

# Jewish Deaf Association

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TO:

ALL OUR READERS,

MAY/JUNE



## MAY PROGRAMME

Sunday	3rd:	Israeli Independence Day Party See programme notes	6. 0
Wednesday	6th	Day Centre	
Sunday	10th	Bingo	6. 0
Monday	11th	Day Centre Special opening See programme notes	
Wednesday	13th	Day Centre	
Sunday	17th	Whist Drive	
Monday	18th	Day Centre	
Wednesday	20th	Outing to Westcliff-on-Sea See programme notes	
Sunday	24th	Social	6.0
Monday	25th	Closed for Bank Holiday	
Wednesday	27th	Day Centre	
Thursday	28th	G.L.D.S.C Annual General Meeting Observers welcome (ask Martin Bogard for details)	
Sunday	31st	Club closed. Rev. Plaskow's project at Woodside Park Synagogue at 3.p.m. Tickets available shortly. ****	

### Programme notes

Sunday May 3rd The Sports Committee are arranging a party in celebration of the 39th year of the Independence of the State of Israel. A reply slip is attached which please return to Myer Solomon or a committee member.

It is Bank Holiday Sunday so there should be no work or school next day and you will be able to rest after an evening of fun.

Monday May 11th is a BIG day as it sees the opening of the Monday Day Centre. Our Guest of Honour will be Mr. Sam Cohen, President of the Hackney Association for the Disabled, ex Mayor of Stoke Newington and Hackney. founder of the Sam & Annie Cohen Centre in Northwold Road. Our Chaplain, Rev Michael Plaskow will be present, as well as some new and old friends.

Lunch will be provided similar to our present Wednesday meeting and all Jewish deaf people are welcome to attend.

Wednesday May 20th Outing to Westcliff. Watch notice board for details.

## JUNE PROGRAMME

Monday	1st	Day Centre	
Wednesday	3rd	Closed SHAVUOT	
Thursday	4th	"	
Sunday	7th	Bingo	6. 0.
Monday	8th	Outing to Kingston Synagogue See programme notes	
Wednesday	10th	Day Centre. Talk by Mr George M Gee. J.P. (see programme notes)	
Sunday	14th	Video Film	6. 0.
Monday	15th	Day Centre	
Wednesday	17th	Outing to be arranged	
Sunday	21st	World Organisation of Jewish Deaf Meeting (all welcome)	6. 0.
Monday	22nd	Day Centre	
Wednesday	24th	Day Centre (activity to be arranged)	
Sunday	28th	Social (departure of group holiday to Cliftonville)	6. 0.

### Programme Notes

Monday 8th Outing to Kingston Synagogue. Once again we have been fortunate in being invited by the Kingston Synagogue Ladies Guild to lunch and tea. Much as we would like everybody to go we are only allowed to take a limited number so some members will be disappointed. We try to be very fair SO if you have never been let us know in the office and you may or may not be lucky.

Wednesday 10th: Talk by Mr. Geo.M. Gee. J.P. Apart from being President of the Jewish Deaf Association Mr Gee leads a very busy communal life. One of his tasks is that of a Magistrate and he will be talking about "A day in the life of a Magistrate" (Sign language interpreter will be present)

Sunday June 28th to Sunday July 5th. Mrs Tilly Goldberg has booked a week at Leigh House, Cliftonville Margate for a group holiday. If you are interested please contact Mrs Goldberg at the Club.

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FORTHCOMING EVENT Wednesday July 15th is the private view of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court and we now have some complimentary tickets. If you have never been it is well worth while **ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN**. Please apply to the office for tickets. It starts at 2.30pm

At the annual general meeting of the Central Committee held on March 1st 1987 the following were elected to office:

CHAIRMAN - MARTIN BOGARD

VICE-CHAIRMAN - LIONEL KATZ

HON-SECRETARY - JANE STRYKER

HON-TREASURER - MYER SOLOMON

COMMITTEE:

Re-Elected: MRS. DEBORA BRITTON, MISS CONNIE BLOOM, MRS ROSE ROSS  
MRS. IRENE TASH AND MR MYER HOLDER.

NEW MEMBERS: MISS AMANDA BRACKMAN, MISS DEBORAH CAPLAN,  
MRS. JESSIE JESSEL AND MR HARRY NEWMAN.

SPORTS SECTION LEADER: MARTIN BOGARD

W.I.G. HON-SECRETARY : IVAN CLEMENTS

BDA HON-SECRETARY : HARVEY CLEMENTS

New Hon. Life Members of the Jewish Deaf Association for their loyal and long service: MRS. ROSE ROSS, LIONEL KATZ, EMIL STRYKER AND MYER SOLOMON.

We hope the Committee will be successful in all their efforts and the members will give them as much support as possible. We congratulate the Hon. Life Members for being given this award for outstanding service to the Jewish Deaf Association.

