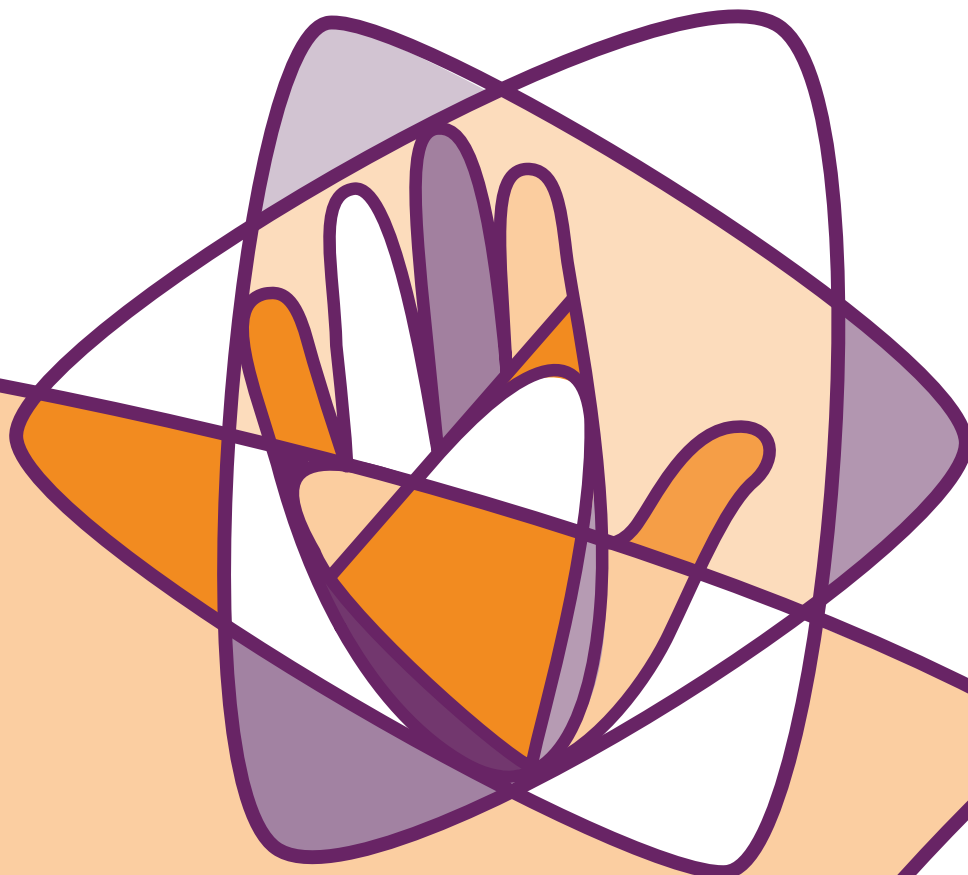


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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM DANIEL LEVY

Chair of JVN

Welcome to all.

Very soon after we became aware as a community of the unfolding atrocities that took place on the 7th October, JVN had to consider a number of issues.

Firstly, the outpouring of support for Israel and demand to engage with anything our community could do to support in this moment of crisis.

Secondly, we had to consider the appropriateness of holding such an event so soon and whether delay was the more suitable response.

I hope you will agree with the decision we took coupled with the action we are taking, which is as follows:

1: Volunteering, whether it be within our community or outside our community is who we are, what makes us tick and ultimately gives those amongst us the opportunity to give back with purpose and in the spirit of Tikun Olam (healing the world). Nowhere is this being manifested more clearly than in Israel itself, where the community has come together and rallied in a most extraordinary fashion.

2: We are signposting many Israel-centric volunteering opportunities on our website, particularly those with volunteering and wellbeing at their core.

There is little we can do other than to continue with our purpose and desire to give back, to continue to do the right thing and support the venerable causes that our partner charities promote.

We realise that most of us in this room will be either directly or indirectly affected through family members or friends. Our heart goes out to all.

I'm delighted to tell you that tonight we have the same number of charity winners as last year's record-breaking year. This somewhat reflects the challenging times that we live in, the ever-increasing role of charities to ease so many social burdens, as well as the ongoing commitment of volunteers who are crucial to the services 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.

Our external judging panel, headed up again by our dear friend, Dame Mary Marsh, had the unenviable task of selecting from the 89 charity winners from 37 charities, the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, Outstanding Volunteer Team of the Year, Outstanding Young Adult Volunteer of the Year and Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Awards. We also have an additional Special Recognition Award this year. 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. Thank you all for doing what you do - we are very privileged to be hosting such a spectacular group of people.

Daniel Levy

JVN Chair



THANK YOU

We offer our sincere thanks to the people and organisations who have contributed to the JVN Honouring Volunteers Awards and the many others who support JVN.

- Daniel Levy for hosting the event
- Our Awards Ceremony Compere, Nigel Rothband
- The Independent Judging Panel: Danielle Jeffries, Dame Mary Marsh, Lia Bogod-Nathans, Gaby Lazarus, Howard Lewis, Ashley Sweetland
- Our own JVN volunteers who support JVN all year round: Rita Fischer, Mike Boda, Amanda Weinberg, Stuart Clifton and Hilary Rosen
- The Awards volunteers: Es Rosen, Janet Elf, Joshua Kleiman, Denise and David Lester
- The JVN Awards 2023 Steering Group: Dalia Cramer, Elissa Bayer, Karen Cooper, Gaby Lazarus and Howard Lewis
- Emma Ziff, for the event photography
- All those who contributed advertisements, greetings, messages and articles to the JVN Awards 2023 Honouring Volunteers 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 Awards 2023 Honouring Volunteers trophies
- David Coleman for the JVN film
- Hendon Bagel Bakery for catering
- James Lovell of SLA for production
- The JVN Staff Team, each of whom has 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 Honouring Volunteers 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.

SPONSORS

We would like to thank and show our appreciation for the very generous contributions from the following sponsors, without whom today's event would not have been possible:

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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 as 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.

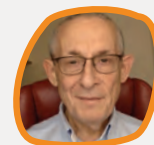
She has served as a Trustee of the J.C.Trust; President of the National Council of Women G.B.; Co-chair of the Inter Faith Network and a former Chair of Nightingale/Hammerson. Ros accepted the position as president of JVN because she believes that this organisation serves the best interests of both individual volunteers and charities across the community.



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.



