



The members of the Committee who arranged the first Grand RSJDC Reunion Banquet are, from left to right, Colleen Daniels, Israel Itzknowitz, Maurice Lawrence, Rosie Ross, Elaine Cohen, Joan Weinberg, Myer Solomon, Lydia Handscomb, Charlotte Balkanyi (Guest of Honour), Doris David, Mika Brojer, Ruth Fallman, Ruth Lawrence, Harold Fallman, Ann Hart and Alan Daniels. Photo by Jack Hart.

Old pupils' dream comes true

The first Grand Reunion Banquet for the ex-pupils of the Residential School for Jewish Deaf Children was held at Seymour Place, London on Sunday, 24th May, 1992.

Having spent some 18 months of fundraising and organising for the Reunion, the committee finally saw their dream come true and were joined by 200 people. Ex-pupils arrived from places as far away as the USA, Canada, Germany, Gibraltar, Israel, South Africa and Yugoslavia, some of whom had not seen each other for 40 years and were overwhelmed to see those who had been childhood friends.

We all had a very enjoyable evening and many good memories were brought back. Our first book to be published, "The History of The RSJDC", was launched. The book contains the

entire history of the school from 1885-1965.

Following the banquet on 24th May, the days in the same week were filled with other special events such as a Video Show of the school's old films organised by Harold Fallman and there was a super Archive Exhibition, showing old reproduced photographs and items of school property that were donated by ex-pupils. This was organised by Myer Solomon. There was a Surprise Evening with Israeli folk dancing organised by the Jewish Deaf Circle and a Coach Outing organised by Harold Fallman to Havering House (the place where the children were evacuated to during the war). A Drama Show by the Jewish Deaf Group and the Farewell Barbecue were also held.

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