

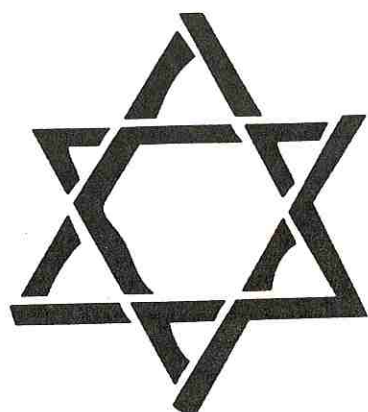
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Newsletter

Mar/Apr. 1992

JDA Central Committee:—

Chairman – Martin Bogard

Vice-chairman – Lionel Katz

Honorary Secretary – Steven Bloomfield

Assistant Secretary – Miriam Solomon

Honorary Treasurer – Steve Fireman

Sports Leader – Richard Weinbaum

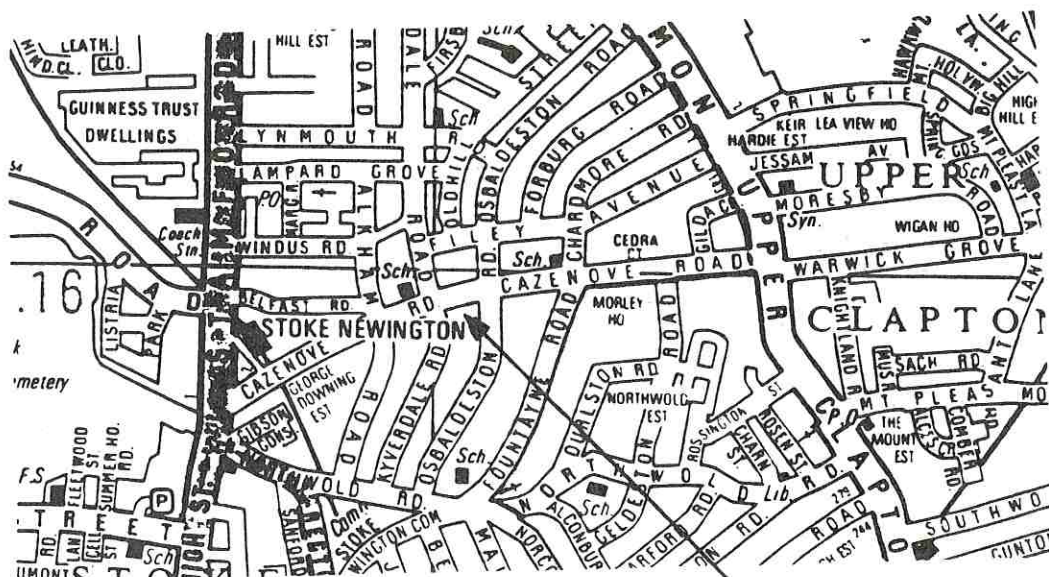
Programme Organiser – Ivan Clements

Entertainment Manager – Harold Fallman

Canteen Manageress – Debra Britton

BDA Delegate – David Jackson

Executive Director – Pat Goldring



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March Programme

Any articles for May/June newsletter must reach at the JDA no later than 10th April.

Sunday 1st:	R.S.J.D.C. Reunion Event	4.00 p.m.
	Scrabble Evening	6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 4th:	Day Centre	
Sunday 8th:	Grand Bingo	
Monday 9th:	Day Centre	
Wednesday 11th:	Day Centre	
Sunday 15th:	Purim Party 6.00 p.m.	Tickets available from Steven Fireman
Monday 16th:	Day Centre	
Wednesday 18th:	Day Centre	
Sunday 22nd:	A.G.M. of the C.C.	6.00 p.m.
Monday 23rd:	Day Centre	
Tuesday 24th:	* Special Discussion Evening at Woodside Park Synagogue. Pesach - From Slavery to Freedom.	8.00 p.m. All welcome
Wednesday 25th:	Day Centre	
Sunday 29th:	Bingo 4.00 p.m.	Talk and discussion - Environmental Issues 7.00 p.m.
Monday 30th:	Day Centre	

* The Panel discussions between deaf and hearing people which were held last year proved very popular and it was decided to hold them again this year.

The Panel will include Reverend Plaskow, Rabbi Rosenstein of Barnet Synagogue and Mrs. Flora Frank, together with a special guest.

Woodside Park Hall has a loop for hearing aid users and a sign language interpreter will be on hand as well.

All members and friends, deaf or hearing, are welcome.

April Programme

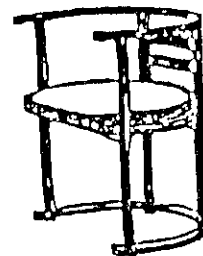
Wednesday 1st:	Day Centre
Sunday 5th:	R.S.J.D.C. Reunion Event . 5.00 p.m.
Monday 6th:	Day Centre
Wednesday 8th;	Day Centre
Sunday 12th:)
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Monday 13th:) Club Closed - Preparations for Passover
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Wednesday 15th:)
Sunday 19th:) 2nd Day of Passover
) Club closed.
Monday 20th:)
Wednesday 22nd:	* JDA Seder Service. Tickets available from Pat now.
Sunday 26th:	W.O.J.D. talk by Steven Bloomfield 4.00 p.m. Debate Evening. Antisemitism in the Deaf Community 7.00 p.m.
Monday 27th:	Day Centre
Wednesday 29th:	Day Centre

Sunday 3rd May: Bank Holiday - Club Closed.
Ten Pin Bowling Outing.