JO COLEMAN

Trustee

Jo is a Partner in the Charities Team of Womble Bond Dickinson in London and has particular expertise in charity governance and constitutional work, advising trustees on their legal duties and responsibilities, powers and vires. 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 has been a member of the Charity Law Association Executive Committee for 8 years and has served as the Chair since 2019. She has given evidence to the Joint Scrutiny Committee in the House of Lords on the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act, and led various CLA working parties including on Alternative Therapy Charities and the proposed new PROTECT duty.

Jo writes regularly on matters of charity law and governance and can be found @CharityNotesUK.



JVN TRUSTEES

SARA CONWAY

Trustee

Sara is a local councillor, Barnet's cabinet member for community safety and resident participation, and chair of Barnet's 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 an active local volunteer. Sara was honoured and delighted to join the JVN Board of Trustees in 2021 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.



ELI GAVENTA

Trustee

Eli Gaventa is the Head 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.

PROFESSOR MARGARET HARRIS

Trustee Advisor

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 and voluntary organisations. She was Assistant Director of the Centre for Voluntary Organisation at the LSE from 1987 to 1998 and joined Aston Business School in 1999 as the UK's first professor of Voluntary Sector Organisation. She has published widely on topics including: volunteering; third sector governing bodies; working across sectors; performance management; community cohesion; faith based organizations; and corporate philanthropy. She has co-edited two books on the role and management of voluntary organizations in the UK and is author of 'Organizing God's Work: Challenges for Churches and Synagogues' (Palgrave Macmillan, 1998). In November 2011 she received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action.



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 Under-writing 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 a keen cyclist and raises money for charities such as Kisharon Langdon and Alzheimer's 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.



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MESSAGE FROM NICKY GOLDMAN

Chief Executive, JVN



Volunteering is rarely glamorous and never easy, especially for those with many other pressures on their time. But few things count more when it comes to looking back on a life than being able to say, 'I made a difference.' Beneath the clamour of self-interest, a quieter voice within us whispers the deeper truth, that the greatest gift is to be able to give. ”

Rabbi Sacks

The last few months since October 7th have been very challenging for Israel and Jewish people around the world. At the current time, doing good helps people to feel better and we have been overwhelmed by the number of people who have asked to volunteer. It's what our community does - in times of darkness, we try to bring light.

Our role at JVN is to connect volunteers to over a hundred UK and Israel-supporting charities doing essential work. In the initial period, JVN's registrations increased by 295% and applications for roles by 190%, which demonstrates the desire to help. We will continue to connect people with their neighbours, helping in care homes or day centres, helping others with shopping or cooking, engaging with or befriending those who are lonely or just need someone to talk to.

JVN's role has become even more important than ever. Our small charity is proud to be making a big impact on those who volunteer, giving purpose to them and the organisations they so valuably support, especially during these difficult times. We are holding our annual Awards today because it's more important than ever to honour all those who have volunteered in the last year and to demonstrate that Jewish

life here in the UK will continue to thrive, despite the rise in antisemitism.

Today we honour 89 charity winners over the 4 awards categories. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank all of those volunteers, as well as the thousands more who volunteer in the Jewish community and wider charity sector all year long. At JVN, we strive to make the world a better place through volunteering. We hope that tonight will inspire you, whether you are volunteering every week throughout the year or not volunteering currently, to give more to the causes you're most passionate about.

We are hugely proud of the role JVN plays in the community of connecting volunteers and supporting charities, whilst always championing volunteering. We could not do this work without the wonderful support from our stakeholders; prospective volunteers, charities and donors. We would like to say a big thank you for your ongoing support. Finally, thank you to JVN's Chair, Daniel Levy, President, Ros Preston, trustees, staff and volunteers – we couldn't do this without you!



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBI EPHRAIM MIRVIS





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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBI

I am delighted to extend my warmest wishes to all those associated with the Jewish Volunteering Network on the occasion of the JVN's 8th annual Volunteering Awards 2024.

I would like to congratulate not only the award winners, but all the volunteers whose tireless work is facilitated by this outstanding charity. Your efforts not only make a difference to so many lives, but they are also a most wonderful Kiddush Hashem – a sanctification of Hashem, of which we are most proud.

For the last seventeen years, JVN has led the way by providing a wealth of opportunities to catalyse more Jewish volunteering and making it a more positive, safe and rewarding experience. Nicky Goldman and her team are now building upon the foundations laid by the legendary late Leonie Lewis MBE, in a most wonderful way.

The devastating situation in Israel has shown that, as ever, our community is at its best when we unite in support of one another. The Jewish Volunteering Network continues to provide a platform for our community to do just that.

I would like to extend my best wishes to all the professional staff and volunteers at JVN for their ongoing work for our community, and I wish you all continued blessing and success.


Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis KBE



MESSAGE FROM TZIPI HOTOVELY

Ambassador of Israel to the Court of St James's



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A Message from H.E. Tzipi Hotovely,
Ambassador for 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 2023 Volunteering Awards.

The weeks since 7th October have been some of the darkest and most difficult in the State of Israel's history. In times of war, it is easy to feel alone, but the response and support from the British Jewish community has filled me with immense gratitude and has undoubtedly provided all Israelis with great strength.

Your community has volunteered its time and resources to support the ongoing efforts demanding the release of the hostages. You have generously sent necessities to displaced families to help them rebuild their lives, and have held communal tefillah events. Volunteering is an important cornerstone of this vibrant community and I am pleased that you can rightly celebrate your achievements this evening.

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

Tzipi Hotovely

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MESSAGE FROM SADIQ KHAN

Mayor of London

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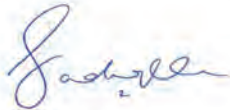
Message of support to the Jewish Volunteering Network's (JVN) Celebration of Volunteering Awards 2024

Congratulations once again to everyone taking part in the Jewish Volunteering Network's (JVN) Celebration of Volunteering Awards 2024.

I am full of gratitude and admiration for the achievements of your volunteers and the fantastic work JVN continues to deliver throughout London and across the country.

I know that volunteering encourages people and communities to develop meaningful and valuable interactions. Your work and that of all your volunteers shape lives and forge positive ways forward for all generations of our communities living and growing up in London.

Volunteering is a vital lifeline for London, and it is essential that we recognise organisations such as the Jewish Volunteering Network and the exceptional contribution that you and your volunteers make to all of London's diverse communities.



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London



MESSAGE FROM DAME MARGARET HODGE

MP for Barking



I want to extend my most sincere congratulations to everyone involved in running the Jewish Volunteering Network, and to those who have been awarded for their hard work. Each and every organisation here this evening represents the best of our community. And with everything we have endured the past few months, the fact that so many of you are still able to see light in the darkness by connecting with neighbours, helping those who are hungry, or lonely, or simply helping people do their shopping, the sheer act of dedicating your time goes towards building a better future for everyone.

