIL SALTMAN, VOLUNTEER AT JEWISH CARE

Abigail has been a member of Jewish Care's MIKE Youth Leadership Programme for over 4 years. A senior leader, in the MIKE youth leadership programme which motivates, inspires, and educates young people in Redbridge, Abigail's unwavering dedication, exceptional commitment, and remarkable contributions have truly set her apart as an exemplary volunteer within our community. Abigail's enthusiasm for giving back is contagious. Despite her youth, she has demonstrated a maturity and empathy beyond her years, consistently going above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of those she serves.



OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR

KISHARON LANGDON

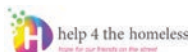
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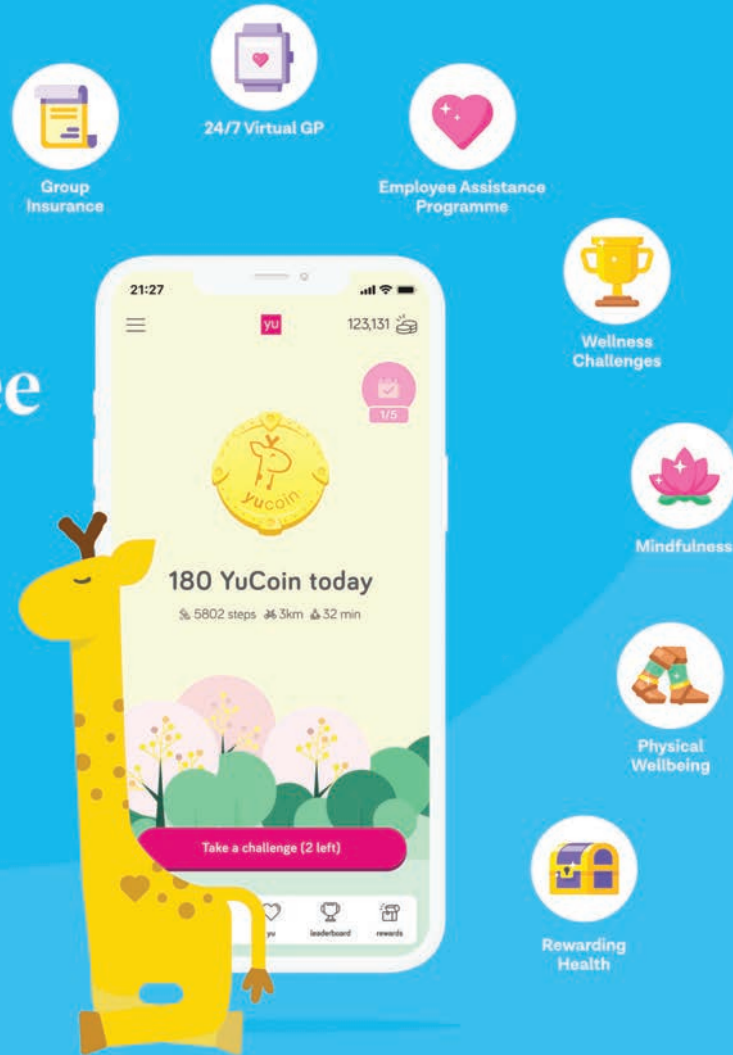


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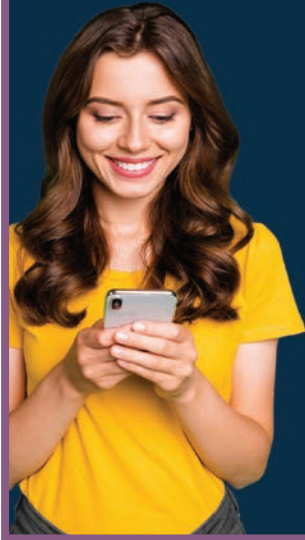


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