*Seder Service - tickets will be limited to members only and the price will be the same as last year £5.00 and £2.50 for children.

This event is always very popular and there is usually a great demand for tickets, so in order not to be disappointed, get your tickets now.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WRITES.....



The A.G.M. is drawing closer - only a few weeks away. You will have the Minutes of the last A.G.M. and the reports from the Secretary Treasurer and myself are included (but only those who have paid the membership subscription). So please read them thoroughly and bring them along with you to the A.G.M. on the 22nd March and bring up any matters arising if you have any, as we want to save time on that day. If you want to nominate a person who you would like to be on the Committee, please ask him/her first before writing on the nomination sheet on the Notice Board in the Canteen. (Closing date is 8th March).

More details of my report are in the 'A.G.M. Chairman's Report'. If you want to make any proposal, please write to our secretary, Steven Bloomfield, before the 8th March, as we want to prepare everything beforehand and make sure the A.G.M. is running smoothly.

Our important forthcoming event is the Purim Party which will be held on the 15th March. There will be some prizes for the best fancy dress, so please wear your fancy dress as it will be great fun to see everyone wearing them, not forgetting that the children will all get something too. Purim party tickets can be obtained from Steven Fireman, so please either send or give the slip which was attached to the previous newsletter to him. There will be a limited number of people admitted, for safety reasons. Please look at our forthcoming events and please do come along to the JDA and give your moral support.

We have had some very good and interesting talks at the JDA by various deaf members who talked about deaf issues which should be interesting to all of us. Mika Brojer came last year to talk about the Job Club for the Deaf. It is growing and many deaf people who have difficulty in finding jobs can go there and get advice on how to fill in forms etc. I also know that some of our members who are not working go along there as volunteers. Thanks to Mika for coming to the JDA.

David Jackson gave a very interesting talk about technology. David is quite an expert and we all learned from his knowledge.

Jews of the Diaspora was the subject chosen by Steven Bloomfield who certainly had done his homework! Jews in the Diaspora (which means Jews living outside the State of Israel) applies to us all living here.

Albert Sandler talked to the Wednesday Club about his trip to Russia and very recently Alan Murray came to talk about the BDA and a very lively discussion and question time took place. The name BDA is known to all of us, but I am sure many of us do not know exactly how involved it is with deaf issues.

Some members are not interested in talks, but I can assure them it would not waste their time to come along because we get a chance to tell our news and learn about what happens in other deaf communities.

We have a few talks lined up in the forthcoming programme and I hope you will all come along to support them.

Finally, I do hope you all like the new idea of the Newsletter cover which was produced by David Jackson. Thanks to his wonderful computer. In the future we will try to make the newsletter look a more professional magazine.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the JDA and wishing you a Happy and Kosher Pesach.

Shalom

MARTIN BOGARD

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WRITES

REPAIRS TO BUILDING

I am pleased to say that the repairs to the building were completed in very good time thanks to the weather being kind, and we were able to open again after three weeks. The skylight in the canteen has now gone and has been replaced by a flat roof leading out from the Jimmy Cohen Hall.

Will all members **please note** that this was done for **safety** and it is not to be used as a **verandah** or **leisure area**. It is an emergency **exit**, and **only** to be used in the event of having to make a quick escape from the building.

The doors leading from the Jimmy Cohen Hall must be opened every time the Club is in use, but that does not mean that you can wander out there, as we cannot be responsible for accidents caused through no fault of the Jewish Deaf Association.

The Jewish Deaf Association now has a FAX MACHINE and our Fax number is

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PAT



JDA/KINNOR DAY CENTRE FOR THE JEWISH HEARING IMPAIRED

366A STAG LANE, KINGSBURY, LONDON, NW9 9AA
TELEPHONE: 01-204 6211/2



The JDA/Kinnor Day Centre re-opened on 16th January, and we have now meet every two weeks. The attendance is not bad, but we would welcome more visitors. The club is open to all deaf and hard of hearing people. The ladies serve a very tasty and filling 3 course lunch and everybody is very warm and friendly. We hope to arrange a good programme in the future but some people are quite content to have a chat or a game of cards. It is really worthwhile so please try it out - open Thursday 27th February 12th & 26th March.

PAT

Dear Member,

We are having a very nice social time and nice dinner at Kinnor Club at Kingsbury.

We enjoy ourselves.

The Club opens on Thursdays every fortnight from 10.30 a.m. till 3.30 p.m. Please see programme about activities and events for the future. It will be arranged shortly.

Notice to members without cars on how to get there from Stoke Newington

106 bus to Finsbury Park, then tube to Kings Cross Station and then change tube to Northern Line to Colindale Station. Then catch 204 bus to Hay Lane for Stag Lane. (every 20 minutes)

or

73 bus to Kings Cross Station and tube to Colindale Station and then 204 bus.

Don't go to Kingsbury Station by tube as it is a long way round, unless you live in Wembley or Stanmore on the Jubilee line.

