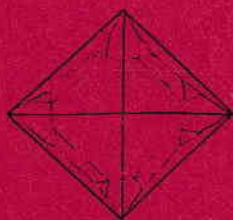
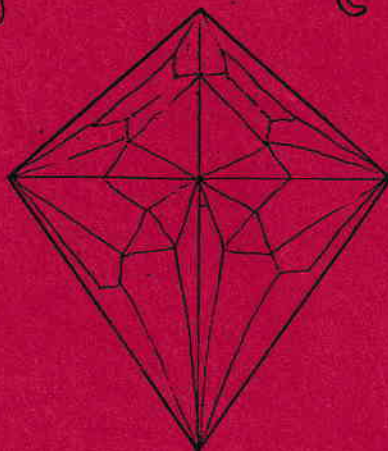


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This year we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the J.D.A. As we pause awhile to think back over the years, we all have our personal memories, so all I can do is memorise with you on the past and present.

I think we may congratulate ourselves on the progress we have made - it has not always been easy and naturally we have had many hurdles to overcome.

We have lost many dear friends over the past 40 years, but as Shakespeare wrote:- "Those friends thou hast and their adoption tried, graffle them to thy heart with hoops of steel".

I am happy to say that our future looks fairly secure, but we must never give up our efforts, not only to survive, but to improve.

What have we achieved since my late father - Julius Newman - founded the JDA - 40 years ago? He realised with an unshakeable certainty, that the Jewish deaf, needed a social club in London. He and his small band of workers were aware of the loneliness and isolation of the deaf and hard of hearing, and were determined above all, to start a Jewish Centre, where they could meet socially and receive guidance and friendship. Thus we established ourselves in 90 Cazenove Road, and although I am refraining from mentioning individuals, by name, Mr and Mrs Margulies will always be associated with the founding of the J.D.A. and I am so happy that their daughter and son-in-law are so actively involved in our work. We are proud of our comfortable and well equipped club, which is always kept in meticulous condition, but the ongoing maintenance and improvements to keep up this high standard (in an old building) is of course, a very costly operation.

Members now have available to them, constant counselling and advice and our highly experienced and sincere Executive Director, who has the trust and confidence of our members, is closely involved in various welfare problems. We have extended our day centre.... hold professional sign language and lip reading classes and continue with our programme of interesting outings and organised holidays.

Members have their own efficient and well supported committee, whereby they arrange their own activities and excel in sports, and have had successes (World Sports for the Deaf.)

The JDA has grown into a national organisation, where we are recognised and respected by the Jewish community as a whole. We regularly send representatives to the World Organisation of Jewish Deaf and successfully hosted a conference in 1984

We are seriously involved in various modern techniques to help deaf people. We are very grateful, that funds have been made available, whereby we can supply the minicom phone to many of our members who need one. This is a wonderful new means of communication.

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We are at the moment, endeavouring to have the "Loop" installed in Synagogues and halls.

Pat Goldring, our Executive Director, has successfully arranged with the local Council, for us to have constant use of a mini - bus, which is a great help to our older members.

We are proud and fortunate to have our own Chaplain, The Rev. Michael Plaskow, who is able to communicate with the deaf, and has conducted special services for them at the Woodside Park Synagogue. Our latest venture, is to open a centre in Kingsbury N.W. London. This is still in its infancy and we hope it will prove successful.

Our professional approach to fund raising is unquestionably assisting our ongoing appeal for funds, and gradually more people are becoming aware of our association and its important work. So, on our 40th Anniversary, I send greetings and sincere thanks to all our committee members and our staff and to all our members. Bless you all and may you always find the help and friendship you seek in the JDA.

P.S. Since writing this article for our newsletter, we have had our 40th Anniversary Dinner - what a splendid occasion that was! I would like to thank the members for organising such a special evening and for one pretty silk flower arrangement, which is in my dining-room, for all to see. It was an evening to be remembered with pride and satisfaction.

EVELYN GEE - CHAIRMAN
JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION



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Miriam Solomon writes.....

After months of meetings to discuss the planning of a grand evening to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Jewish Deaf Association it came to fruition on October 30th 1988, and what a splendid affair it was. Everybody came in their best bib and tucker, a few men, even sported bow ties why not?

First the reception in the blue room, where in the pride of place stood a big beautiful pink and white birthday cake which was later cut up for tea. The glasses were so large it is a wonder nobody got drunk. Youth and old age mingled happily together talking of this and that.

Then we trooped down to the Jimmy Cohen hall, the tables were draped in striking red tablecloths with matching napkins, pink candles in silver candlebras.

We numbered 112 and I was apprehensive in case the floor could not support us and the laden tables. If only the sides of the hall were expandable the waitresses would have had more room to serve. I did not relish their job. As far as I know owing to their expertise no food or drink was spilled over anybody.

For that night Norman Balbes was the interpreter and a good one too many thanks.

Several toasts were proposed and speeches were made, then presentations of flowers and a picture to our guest of honour Pat Goldring, more flowers to several ladies who have given so much time and energy to the Jewish Deaf Association over the years.

Pat took the opportunity to relate how time and chance eighteen years ago brought her to work for the Jewish Deaf Association, at first on a part time basis under the late beloved Mrs Margulies, then taking over full time about 5/6 years ago.

More presents to visitors from France Gibraltar and Italy. They were suitably impressed with everything.