I have enormous admiration and gratitude for the volunteers' contributions, especially at a time when many of us feel uncertain about our futures. 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, our communities as a whole would not be the same.

Well done everyone – you are all incredibly deserving of this recognition.

Dame Margaret Hodge

MESSAGE FROM KEITH BLACK

JLC Chairman



I want to extend my congratulations to Nicky and the entire JVN team for their hard work over the last year. The involvement of volunteers within our community is indispensable in facilitating a wide range of communal activities, many of which would not be feasible otherwise. The significant impact of JVN, through its provision of extensive volunteering opportunities, is integral to our community's wellbeing. Additionally, congratulations are due to all individuals who were nominated and to those who have been honoured with awards at this year's event.

Keith Black

MESSAGE FROM MARIE VAN DER ZYL

**President
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 JVN on the occasion of your annual awards.

Through these dark times for our community and for friends and family in Israel, there has never been a greater need for volunteers to be on hand to help wherever we can. For many years I have volunteered in the community and continue to do so in my role as President of the Board of Deputies. It is time-consuming work but it is a privilege to serve and help wherever I can. In return, I and my family have received much valuable help from volunteers over the years.

That is why awards such as these are so important. The Jewish community can only be successful when people offer their time and expertise for free. The selfless efforts of the volunteers deserve to be rewarded. They are an asset to the community and must be 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 acquire 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.

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 this 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.

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**

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 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, The FA, Britvic, Mars, Jensten's, Zurich Insurance, Leadec, Interflora and England & Wales Cricket Board.

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

MESSAGE FROM DAME MARY MARSH

Chair of the Judging Panel



Since 2009 I am privileged to have been the independent Chair of the Judging Panel for the JVN Awards. Every round of Awards has led to yet more evidence of the amazing volunteering that goes on day to day, year after year across the Jewish community in the UK and internationally.

Once again, this year's awards recognise a wide range of contributions by individuals and teams of all ages, meeting a diverse range of needs and creating opportunities. There is much to celebrate with every charity winner and in particular with the outstanding Award winners. This has been a particularly challenging year for everyone too.

As before, I am so impressed by the variety of organisations in the community and all their very committed volunteers, many of them doing this over years, even decades and a significant number throughout their life.

I have been fortunate to have a strong group of volunteers joining me again as Judges. They have all been wise and insightful, giving generously of their time to review nominations and then to meet for our long evening together. The very effective promotion of the nominations process, together with the excellent direct support from Nicky Goldman and Gemma Felberg, greatly assisted us in the judging process.

My thanks too to everyone who took the trouble to compile and submit their charity's nominations. It is good that every charity will have its own charity winner, as well as the overall outstanding JVN Award winners for this year.

So, a personal thank you from me for including me in your valuable work. I am very happy to be able to join you to celebrate the JVN Awards, together with so many wider supporters of the community.

Dame Mary Marsh

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.



DANIELLE JEFFRIES

Danielle's appointment as the Community Dementia Coordinator for Jewish Care was a perfect step for her as she moved down South from Manchester.

She studied Psychology at Bristol University and was an active member of JSoc, engaging in various multi-faith conversations, which gave her the opportunity to educate herself further, strengthening her knowledge and identity.

After university, she continued her communal work and worked for The Fed as the Next Generation Project Coordinator. This was a great opportunity to motivate and engage the next generation to take more responsibility towards their local and wider community.

Danielle knew that her heart was in community work, and wanted to make sure that those who needed support could access the services available. "When the position at Jewish Care was advertised, I knew it was perfect for me, I realised how important the role was due to vast increase in numbers of people living with dementia." She wishes to continue supporting her volunteers and clients to allow people to 'live well with dementia'.



GABY LAZARUS

Gaby Lazarus is currently Vice-Chair and volunteers as a Volunteer Co-ordinator at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue. Her background includes a career in Hotel Management, and two years retraining in order to volunteer as a special needs teaching assistant 3 days a week for 6 years at Swiss Cottage SEN School. Gaby was a Trustee of Jewish Child's Day for 6 years, and an Educational Mentor for the Refugee Support Network for 4 years. Gaby is passionate about encouraging and supporting volunteering within her community and is delighted to be part of the judging panel for the second year running.



HOWARD LEWIS

Following his retirement in March 2022 as the International lead partner of a top 10 firm of chartered accountants, Howard has furthered his own previous involvement with a range of both local and communal causes as well as continuing to actively help the many charities supported by Leonie during her lifetime. He jointly leads a group of volunteers that is a previous winner of the team award.



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

AJEX

Gerald Barc



Gerald is an invaluable team member who we can truly depend on to get the job done amidst a very busy office environment where it is often a case of 'all hands on deck'. He was integral to setting up the Wellbeing Project and a key team leader at the Annual AJEX Parade.

AJR

Galina Pesin



Galina is an outstanding volunteer visiting several members including those living with dementia. She helps with English lessons for members who fled Ukraine last year and also visits members who would like her to give them a hand massage. She helps with our Mitzvah Day projects and with facilitating some of the events held by the volunteer and community team. She is always positive and cheerful and is an inspiration to us all.

All Aboard

Donald Allen



Donald has been volunteering at our Streatham shop since February 2022. He is a wonderful and bubbly character whose welcoming personality keeps our shoppers entertained whilst offering them the very best customer service. He is a valued and much loved team member.

All Aboard

Tanya Jacques



Tanya is an integral part of the retail volunteer team, ensuring all their admin

is kept up to date, and working tirelessly to improve retail procedures and administration. She will go out of her way to help all of us in the office in all departments, and is the cornerstone that holds it all together.

Alyth

Andrew Leyens



Andrew is a great asset to our Community. He volunteers for our Alyth Social in the main but is always willing to help out wherever he can. Andrew is an integral part of the weekly Social and on the very odd occasion he is not there he is definitely missed. We could not do it without him.

Camp Simcha

Charlie Van Embden



Following her personal experience with her son's diagnosis of cancer and subsequent remission, she was determined to make a difference to people in her position. Together with Camp Simcha she embarked on a mission in 2000 called The Care Necessities. The project provides a practical care package for those who have been admitted into Great Ormond Street Hospital for urgent cancer treatment.