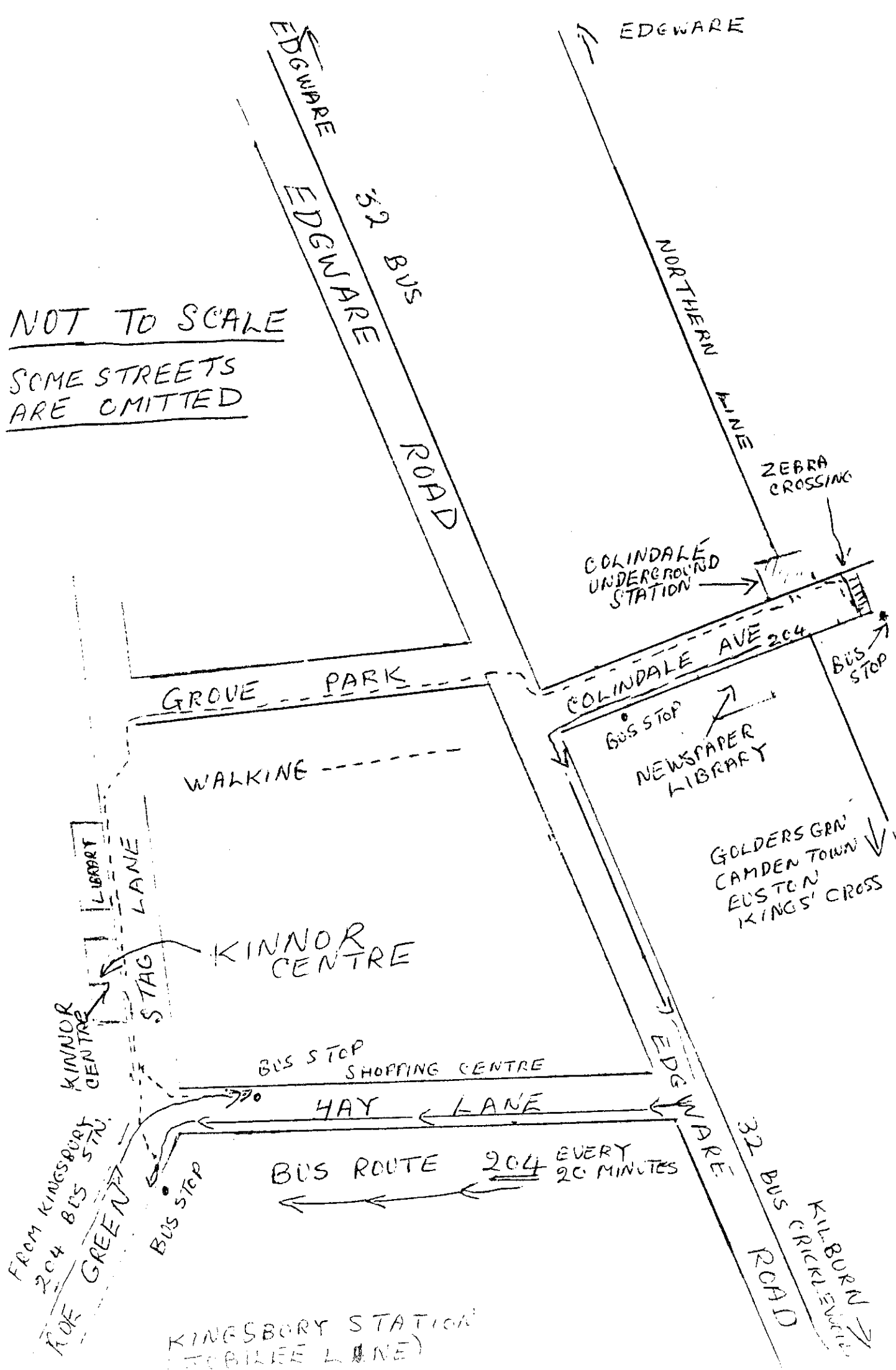
Israel Itzkowitz

Israel Itzkovitz has drawn a rough map of
----- how to get to the Kinnor Centre
You will find it overleaf.....

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SOME STREETS
ARE OMITTED



MIRIAM'S JOURNEY INTO THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

If you would like to see inside a royal home, but with a difference, I do recommend a visit to the Queen's House. Where? In Greenwich Park, near the National Maritime Museum. It has been extensively and beautifully restored into as how it could have looked when it was first built in 1616. Yes, all that long ago!

The house has seen many changes over the years, but the most important were in the thirties in converting the rooms into museum galleries, and in the eighties, the decision to return the house into its present form.

It seems that just about everything inside the building has been cleaned up. The only modern things are the heating system, electrical wiring and lights. I have to say I was really astonished at the marvellous brickwork of the walls and vaults in the basement which was revealed when the covering plaster was removed. This area has several large glass cabinets showing precious objects from the past and present.


Upstairs, the wall coverings, long curtains, chair seat covers and the four-poster bed draperies are sumptuous, specially woven to the exact colours and designs as far as possible to those used long ago.

Don't forget to look up at the ceilings for the wonderful decorations and paintings. One of the most breathtaking sights is the so-called Tulip Stairs, which is a long spiral staircase to the domed window at the roof level. You don't go up that way. Only after you have gone upstairs by another way and seen all the other rooms, then you go down those spiral stairs.

The exterior is very impressive and classical without any fussy touches and the park setting is just perfect. The loggia or balcony gives a great view up to the Royal Observatory.

All I can say is go and see for yourself, but it does involve a lot of walking so it may not suit older people. It is worth it to buy the reasonably priced guide book with lots of actual pictures which explains all the history of the Queen's House and of how the restoration was accomplished.

Miriam Solomon



JDA Seder Service

CONDUCTED BY REV. MICHAEL PLASKOW

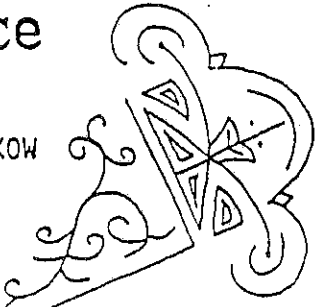
ON

Wednesday 22nd April, 1992.

at 7.p.m.