We were glad to meet Mrs Fairweather and her daughter who are very generous benefactors to the Jewish Deaf Association enabling some of our members to have those clever minicoms in their homes. Thank you so much.

Emil, Lionel, Rose and Myer received framed certificates of their life memberships. A show of magic by Alan Shaxon was slick and polished baffling all of us. In passing, I loved the evening dress worn by his assistant, Anne.

Then there was the excitement of the raffle, 26 prizes in all which were donated by Rita Katz, Jane Sienitzty's sister, Jane Stryker, Rose Ross, Zena Primack and others to whom our thanks are due. Some of the winners won twice over lucky you! then more tea and lovely pastries before it broke up leaving us with wonderful memories.

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We all wish to thank Mrs Kraven and her band of workers for arranging a charming layout in the hall and the scrumptious food and ensuring that everything went smoothly. We hope they will cater for us again another time. It is a thousand pities that her father-in-law a Jewish Deaf Association member could not share our joy as he had passed away so suddenly just two weeks before the day. He was a fine gentleman, Isn't it nice that we are 40 years old in the same year that Israel is 40 too? Mazeltov to Israel and to the Jewish Deaf Association

Lionel Katz writes.....

I am very pleased that the 40th Anniversary Dinner was so successful.

112 people attended and they enjoyed themselves very much. It was the first time we saw the magic act of Alan Shaxon. He tried to saw our guest Sharon Ridgeway in half and she seemed scared. However she came out full bodied much to her relief.

Alan tied Harry Newman 's hand up and did astounding escape tricks. We were truly amazed at such a good and easy to follow act.

Rita would like to thank Amanda Brackman and Deborah Caplan for helping her with the raffle, and I would like to thank all those who helped out before the function and on the night. We were happy to welcome visitors from France, Italy and Gibraltar as well as one from Jerusalem. They were all happy to attend the event. The committee of the JDA presented each guest with a beautiful pen which can be kept as a memento as the pens will take re-fills.

Last but not least the food was fantastic.

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Esther Gold writes.....

I would like to thank Mr Emil Stryker and his small committee for arranging the 40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner. It was lovely..like a first class wedding reception.

Mrs Gee, Mrs Goldberg, Mrs Pat Goldring and Mr Emil Stryker made very interesting speeches. A most enjoyable evening.

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EMIL STRYKER WRITES.....

Many members and friends will remember the 40th Anniversary Dinner party for a long time, which was highly successful and very enjoyable. The cuisine was like a wedding and for the first time ever, we were able to provide a full reception.

Among the guests and visitors, were Mrs. Ruth Fairweather and her daughter Susan Kessler (sponsors, of the minicom projects) Rev. and Mrs Plaskow the Chaplain to the J.D.A., Mr and Mrs Leven with a small group from Paris, Mr. Donati from Milan, Mr and Mrs Hassan from Gibraltar and our Guests of Honour Mr and Mrs Goldring. (Also a volunteer to the deaf blind, Miss B. Stower was present).

We planned to have a limit of 80, but had to give way as there were heavy bookings in the last moments, so about 112 people came.

The committee has been working hard to make this event an outstanding success. Pat Goldring a member of the organising committee was never aware that she and husband Monty had been chosen as Guests of Honour and were informed very late.

The committee had been working very hard to raise funds to cover expenses of reception, cabaret, drinks and many other items. The cost of souvenir pens were donated by the council to the JDA.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Lionel and Rita Katz, Debra Britton, Jane Stryker and my co-ordinator, Pat Goldring for their wonderful help and fine support in making this event a highly great success.

I also wish to thank Douglas Stem who took our visitors from Paris with the help of Martin Bogard and Ilan Dwek on an evening tour of London.

Our new Life Members, Rosie Ross, L. Katz, Emil Stryker and Myer Solomon received diplomas from the President Mr. Gee.

Many gifts were donated for the raffles by members.

According to my guide, the cabaret was very good. I am sure that everyone had a happy evening.

It was also a grand reunion for Mr and Mrs Blostein who came with their family. Mr and Mrs Blostein are the oldest members and have been married 65 years. They used to come to the club regularly 40 years ago playing cards. It was lovely to see them again, as they rarely go out due to their high age.

We wish to thank Norman Balbes for his services as toastmaster and interpreter.

EMIL STRYKER
VICE-PRESIDENT

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CHAPLAIN TO THE JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION
REV. MICHAEL PLASKOW WRITES.....

On this the 40th Anniversary of the Jewish Deaf Association,
I would like to contribute just a few lines.....

I am proud to be the Chaplain to the Jewish Deaf Association,
a post I believe was vacant for many years.

In the short time that I have been your Chaplain, I have
attended World Conferences connected with the Jewish Deaf held
in other countries and our 1987 Assembly at Woodside Park,
when the Chief Rabbi was present, was a highlight in our year.
We were able to hold a similar function this year and we hope
to continue these annual events.

My visits to the Centre to celebrate our festivals with you
all are most enjoyable and I am always delighted to receive
such a warm welcome.

Together with Phyllis (my wife) I was happy to celebrate the
40th Anniversary Dinner and we will always remember it as
being a most enjoyable evening.

**To each of you, I say please do not hesitate to contact me
if you think I can help in anyway.**

Long may our friendship continue.

Sincerely,

Michael