Chai Cancer Care

Ken Ornstein



Having volunteered since 2013, Ken is Chai's very own superhero. Ken befriends clients and his duties include helping with shopping, he regularly drives clients, deliveries, car park duties, helping at events, raising money for Chai – whenever we need. Ken is always willing and so gracious.

FEAST With Us

Phil Kelvin



Phil has been a regular volunteer with FEAST for over two years, she has donated 184 hours of her time and 1,840 meals. Phil's overwhelmingly positive attitude and big smiles in the JW3 kitchen have been invaluable, recently taking on more of a leadership role in the kitchen: she's integral to our volunteer team.

Food Bank Aid

Naomi Russell



Naomi founded Food Bank Aid in response to the pandemic in 2022 with a few cardboard boxes in her garage. She was key to shaping the charity's vision and mission and Food Bank Aid now supports 30 food banks, delivering over £125,000 worth of goods per month to the food banks who in turn support over 16,000 people a week, including 5,000 children.

GIFT

Ed Shaerf



For the past 16 months, Ed has sponsored, cooked and delivered 4500 meals to struggling families throughout GIFT Manchester. Ed and his team have dedicated almost 4000 volunteering hours and have become a huge inspiration to the community.

Goods for Good

Howard Skolnick



Howard has been volunteering for

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

GOODS FOR GOOD for several years. He has used his past experience in the School Uniform industry to help our charity receive literally hundreds of thousands surplus, quality school clothes for children at home and abroad, whose parents have been impacted by the Cost of Living crisis.

Jami Bernard Woolf



Over the last two years, Bernard played a vital role in delivering meals during Covid and has continued to provide vital support as a befriender to someone with mental illness who uses Jami's services. The befriending programme would not be the same without him.

Jewish Care Geoff Wrightman



Geoff is a meals on wheels volunteer four days a week, always doing all he can for the service. Geoff successfully negotiated with the local authority over parking regulations for fellow volunteer drivers.

Jewish Care Louise Bronstein



Louise is coordinator of 28 volunteer drivers and tea party hosts. She creates a sense of community, motivating and connecting others with her warmth, enthusiasm and leadership.

JLC Cheryl Brodie



Cheryl is a Leadership Development Consultant with a wealth of experience in the Charity, Education and Health sectors. She has brought her expertise to the JLC through the development of the Follow the Leader programme as well as a variety of consultancy and coaching initiatives. She has added tremendous value to the team in her strategic thinking as well as her professional skills and has positively impacted scores of leaders and managers across many community organisations.

JLGB Gaby Simons



Gaby has been an exemplary volunteer who always seeks to help the JLGB head office think of new ideas and ways to improve and support our young leaders. She heavily supports our JLGB Local Group in Borehamwood at their weekly meetings.

Jnetics Lynn Cherkas



Lynn has flourished in her role as a confident screening advisor showing other new volunteers what to do. She brings her expertise and experience in genetics to help students in schools and university make informed decisions about the health of their future family.

JWA Sara Saunders



Sara is an outstanding volunteer for Jewish Women's Aid. She creates opportunities in the Leeds community, both Jewish and secular, to promote JWA and awareness of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

She motivates the JWA volunteers in Leeds and organises events and sets up stalls up to six times per year to promote awareness and chances for women to be supported and signposted where needed.

Kisharon Langdon Emma Mero



Emma's contribution and dedication to our fitness program has been incredible. She not only helps individuals improve their physical well-being but also fosters a sense of belonging within her classes.

Kisharon Langdon Melodie Isaacs



Melodie's volunteering role with Kisharon School in the last year has been outstanding. Among other roles, Melodie has been a one-to-one Reading tutor at the school to over 50 students, encouraging each student to exceed their expectations through her innovative approach to learning.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Liberal Jewish Synagogue Maria Snider

Maria started volunteering at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue 20 years ago, when she was asked to join the newly formed, monthly Bereavement Support Group, which she is still part of. In addition to this, Maria is currently part of the Shabbat Coffee rota, Video and Tea group, Phone-a-Member group, Keep-in-Touch tea party catering, and for the last two years has been involved with the Restaurant Tuesday Team - cooking, serving and engaging with 30-40 senior members once a month.



Maccabi GB Heather Shuman

Heather Shuman is the perfect example of what an outstanding Volunteer should be - for years she has given her professional expertise to support Maccabi GB in the most sensitive of areas, including safeguarding and welfare. She has done so selflessly and with the utmost professionalism and good heart.



Maccabi GB Ian Aarons

Ian Aarons has been a dedicated senior volunteer for Maccabi GB for many years which has seen him as joint Head of Delegation at JCC Maccabi Games since 2016 - via these Games Ian has given hundreds of young athletes their first opportunity to compete on an international Maccabi stage as well as galvanising the squads to raise thousands of pounds over the years for Maccabi GB. Ian runs a successful property management business in Stoke Newington



and was instrumental in the development of Maccabi GB's new home in Kenton as he utilised his expertise in the industry.

Nightingale Hammerson Marilyn Pyser

Marilyn helps champion our engagement activities to be inclusive for our residents with different levels of ability. Marilyn helps shape and initiate the indoor bowls activity as well as volunteering in many other roles.



Norwood Barbara Jacobson

Barbara has been volunteering for Norwood for many years and has had a variety of roles. Charity Shop Volunteer, 'Connect Together' volunteer and now adult befriender in our residential services whilst also supporting our community events. Whatever role she is doing, her warmth, kindness and commitment means she is a valued and key member of the volunteer team.



Resource Nitzan Marinov

Nitzan volunteers for Resource to optimise our database (Salesforce) to enable better recording of its fundraising activities and perform a more advanced analysis to enhance its fundraising results. Nitzan has been such an asset to all our team this year.



S&P Sephardi Community Kris Musikant

Kris has served the S&P Sephardi community for nearly 60 years. She has served on numerous boards and committees and currently is lead of the Heritage Collections for the S&P Sephardi Community.



Seed Melissa Collins

Melissa is very helpful and willing to try new things, she supports us once a week for two hours making our workload more manageable.



The Together Plan Andy Mihaletto

Andy joined The Together Plan to volunteer as part of the events team and within months took on the role of the lead Events Coordinator as well as the HR Coordinator, working to ensure that all the charity's volunteers are fully supported and that the charity is able to grow effectively, safely and efficiently! Andy's drive, efficiency, infectious smile, warmth, and care has brought a special something to The Together Plan. We are very lucky to have her on our team.



United Synagogue Roy Emanuel

Roy has volunteered for both Wembley Synagogue and US Chesed and is a marvellous ambassador for the US. Roy is always very welcoming to new volunteers and has become a real asset to the volunteer team.