Price members only (£5.00)

children (£2.50)



Tickets are ready now.....available from Pat.

"DID YOU KNOW"

THE DECADE - YEAR - BY - YEAR

- 1930 The two millionth telephone in Britain is connected in Buckingham Palace for King George V.
- 1934 The driving test is introduced in Britain. Now all drivers have to prove they can handle a car properly before they get a licence.
- 1937 The first Butlins Holiday Camp opens in Skegness.
- 1941 Free school milk was introduced for the first time. It was given to children who needed extra nourishment.
- 1944 The first prefabricated steel houses are unveiled. They are to provide emergency shelter for families whose homes have been bombed.
- 1947 The school leaving age is raised by law from 14 to 15.
- 1948 The National Health Service offering free health care for all is officially started.
- 1949 Clothes rationing finally ends after eight long years.

ALBERT SANDLER

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INFORMATION FROM HAROLD FALLMAN

OUTING 28TH MAY 1992

The coach outing will have a stop at the village of Milton (Havering House), Pewsey (where there is a famous statue of King Alfred), Marlborough, then the final stop will be at Bath. You can use your leisure time by visiting the Roman Baths Museum, walking about in the City of Bath and picking an evening eating place of your own.

The pick-up times and meeting places will be displayed on the Notice Board. We will probably arrive back in London very late - maybe even as late as 11.00 p.m. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch and a camera.

For the R.S.J.D.C. Reunion

HAROLD FALLMAN

P.S. Cost of the outing £8.00 per person must be paid up by 30th April - that is the deadline date.

RSJDC SECRETARY'S REPORT: -

Last December 15th the committee arranged a Grand Whist Drive with some good prizes and money. It was a very enjoyable evening with top prize awarded to Myer Solomon who I hope has not got drunk on his bottle of whiskey! Thanks to Maurice Lawrence for M.C. and his helpers Harold Fallman, Jonathan Sterne, Harry Newman and Alan Daniels. Thanks to Ruth Lawrence for the refreshments with assistance from Eva Mansell and others. There was a raffle, chiefly organised by Elaine Cohen, that raised £100 (many thanks Elaine) and I would like to thank all involved for coming along and making it a super night. Please note that all 200 tickets for the Reunion Banquet on 24th May 1992 are sold. Should anyone else wish to come, there is a 'reserve list' just in case one or two should have to drop out. Please see Alan Daniels for details but remember there are only 3 months to go. Now a note to all those ex-pupils. Please, please, please can we have your written articles on your life and times at the school or books and reports you may have that we would like to display in an exhibition on banquet night. Please give me a ring or bring the articles to the JDA anytime before the end of April.

Two more events have been organised by the committee:

- i) March 1st Video at 4pm. Scrabble commences at 6pm.
- ii) April 5th "Look and Don't Touch" at 5.30pm

Please give your support at any of these events and maybe you can bring along your articles etc from your time at your school or Havering House for instance, do you know of pupils who went to the school and got married??

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to seeing you at our events.

Colleen Daniels
(Sec. of RSJDC school reunion)

P.S. Thank you to Miriam Solomon, Doris David and Harold Fallman for their support on Myer's sponsored walk. My apologies for not thanking them beforehand.

P.P.S. To the ex-pupils of Havering House and the RSJDC. Please note that on 1st of March we will be doing the video filming of you individually from 4 to 6 pm. All we need is you to tell us briefly about your experience at the Havering House / RSJDC.

The Committees of Organisation for the
reunion of old pupils of RSJDC

will organise

"SPRING CAR BOOTS AND JUMBLE SALE"

AT

258, GREEN LANES, MANOR HOUSE,
LONDON, N.4

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15th 1992

FROM 11am - 3pm

p.s. For those who wish to get rid of things found
in the attic or basement and to give away, please
contact Mrs C Daniels, 210 Wards Road, Newbury
Park, Ilford, Essex or minicom 081 518 6073.
The transport can be arranged to collect things

JDA SPORTS REPORT

HHHHHHHHHHHHHeeeeeeeellllllllllllloooooooooooooo to all my readers..... Well I am back after my holiday in Canada and USA last xmas. Luckily my post holiday blue does not affect me writing a report to you all!!!

My first report in 1992..... Really I have nothing to say at all but my sense of humour helps me alot to make you a little smile to hear from me again.

Back into a business..... I would like to say a big thank to Martin Bogard for a volunteer to organise a Ten Pin Bowling on 22nd Dec 91 not 1992!!!! That day I was in Boston, looking for a jewish girl??????? There were only fourteen players turned up that day. Where were others???? They might be in USA, spied on me what I did!!!!

The result is shown as below:-

1st Mark Hart.....115	144 = 259	10th Steve Fireman...	56 110 = 166
2nd Ramon Woolfe.....115	113 = 228	11th Jane Newman.....	105 60 = 165
3rd James Kelberman..104	109 = 213	12th Martin Beech....	79 78 = 157
4th Martin Bogard....108	97 = 205	13th Elizabeth Clay..	73 71 = 144
5th David Jackson.... 91	110 = 201	14th Tyron Woolfe....	67 60 = 127
6th Malka Bogard..... 98	97 = 195		
7th Eva Fielding.....109	75 = 184	The winners for the Men and Women	
8th Harold Fallman... 61	112 = 173	Section went to M.Hart and Malka	
9th Debbie Caplin.... 82	88 = 170	Bogard in their two yrs row!!!	

M.Hart, R.Woolfe and Martin Bogard were automatically picked for 66 Club Ten Pin Bowling Tournament on 26th Jan. J.Kelberman could not make this date so Martin grabbed his first cap for JDA Team!!!!

Thanks to the lads who turned up that day. The next one will be on 24th Nov for an Inter Club Tournament.

Now a brief report about 66 Club Ten Pin Bowling Tournament was held on 26th Jan at Tottenham Hale. Nineteen teams participated with ten lanes. Good atmosphere all day there with a good sportsmanship. JDA team did their best although their three games in Individuals, Threesomes and Inter Club, they came fifth place behind Dartford, Christain Link, Acton A and B.

Are you still awake after reading a boring report about Ten Pin Bowling????? If you are, better make a move to make a cup of coffee now. Then come back.... my report can wait for you???????

Pleased to hear that Jonathan Sterne offer his volunteer as a Convenor for the Board Games. I am sure you all will enjoy your evening when there is a Board Games event coming along at the club.

I think it is all I have to say to you at the moment. My brain is dying now and will have an operation soon but I will strike back in our next issue..... JDA RULES OK!!!

R.Weinbaum
(Sports Leader)

INFORMATION

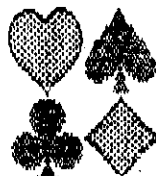
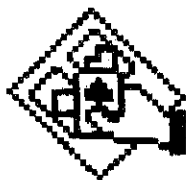
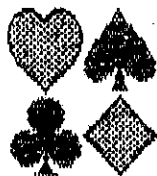
THE MEMORIAL STONE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE GERTRUDE COHEN WILL BE CONSECRATED AT WALTHAM ABBEY CEMETERY ON MONDAY 2ND MARCH AT 11.30 a.m.

THE MEMORIAL STONE IN MEMORY OF THE LATE HERMAN BLOSTEIN WILL BE CONSECRATED AT WALTHAM ABBEY CEMETERY ON SUNDAY 15TH MARCH AT 4.00 p.m.

OBITUARY

WE ARE VERY SAD TO REPORT THE DEATH OF MRS. SARAH ASH WHO PASSED AWAY IN JANUARY. CONDOLENCES TO HER ONLY SON VIC.

THE JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION LOST A VERY VALUABLE FRIEND IN THE PASSING OF MR. GEORGE NATHAN, A HEARING MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL. MR. NATHAN WORKED VERY VERY HARD, TOGETHER WITH THE RNID AND THE BETH DIN TO FIND A WAY FOR HEARING AIDS TO BE USED WITH THE LOOP ON SHABBAT AND YOMTOV. HE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AND WE SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS WIFE ROSE AND FAMILY,



JDA Cribbage Evening, January 9th

Twenty eight people gathered together, four to each table, to play five-card Cribbage. Each player played six rounds and totted up their scores as they moved to other tables in the Whist Drive fashion. There were plenty of smiles and disappointments but the general consensus was that they enjoyed the game. Cash prizes were given to the best three scores and a booby prize to the one with the least score (mind you, this game requires plenty of good luck). The results were :-

Winner :- Doris David

Runner-Up :- Richard Weinbaum

Third place :- Steve Fireman

Booby prize :- Shared by Debbie Caplin and Kevin Clay

It proved to be a popular success that a repeat will be arranged in the near future. It will definitely be included in the annual Indoor Games in the Autumn.

By the way I am your Cards Convenor so I welcome suggestions from you. Perhaps you could tell me if you would like a Bridge evening or even try out a new card game such as Bezique, Canasta or Picquet. Actually there are about 90 different card games.

David Jackson



PHILIP'S BAR-MITZVAH

Our son Philip's Bar-Mitzvah took place on 4th January this year. It takes a lot of arranging to make a Bar-Mitzvah, as it does for any big celebration!

Shall we have a big party? Where shall we have it? What food shall we have? How many people? Who will sit next to who?

The main person is the boy! Will he perform well? Can he read/sing his portion of the Torah (Law) properly? This is the worrying part & I have grown more grey hairs over the past year with frustration!

On the other hand, I am glad I wasn't born a boy & have to have a Bar-Mitzvah! Most Jewish boys at 12 years old are under a lot of pressure. They may have just changed schools and/or taking school exams & they have to practice for their Bar-Mitzvah aswell.

Everyone who had already been through the experience told me that it would be "alright on that day". Of course they were right & all went well.

I beleive it was the first time that the induction loop was in use in a Synagogue on a Sabbath. It was Barnet Synagogue that made it possible. I hope this will continue in other Synagogues.

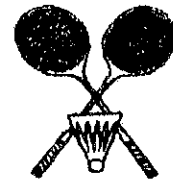
The Bar-Mitzvah was a memorable occassion, & we were 'walking on air' for at least a week after the event!

JESSIE AND DAVID JESSEL.