WIZO Marilyn Scott

Marilyn is dedicated to fundraising for WIZO and running her local WIZO group. The highlight of Marilyn's group fundraising efforts for WIZO was a Variety Show held in November 2018 which raised over £10k. She enjoyed every minute of organising this event, with 400 people attending.



VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR

All Aboard – East Barnet Team

The team offers unparalleled customer service and works beautifully together promoting the charity's mission and striving to achieve a harmonious and happy shopping experience for all. They have all been an immense support and their continued dedication is unfaltering in their commitment to their shop manager.



Alyth – Alyth's Monday Club

This wonderful group of volunteers across all ages helps facilitate a unique weekly social club for adults with learning and other disabilities. Everyone is valued for who they are and each member and volunteer contributes to a joyful, positive atmosphere, where all can flourish.



Alyth – Alyth Synagogue Security Team

The volunteers regularly make sure that the 350 people attending services are not only made to feel safe, but also give a friendly welcome as well. They are completely committed to the security and safety of our community: rain or shine they put themselves in harm's way to protect our community.



Belmont United Synagogue – Belmont Community Cares

Belmont Community Cares is a community support group for Belmont Synagogue Members. The lead members of the team are instrumental in organizing an all-encompassing volunteer network that spans bereavement support to befriending, with welfare referrals where appropriate to outside agencies, and much more. BCC has been running for more than 15 years and now has over 70 volunteers from the community. We could not manage without them.



Camp Simcha – Camp Simcha B'nei Mitzvah Programme

At such a milestone moment in a young Jewish person's life, children are choosing to give back to their community whilst celebrating their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. For the participants on the Camp Simcha programme, they have a combination of practical volunteering and fundraising opportunity. The group has developed into a key asset for the charity.



Chai Cancer Care – Gift Sale Committee

Debra & Julia are a dream team, always promoting Chai and the work we do. They have run our Rosh Hashana Gift Sale for 11 years, raising £377,902 and immeasurable awareness for Chai. They spend many hours planning and organising – they source goods from all over the world, wrap products, call

stall-holders and even bake for the day.



CST – CST Volunteers

Our volunteers protect the Jewish community at communal events and synagogues throughout the country, working as a team to ensure that everyone stays safe. They are always extremely hard working and dedicated, but since 7 October 2023 they have blown us away with how they stepped up, showing 100% dedication to CST and to protecting the community.



FEAST With Us – NNLS Cooks

Jan, Debra, Jean and Nitza have formed a wonderful partnership to selflessly and effortlessly cook 40 delicious and nutritious meals every week for individuals experiencing homelessness. They are resourceful and confident, using their creativity to create fantastic meals from surplus food, and run the kitchen like clockwork.



Food Bank Aid – Management Committee

The team are entrusted with vital roles that are instrumental in our charity's growth. They are integral to the charity, championing our Schools Programme, onboarding new volunteers and maintaining our governance, while also increasing community involvement and organising fundraisers.



VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR

GIFT – GIFT Warehouse Angels

This incredible team works beautifully individually and together, and we couldn't manage the GIFT foodbank without them. They are hugely dedicated to the cause, they often give constructive feedback and will do what is needed to get the job done and to ensure everyone is taken care of.



Goods for Good – Goods for Good Community Team

Alyson & Melanie are best friends who have both mobilised their friends and communities to raise funds as well as thousands of boxes of brand-new essential goods for people in need. We are so thrilled to have their regular help and our team are in awe!



Goods for Good

Homeless Action in Barnet – HAB Volunteers

The volunteers make the centre run, helping us improve how our clients can access our services by reaching a wider audience via connecting with members of the local community. Their dedication and commitment is admirable and shows how much they really care about the people we support.



Jami – Jami Family Carers Volunteers Team

They support carers who are caring for someone with a mental illness, and/or addiction on a 1-1 basis or in groups. The team provide vital support to carers and the Family Carers Team, and we could not do the work without them.



JBCS – Jewish Bereavement Counselling Service (JBCS) team of Volunteer Counsellors

The Jewish Bereavement Counselling Service is enormously proud to nominate their wonderful, professional, dedicated team of volunteer bereavement counsellors. They make a huge difference to the lives of those who are grieving and extremely vulnerable.



Jewish Care – Befriending Coordinators

The 17 coordinators enable 350 older members of the community to stay socially connected. They organise volunteer befrienders to call and visit them, keeping staff updated on their welfare.



JEWISH CARE

JLGB – Glasgow Groups

The team has been an asset to JLGB because they have ensured the upkeep of our Glasgow group and that our members have the best time. They are self-sufficient and have incorporated their own unique elements to enhance our Glasgow group experience, while

staying in constant communication with our head office.



JWA – JWA McKenzie Friends

The JWA volunteer McKenzie Friends team are a group of dedicated volunteers who are trained to support our clients who will be representing themselves in court. They help the clients navigate their legal journey without advising but by offering basic support to lessen the feelings of being overwhelmed and traumatised further, plus they help the client feel calm and composed.



KefKids – BIKE4KEF Fundraising Committee

The BIKE4KEF Committee is an extremely inspirational group of individuals who dedicate significant hours of their time each year to plan and run KEF KIDS's annual fundraiser.



Kisharon Langdon – Kisharon Langdon Merger Team

The Kisharon Langdon Merger Team have implemented the largest communal merger for over 30 years. Bringing two large organisations together with different religious and cultural ethos, different work cultures, systems and locations is a testament to the Merger Team's bold and innovative vision.

Kisharon Langdon

VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR

Maccabi GB – JCC Maccabi Games 2023 Management Team

The dedicated JCC 2023 Management Team voluntarily committed time to this project over the course of the year, despite them having their own studies, jobs, careers – they all took on new roles which included inspiring 57 young athletes to begin their journeys with Maccabi GB. The team worked in a high-pressured environment, becoming a close-knit group who were able to rely on each other no matter what challenges they faced.



Nightingale Hammerson – Coffee Morning Social

The team is exceptionally dedicated, helping new residents integrate into the care home through the coffee mornings as they spread fun and engagement. The team is caring and understanding of the challenges new residents face and inspire them with confidence. They are fundamental to the well-being of our residents and to the whole volunteer team.



Norwood – The Hall School

Through the Hall School's annual fund-raising they plan, design, source and carry out garden renovation projects across our residential homes. Their creative planning means they make a huge difference to the outside spaces they are transforming. They work well as a team throughout the year to

make sure they make the most of the money they have raised.