BJDSO



The British Jewish Deaf Sports Organisation

The recent BJDSO AGM saw some changes in the committee as follows :-

BJDSO Co-ordinator	:-	David Jackson
Treasurer	:-	To be filled at the EGM
Basketball Convenor	:-	Sharon Hirshman
Football Convenor	:-	To be filled at the EGM
Racquets Convenor	:-	Martin Bogard
Ten-Pin Bowling Convenor	:-	Ramon Woolfe
Minutes Secretary	:-	Eva Fielding
Trustee 1	:-	Pat Goldring
Trustee 2	:-	To be filled at the EGM
Trustee 3	:-	To be filled at the EGM

It has been necessary to arrange an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) because the accounts have not yet been audited. Once they have been, a date will be fixed for it - however hopefully it will be on March 22nd, soon after the Central Committee AGM. This EGM should not take more than an hour. The agenda will consist of two main items which are :-

1. The approval of the BJDSO account
2. The election for the following posts :-
 - a) Treasurer (Steve Fireman has already tended his resignation as soon as the account has been audited)
 - b) Football Convenor
 - c) Two Trustees (David Jackson and Martin Bogard had to give up their trustee posts because of their new posts)

There will be two other items which will take a few minutes - the presentation of the best footballer in Israel award and medals to those who did not turn up at the BJDSO AGM. It is very much hoped that these players will be present.

The other item is about creating a new post, the Indoor Sports Convenor/Central Committee Liaison Officer - Richard Weinbaum is currently the Central Committee Sports Secretary and it would help things easier if he is co-opted on to the BJDSO Committee taking up this new post.

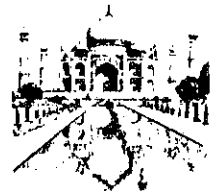
Now that I am the new BJDSO Co-ordinator, I want to say that the previous Co-ordinator, Simeon Hart, did so much to achieve a lot for the BJDSO. It is my aim to continue with his good work and I will, of course, seek new ideas to increase the BJDSO's standing in the deaf world. I have already sent out questionnaires to the thirty BJDSO members for information of their interests in the sporting field. Also I will try and find out more about Jewish Deaf sportspeople in other countries other than Israel, France and the United States - with a view to the BJDSO organising an International Sporting Tournament for Jewish Deaf sportspeople.

It is likely that there will be two football matches arranged for May and June. It is to be hoped that the BJDSO will field a full-strength team for both matches. More information in the next newsletter.

Also I am hoping to arrange a BJDSO Fun Day so that the members can let their hair down and have great fun trying out three different sports in one day - Dry Slope Skiing/Bobsleighbing, Swimming/Sauna and Ten-Pin Bowling in Bracknell either on June 13th or 20th this year.

Finally I do hope we will have more people joining the BJDSO - the more the better our chances will be against other countries. If you interested in joining, please see any of the BJDSO officers (see above). The individual membership fee is £3 per year or £5 for two years.

David Jackson



Environmental Issues on March 29th at 7pm

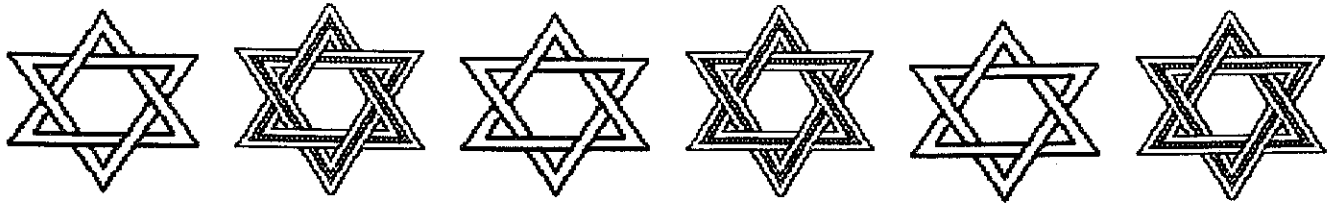
It will be an interesting evening – you will learn more about what is happening to our world. There will be plenty of hand outs, posters up on the walls, and a quiz show to test your knowledge about our world.

To give you an idea –

1. Did you know that in Sweden trees are dying because of the acid rain?
2. Did you know that the hole in the ozone layer is affecting us in many ways?
3. Did you know that if we are not careful, we will say good bye to many of the rare animals like the panda and koala bear? If this happens, our grandchildren and their children will never know what it is like to watch a panda in real life or hold a koala bear.
4. Did you know we can make the world a better place if we respect it more? How – well, you will have to wait for the answers on 29th March. Come along. You won't be disappointed

David Jackson





Anti-Semitism in the Deaf Community **on April 26th**

If you have been to one of those 1880 debates and enjoyed it, then we will have something similar at the JDA. The only difference will be that we will all sit in a circle in the hall. In this way we will all feel comfortable and not under any pressure like going on the stage.

The debate will be about the anti-semitism in the deaf community in the United Kingdom. We need to explore this by raising points –

- ✗ The things we don't like to hear – like being called Jews rather than Jewish people or being stereotyped as people with big noses, thick bottom lips, hunchbacks, bags under the eyes.
- ✗ The things we are not happy about – like losing friends as soon as they learn that we are Jewish
- ✗ The things we don't like to read about – like some of the newspapers blaming Israel for its stand when they don't think why Israel had to take action like imposing a curfew in the West Bank.
- ✓ The things we would like to see – better awareness of our culture and Jewish traditions in the British Deaf Community.
- ✓ The things we would like to do – let our non-Jewish friends mix with us as much as possible.
- ✓ The things we would like to hope for – change the stereotyped attitudes towards us by the non-Jewish deaf people

There is plenty more to talk about so come along and have an interesting evening. It is hoped that a video film will be made of the debate for future references.

David Jackson



Dear readers,

It's a great honour for me to write an article in the newsletter. My friend, Martin Bogard, had asked me to write about me and my life in Sweden.

My name is Moshe Levy, a swedish Jewish deaf young man and I am 22 years old.

I was born and bred in a little City of Västerås 130 Kilometres north-west of Sweden's capital Stockholm with population of 120,000. I went to a hearing school for 7 years and I was not the only deaf person. There were another 5 deaf children attended. I did not have a good education during my time in the hearing school and other children teased me. One day in the spring, my class attending a public swimming bath, on our way to the bath, a mischiveous boy suddenly pushed me for no reason and I fell down and hit the kerb. Minutes later an ambulance came and took me to the hospital as I was unconscious for a few minutes and had ten stiches on my crown. I was then 13 years old.

Two woman curators of the deaf from Örebro and Stockholm came to my school and had a discussion with me and the other deaf pupils about our future school and I was advised to move to a deaf school in Orebro which we found it very helpful and benifit.

After having a wonderful summer holiday, my family was moving to Örebro and I began my study in a comprehensive school for 2 years along with other deaf pupils which I have never had this kind of experience before. Naturally I could not communicate by sign-language and found a bit diffucult however the other pupils had been so kind to me and trying to teach me the sign-language. (But today I am still learning the sign-language. I go out and meet the deaf people to improve my sign-language.)

In my last year at the comprehensive school, we deaf pupils had to decide which education we want to be in the secondary school. However I chose technical subject and I was with other 2 deaf students admitted to technical school where there were 30 normal hearing students for 5 years. After 3 years we have studied in theoretic and began to do some practically work which I have chosen electronic as my subject.

In the midsummer all parents came and congratulates us on our final year at the secondary school. We had a wonderful festival in Swedish style. I have decided to continue with my study and I was admitted to Uppsal University 60 kilometre north of Stockholm to study architectural course which I am doing now and hopefully I will be taking the examination in 2 or 3 years time.

I would like to tell you more about the Jewish deaf in Sweden. There are 8 Jewish deaf whom I know. In my synagogue, in Stockholm, there are 5 deaf who attended, two of them are lovely girls!!! We usually go to non-jewish deaf club in Stockholm in the evening.

I beleive there will be more Jewish deaf who are coming from Russia to attend my synagogue.

We have a new rabbi from Israel and he is learning the sign-language for the benifit of us to be able to follow the service when needed be.

I am pleased that he really enjoyed in learning the sign-language.

Recently I heard a couple in the synagogue who had a sweet baby boy and he is deaf, so that is adding to the jewish deaf population of Sweden!!!

There are only 20,000 Jews in Sweden and only 9,000 are member of any synagogues. We have jewish schools where they can learn the jewish cluture, study and of-course Hebrew

The Stockholm Synagogue was a gift from our Swedish King Gustav III. and it was built in 1755. We are very proud of it.

THE SHORT FACT ABOUT MY COUNTRY, SWEDEN.

Area: 449,964 km²

Population: 8.6 millions

Capital: Stockholm - pop. 675,000 (with suburbs 1.4 millions)

Language: Swedish

Religion: Evangelisk-luthersk

BNP: \$ 21,546, year 88

Value: 1 svensk krona = 100 öre

Monarch: Carl XVI Gustaf

Minister of State: Carl Bildt (Moderata Partiet)

I hope you have enjoyed reading the article. Wishing you all a Happy kosher Pesach.

MOSHE LEVY

Is the Jewish Deaf Association known to all Jewish Deaf people in the United Kingdom?

You may think "Oh, what a question to ask?" Well, let us consider this piece of news that was in a recent issue of the Jewish Chronicle about a Jewish teacher on a visit to Ghana.

He went there as a teacher to help with the education. One evening over a drink he somehow informed his associates that he was Jewish. One of them told him that there is a Jewish tribe somewhere in the country. Of course this teacher was amazed. He thought there were no Jewish people living in an African country like Ghana.

He was taken to meet this tribe and was astonished to find that this tribe practises the Judaism faith and that the black Jews are very proud of their culture as much as we are with ours. There are about 200 Jewish Ghanians and it is not at all mentioned in the Jewish Travel Guide.

Now this is similar to what is happening in the United Kingdom - I met recently a young Jewish deaf boy who had just left school. He knew nothing about the Jewish Deaf Association and of course I gave him all the information. But this made me wonder if he is one of the many in other parts of the country who needs to be reached.

What can we do about this? What do you suggest? Perhaps you could write in with your ideas, etc. and include them in the next newsletter.

David Jackson



MARTIN BINYSH ASKED US TO PUBLISH THE LETTER HE
RECEIVED FROM THE INDEPENDENT TELEVISION COMMISSION



Independent Television Commission

Mr M Binysh

10 February 1992

Dear Mr Binysh

Thank you for your letter of 17 January about the Public Teletext applications.

By now you should have received copies of the Public Teletext applications which I hope will allow you to make further comment.

I note in your letter some concern for teletext subtitles; I can assure you that the licensing of teletext will not affect the provision of subtitles. We have placed this particular requirement upon the Channel 3 and Channel 4 licensees, in fact by 1998 all companies must increase their subtitling to an average of 50% of programmes each week. In addition the ITC will be carefully monitoring the subtitling output not only to ensure the correct amount of programmes will carry subtitles but also that the quality will remain high.

The further good news is that after 1998 the ITC will require the companies to keep on increasing their subtitled output, year by year.

Thank you for taking the trouble to write to us and I hope the above will go some way to reassure you subtitling is secure in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Gerry Stallard'.