Pinner Shul – Chat and Share, Pop Up Café Team

This team of dedicated women have run a weekly cafe for three years, and the warmth and care provided by them is outstanding. It provides support and a friendly community space - people feel genuinely welcomed and involved in their community when they come to the café.



Project ImpACT – Project ImpACT Ambassadors

The ambassadors motivated and encouraged younger teens enabling them to make a meaningful difference to the varied charities Project impACT support. As part of the Youth Board they were directly involved in strategy and vision planning for Project ImpACT. The Ambassadors proved to be a reliable and invaluable group of volunteers for Project ImpACT.



Royal Free Charity – Royal Free Charity Hospital Volunteer Family

Beverly, Stuart and Barbara are an amazing team, and really make a difference to the RFC. They have each embraced their volunteer roles, and have dedicated an enormous amount of time to the charity since they starting volunteering. They each provide a tremendous amount of support to staff and patients across the hospital.



The Together Plan – Archive Services Volunteer Team

The Together Plan's Archive Service Team is a superb international virtual volunteer team which plays an essential role for the charity. Based in Belarus, the UK, the Netherlands, the USA and Israel, they play a key role in helping people from all over the world connect to their ancestry, fill gaps in family history and help to answer questions around traumatic family stories, whilst building vital links across the globe.



UJIA – Si3 Advisers

Our Advisers vet all our projects in which we invest, requiring them to perform complex, in-depth due diligence and make recommendations to our Investment Committee. They are a cohesive group with the responsibility to ensure that we make as great a social impact as possible. The team also act as excellent

VOLUNTEER TEAM OF THE YEAR

ambassadors to the outside world, and offer mentoring or coaching for staff in our portfolio companies.



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WIZO – Olim WIZO Committee

Ruth and Sally maintain a year-long programme of events for the ladies of Olim WIZO. This is a lifeline for some of the elderly ladies. They are fully committed to their ladies and to WIZO, and endeavour to ensure that everyone is included, whilst spreading information about WIZO's work to enable funds to be raised for Israel.



Yom Hashoah Manchester – Yom Hashoah Manchester

Our small team annually organise the entire programme of the Yom Hashoah Manchester memorial, researching and writing the programme, arranging for speakers, as well as video recording, production, a brochure and funding applications. Production is a mammoth task that takes almost 12 months, and we have over 1000 attendees. We offer an educational and emotive evening, as well as creating art projects to engage the wider community.



YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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GIFT
Adina Rosenstein



Adina spearheaded not one, but two spectacular Beyond the Label fashion show events. With meticulous attention to detail and championing inclusivity she has created an amazing celebration of diversity within the fashion and beauty sector.

Jami
Josh Mendelowitz



Despite working full time and managing the demands of a new baby, Josh is extremely reliable and never misses a week to connect with his befriendee. His match says: "When he says he's going to call, he always does. And he always listens to my worries and is always open-minded."

Jewish Care
Abigail Saltman



Abigail is dedicated and selfless senior

leader of Jewish Care's MIKE Youth Leadership programme. She has inspired peers to get involved and to make a difference with her warmth and positivity.

JLGB
Simone Silver



Supporting the local Redbridge group in addition to Winter and Summer camps, Simone is hard working and consistent in her volunteer efforts. She has made significant contributions to project development, planning, and implementation and has consistently had a proactive and positive attitude that has been invaluable to our team.

Jnetics
Jasmine Mahgerefteh



Jasmine joined our Young Professionals Committee and has been an asset ever since. Coming from a Sephardi background, Jasmine has made an incredible contribution in helping us reach out to the Sephardi community about Jnetics.

Kisharon Langdon
Adam Greensite



Adam's impact on our Music and Drama club has been incredible. His distinction lies in his commitment to prioritising our Members' needs above all else. He leads activities himself and is a great asset to the club.

Maccabi GB
Brandon Myers



Brandon Myers is a young professional starting his career in Law - he is a keen footballer and futsal player, holding a gold medal for U18 futsal from the European Maccabi Games in Budapest 2019. Brandon is a consistent and key volunteer within Maccabi GB's community events & international games, and over the years he has attended many trainings and developed into a fantastic Streetwise staff member who delivers PSHE for the Jewish community.

Norwood
Dean Wolman



Dean is our volunteer driver and supports the teams in head office on a regular basis making essential collections and drop off to all our services. His friendly nature together with his chatty personality makes him a popular addition to the team.

UJIA
Matthew Buchalter



Matthew has given an exceptional amount of his time, delivering three Israel tours in the past two years. Matthew's work has empowered young people and provided fun and educational experience which is core to the success of our community.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

AJEX – Ivan Sugarman

As a member of our trustee board for decades, Ivan has helped shape many policies and projects which have and still help AJEX to evolve, adapt and recognise the needs of a modern society in relation to our key pillar of Remembrance.



AJR – Anthea Berg

Anthea is a long-standing AJR volunteer who has committed to helping us support our members over the past 15 years. She gives her time freely to do whatever is required; helping at all our Glasgow events and even hosting some at her own home. She has been a local befriender to those living nearby as well as being a national volunteer, volunteering in our Telephone Friend project to those who live around the UK. She is an enthusiastic and most helpful volunteer.



Alyth – Val Levy

Val has been helping Alyth in some small or large way for over 50 years, meeting others to make sure they are having a good time and quietly suggesting and proposing ideas when she can but doing it all with a smile. She embodies the values of Alyth, and Alyth knows that it will have always have Val's support and help if needed.



Chai Cancer Care – Jo Fogel

"There's always been a synergy between the Golf Fore Chai Committee and Chai. Attention to detail runs throughout the whole organisation and you strive for and achieve this at every event that you organise. You continue to innovate and your loyalty and commitment goes above and beyond - it is never taken for granted and is deeply appreciated by us all."



CST – Craig Lawrence

Joining in 1979 Craig has been involved in CST for nearly 45 years. He has volunteered for 1,526 jobs (since CST started recording) and has been an active team leader for over 30 years. Craig lives and breathes the CST values and is a huge asset to the volunteering team.



GIFT – Jeremy Rose

Jeremy has been volunteering weekly for the past 19 years, delivering essential food parcels to elderly and house bound recipients and improving the lives of hundreds of struggling families. He is a huge asset to the community: he is always happy to take on more when needed and is extremely supportive of other volunteers.



Jewish Care – Valerie Nead

"I've always believed in staying positive". When Valerie is there, members, staff and other volunteers want to be in the room. She embodies Jewish Care values and her energy is infectious.