Gerry Stallard
Teletext Planning Co-ordinator

GS/JL

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU NEEDED TO CONTACT THE POLICE?

DO YOU USE A TEXT PHONE?

DO YOU LIVE IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT?

(Roughly the area within the M25)

From February 3rd 1992 **two new Emergency numbers** are available for deaf and hard of hearing people.

0800 220377
0800 220391

These numbers are - **FREE**,
Same as 999-go direct to "NEW SCOTLAND YARD" where they are
received by trained police staff using minicom 7.

YOUR CALL

Police take details and record message - information is transferred to a computer - message is either:

Sent To Your Local Police Station

or

Radioed To a Police Patrol Car

WHAT POLICE MAY NEED FROM YOU

- Your telephone number
- Address where police are needed
- Your name

Use these numbers for **EMERGENCIES** like:
BURGLARY • BAD ACCIDENT • ATTACK

NOT for
PLUMBER • ELECTRICIAN • BUILDER

****** THESE NUMBERS MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE - REMEMBER THEM ******
USE THEM PROPERLY!

EMERGENY • EMERGENCY • EMERGENCY • EMERGENCY • EMERGENCY • EMERGENCY

BENEFIT

ENQUIRY LINE

For people with disabilities

Jewish Deaf Association
90 Cazenove Road
London N16

Room 301
Red Rose House
Lancaster Road
Preston PR1 1HB
Tel. 0253 856123
Ext 66456

Date 13th February 1992

Dear Sir/Madam

It is with pleasure that I am able to inform you that the Benefit Enquiry Line (BEL) now has a new free-line number exclusively for minicom users.

In the past audio impaired callers have experienced difficulty in contacting BEL as they were unable to hear the automatic message on 0800 882200. This message advises customers to wait in a queue until an operator becomes available to take the call. Unfortunately as our audio-impaired callers were unable to receive this message, they were putting the phone down before reaching the Benefit Enquiry Line operator.

The new free-line number, 0800 243355, cannot guarantee an immediate reply, as all the operators may already be occupied. However, it will ensure that minicom callers will be given absolute priority over all other customers and their call will be taken immediately an operator becomes free.

I would appreciate it if you would pass this information on to all your members, contacts, or anyone you feel would benefit from this service.

I have enclosed some leaflets and posters explaining the services we are offering to all disabled people, or their representative. Should you require further copies of any literature, or more information about the service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your Faithfully

ma
Muriel Ashcroft
pp Shelagh Iwanowicz
MANAGER BEL.

WORLD ORGANISATION OF JEWISH DEAF

Congress at Paris

July 12th – 17th, 1992

LECTURE WILL START AT 4 PM SHARP FOLLOWING
FURTHER INFORMATION ON SUNDAY, 26TH APRIL 1992,
AT JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION, 90-92 CAZENOVE ROAD,
LONDON N16 6AB.

Everybody is welcome

Lecture:

- (i) Introduction by Steven Bloomfield
- (ii) Accommodation arrangements by Eva Fielding
- (iii) Programme details by Ivan Clements
- (iv) Any questions

PLEASE KINDLY BE AT JDA IN GOOD TIME AND YOUR
PRESENCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

Fourth World Convention of Jewish Deaf

July 12 – 17, 1992

Convention Organizers

The Association of French Deaf Jews

Convention Site

Centre RACHI

30 Boulevard du Port Royal

75005 Paris, FRANCE

Sunday, July 12, 1992

Welcoming

Meeting for WOJD Members

Cocktail party at the Paris Town Hall

Monday, July 13, 1992

Meeting and Discussions

Jewish Deaf Culture

Discussion Video Holocaust

Evening Activities

Tuesday, July 14, 1992

Parade of July 14th

Visit to the City of Paris*

Cruise on Boat

Wednesday, July 15, 1992

Meetings and Discussions

Cabal, Torah's symbolism

Judaism

Deaf Humor

JEWISH DEAF DRAMA GROUP (J.D.A.)

Thursday, July 16, 1992

General Assembly of the WOJD

Feast

Friday, July 17, 1992

Meeting of the members

Tour in the City of Paris*

Official Closing

Sabbath Dinner*

Saturday, July 18, 1992

Sabbath Lunch*

(* At Extra Charge)

All the payment are to be made in French francs:

EXCHANGE RATE £1 = 9.80 FF (APPROX).

After January 1, Fee will be raised to:.....1550 FF

Additional Fee per person:.....800 FF

Additional Costs:

Visit to the city of Paris180 FF

Sabbath Dinner100 FF

Tour in the city of Paris225 FF

Sabbath Lunch100 FF

All the POUNDS amounts are the average and may go up or down.

The best approach is to send French francs (FF).

Hotel CAMPANILLE

15 bis avenue d'Italie – 75013 Paris

Tel: 45.84.95.95 Metro: Place d'Italie

Hotel L'EQUINOXE

40 rue Le Brun – 75013 Paris

Tel: 43.37.56.56 Metro: Gobelins

Hotel SUNNY

48 boulevard du Port-Royal – 75005 Paris

Tel: 43.31.79.86 Metro: Gobelins

***Due to the French national holiday of Independence Day
on July 14th the hotels should be booked much earlier.***

***The participants are advised to call the hotels
for reservations and pay them separately.***

Send the Registration and Additional Fees to:

"A.S.J.F." Centre RACHI,

(Attention: Mrs. Maria Portnoi)

30 boulevard du Port-Royal

75005 Paris FRANCE