JLGB – Helen Cohen

Helen brings a unique care and engagement with all the children at JLGB, progressing from being a Group leader to Head Administrator. She supports at every event she can that JLGB runs to support the local community, and has worked alongside the head office and other key pivotal members of JLGB to offer suggestions to the running of our programmes.



JWA – Vivienne Collis

Vivienne is one of our longest standing Jewish Women's Aid counselling volunteers. She has supported JWA clients since 2000, consistently helping them through their difficult journeys to emerge stronger and more resilient. She is loyal, dedicated and committed to JWA and supporting women affected by both domestic abuse and sexual violence.



Kisharon Langdon – Janet Bloch

Janet has a huge wealth of volunteering experience gained during a lifetime of philanthropy. Janet is one of our longest-standing volunteers at Kisharon Langdon Child's Hill Library; in fact, she is one of its founder volunteers and the "backbone" of the 40-strong team.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Maccabi GB – Laurence Myers

Laurence started his Maccabi Journey in 2009 as a Junior Manager for Futsal, and over the past 14 years he has grown his role within the International Events team and taken on the role as Futsal Chair and now Assistant General Team Manager for the 22nd Maccabiah Games and Pan American Games in Argentina. Laurence does not just volunteer and do his 'bit'; Laurence goes above and beyond in helping the Maccabi family from packing up kit, helping the professional team to even just being a soundboard.



Nightingale Hammerson – Judy Wiseman

Judy has dedicated her life to volunteering within the Jewish Community, for almost 50 years. Her involvement has been varied and longstanding, always committed, generous of spirit and devoted to the wellbeing of the residents.



Norwood – Michael Scott

For over 20 years Michael has been volunteering as an adult befriender leading our cultural programme in Kenton. He visits regularly on Friday nights and during festivals bringing the Shabbat warmth into our homes, enriching the lives of the people who live with us.



Norwood – Neville Khan

Neville has been a valued Norwood Trustee and Chair whose key focus has always been on improving the lives of the people we support. His outstanding contribution over many years is unwavering and he has given countless hours of his personal time underpinning his commitment to all aspects of the Norwood portfolio.



S&P Sephardi Community –

Miriam Rodrigues-Pereira

Miriam Rodrigues-Pereira is the S&P Sephardi Community's Hon. Archivist at 101-years-old. She edited many of its published genealogical records, also serving for over 50 years as magazine editor and Elder. During WWII, Miriam served at Bletchley Park.



The Liberal Jewish Synagogue – Bob and Ann Kirk

Bob and Ann have made an incredible contribution on so many levels since joining LJS over 70 years ago, both arriving alone in London via the Kindertransport. They have been the driving force and inspiration behind so many initiatives; giving their time to encourage, train, teach, inform, and inspire the whole community. Their humanity, engagement and kindness has resulted in the creation of so many volunteering opportunities at the LJS.



UJIA – Mervyn Smith

Mervyn has been a consistent and indispensable member of UJIA's volunteer team for decades. Since joining in 1969, his impact has been immeasurable, from canvassing for support, leading courses on Modern Jewish history for Sutton's Bat Chyal girls, going on three charity treks to fundraise and participating in UJIA missions to Israel.



UJIA – Ronnie Preston

Ronnie has been a volunteer for UJIA for over 50 years, from being a senior lay leader to currently being a key canvasser for the emergency Israel at War campaign and everything in-between. He inspires the next generation to fundraise and has shared his knowledge, experience and skills to many others, raising millions for UJIA and Israel, benefitting hundreds of thousands of people.



WIZO – Lizzie Maisels

Lizzie has been involved in Oxford WIZO since 1978, holding roles including Vice Chairwoman and Publicity Officer, as well as sitting on the Council and being part of WIZO Head Office Forum. She has organised a children's holiday scheme, annual Purim and Chanukah parties for the community, and a photographic exhibition of Oxford WIZO's history, helping make Oxford one of WIZOUK's most successful fundraising groups.





Outstanding Volunteer of the Year 2022:

Dr David Spitzer

Dr Spitzer has been volunteering for KEF KIDS since August 2016 as a GP at their residential schemes for children with disabilities as well as supporting KEF throughout the year as a key member of the senior team as a medical advisor, in a voluntary capacity. Since August 2016, Dr Spitzer has been dedicating time out of his busy work schedule and taking leave to volunteer at the residential schemes during both the Winter and Summer holidays and residential weekends throughout the year.



Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award 2022:

Rita Newmark z"l

Rita was one of Jewish Care's longest serving volunteers and delivered meals for 50 years. Rita was part of a small group of women who ensured soup and hot meals were cooked and delivered from Rita's home in Stepney to the older, vulnerable members of the Jewish community. This service continued to grow and became known as 'Meals on Wheels'. Rita sadly passed away in June 2023.



Outstanding Volunteer Team of the Year Award 2022:

Digital Volunteers

This team of volunteers began volunteering during the first lock-down to reach patients who were not showing up to their appointments and assist in reducing digital inequalities in a certain patient population. The volunteers have dedicated significant hours of their time to teach patients how to attend their appointments remotely by using the 'Attend Anywhere' NHS platform. These volunteers have called up to 120-140 patients a week between them for over 2 years. They have answered queries and help direct patients to their appointments correctly, saving thousands of hours of NHS staff time and NHS money. The programme was initially a pilot but then continued due to its success and commitment of this group of volunteers.



Outstanding Young Adult Volunteer Year Award 2022:

Ben Brownson

Ben has been volunteering with Maccabi GB for 13 years. He started volunteering whilst he was a participant on the "Leadership by Streetwise" programme. In the last 3 years, Ben set up the Jewish Golf Initiative, a project which emphasises inclusivity in sport, connecting with Jews around the world, and collaboration. Ben is also a figurehead for Maccabi GB in the north of England, he has managed to bridge the gap between communities and has worked hard to aid northern athletes in Maccabi GB programmes,





Leonie Lewis MBE z"l loved to volunteer, and encouraged many people to do it in her own inimitable style. She helped to make a difference to the lives

of countless volunteers, charities, and their beneficiaries.

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

Leonie sadly passed away in April 2022 after a short illness. In Leonie's honour, JVN launched **Leonie's Life and Legacy** for 2023 to get people volunteering through partnerships with those organisations with whom she was especially close to.

January 2023 – collection for Community Connex (formerly Harrow Mencap) by Leonie's friends, which she used to do regularly.

February 2023 - in collaboration with Faiths Forum for London, Barnet Multi Faith Forum, and Mitzvah Day, JVN joined over 100 people for a winter picnic at Barnwood Community Forest, where we shared food and planted trees in celebration of Leonie.

March 2023 – The London School of Jewish Studies hosted a lunch and learn event to honour Leonie and her impactful contributions to the lives of many, often altering their trajectories. The speaker was Nicky Goldman, JVN CEO, who drew inspiration from the

teachings of the late Rabbi Sacks, who Leonie worked with during her distinguished career in the Jewish community.

May 2023 – Pinner Synagogue community and Goods for Good and other local communities in partnership with JVN collected and packed over 50 boxes of toiletries for people in need both here and overseas.

June 2023 – During Volunteers' Week, JVN supported Alyth with their programme, aimed at recognising the contributions of volunteers to their community. It also served as an opportunity to inspire those who are not currently involved in community activities to find a role which works for them. Bernard Merkel, Leonie's brother, participated in the Shabbat programme, sharing insights into how Leonie seamlessly integrated her two passions—volunteering and interfaith work. On a further Shabbat, Margaret Harris, JVN Trustee, delivered a D'var Torah, urging community members to actively engage in volunteering.

December 2023 – tree planting in Hackney with Faiths Forum for London.

As part of Leonie's Life and Legacy, thanks to the support of the Lewis family, funds have been raised for JVN to continue Leonie's legacy to promote volunteering in the community. After the initial target of £36,000 was reached, an ambitious target of £66,000 was set to reflect the age of 66 when Leonie sadly passed away. This target was reached and has now been exceeded, thanks to a generous legacy. We are so grateful to Howard, Adam and Ben Lewis for leading this campaign in her memory.



If you would like to donate to JVN in Leonie's memory, please click here or scan the QR code.

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95
CHARITIES



587
Volunteer
registrations

453

Placements

1,009
Applications

57

Charity
partners



390 New
Opportunities
posted



78

Volunteer
Managers
attending 10
training and
development sessions



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attended the
JVN Annual Conference



JVN with lead Trustee
Development Programme

103

trustees attended
4 sessions



We thank the dedicated leaders, staff and trustees of JVN for keeping alive Judy's dream by ensuring that JVN continues to play a central and indispensable role in the Jewish community's voluntary sector and thereby promoting the mitzvah of 'doing deeds of loving kindness' (gemilut hasadim).

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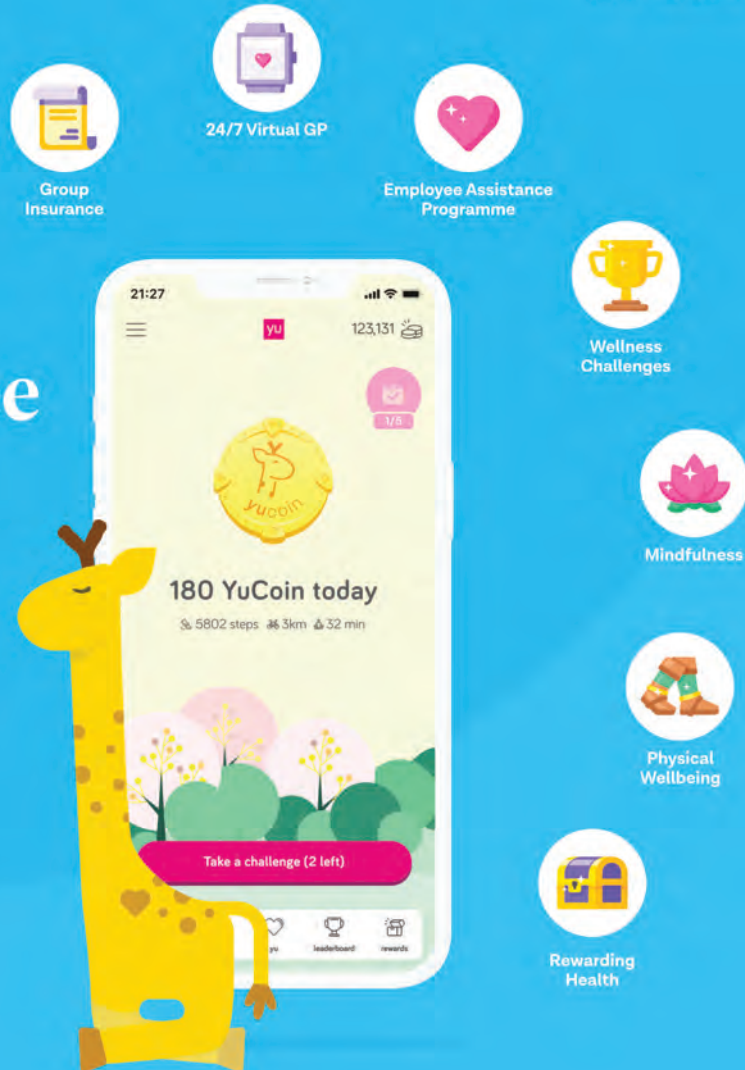


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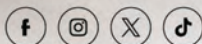
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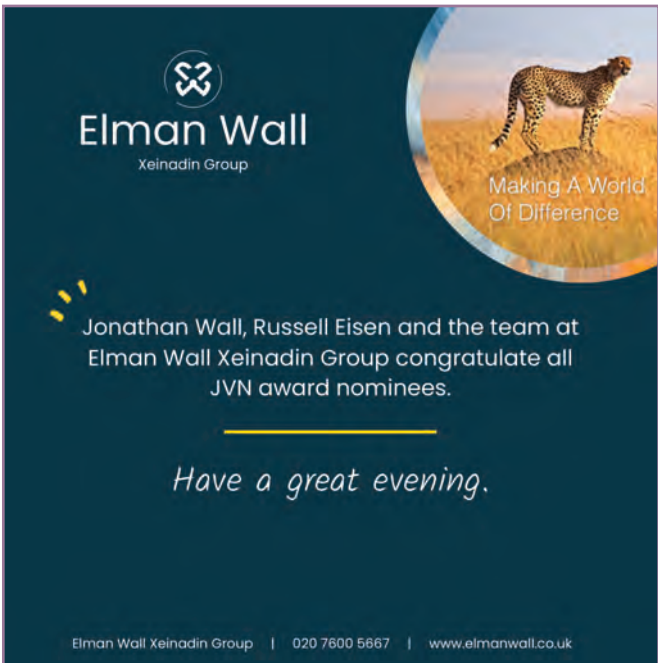
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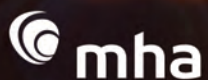
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