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WOJD Brief - Report

Shalom to all Members.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: I had just got to know of an official date for an open meeting, to know to be held at the J.D.A. which is on 21st June, from the J.D.A./Central Committee. So please mark the date on your calendar or diary as a reminder. Everyone is welcome.

Also the WOJD Report is enclosed in this Newsletter, as promised that I will give it out to you all. Further information about WOJD; please see the notice-board, in the canteen.....under the title: "WOJD INFORMATION".

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Sid Maxwell

(Secretary-Delegate to WOJD)

Martin Bogard writes.....

First of all I will try not to mix articles about the Club's activities as Chairman of the Central Committee and Sports activities as Sports-Leader, but I only have one brain to allow me to write on one subject at a time - hence this article.

Being a newly elected Chairman I would like to thank those of you who voted for me at the last AGM which was held on 1st March when I took over Mr Sid Maxwell's Vacant "Hot" seat

There was a fairly reasonable attendance at the AGM. Now we have an increased number of committee members some old-some new.

My aim is to make sure that this Club is always successful and events well organised. Also to try to encourage our Jewish Deaf to come to the Club more often.

I know many Jewish people don't come to the Club regularly, but for the benefit of this wonderful Club, we would like to know what you really want us to do for you and the Club, to make everything as successful as possible.

So PLEASE either write a letter or just come along to the Committee members who will bring your details to the Meeting. That is what the Committee is for.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU AND TO TRY TO FULLFILL YOUR REQUEST.

We are trying to improve the Club's programme, and also trying to arrange them well in advance ie. to improve our system and to ensure the members are well informed of what is going on.

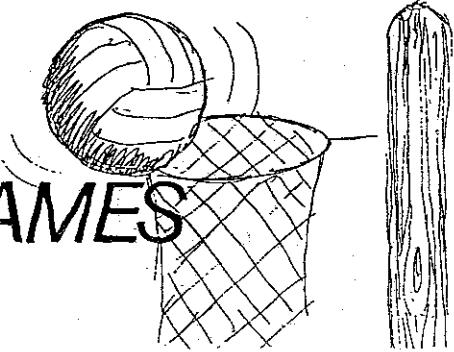
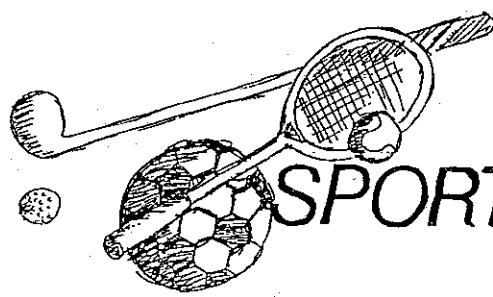
As you know we have our BDA Secretary, Mr Harvey Clements, if you have anything to write concerning the Jewish Deaf Association or any article or whatever happens in association with yourself or the Club, please distribute it to him for the British Deaf News.

Finally, I am saving some news for the Sports article, I wish you a "Very Happy Kosher Pesach"

Shalom

Martin Bogard Chairman of the  
C.C. Committee.

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## SPORTS and GAMES

HELLO members and friends, its me again. The winter season is nearly over now, that means we are going to swap sports from badminton to tennis soon. We've had a good badminton season. We were practising at Victoria Community Centre, Stamford Hill, three times with only one court, but we once were allowed to play at an Ilford School with three courts a few weeks ago for a final practise for the players before the B.D.S.C. inter-club tournament which was held in Hull at the end of March. Unfortunately, our mixed doubles team were drawn in the same group as the mighty Green Lanes, who were the eventual winners. We were sure if it was not for that unfortunate draw, we would have met them in the final instead.

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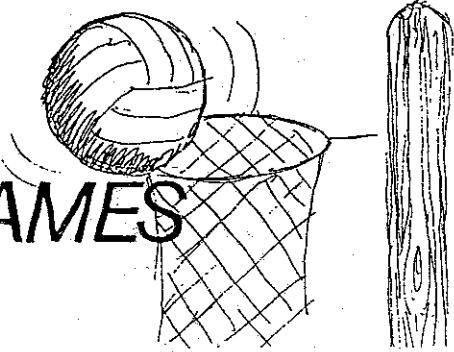
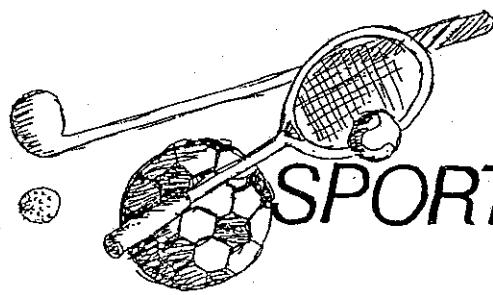
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Now as we are approaching the summer season, for those who are interested in playing tennis, the G.L.D.S.C. tennis section have a new system, which means all the G.L.D.S.C. affiliated clubs members are welcomed to play tennis at Bishops Park near Putney Bridge twice a week (one for coaching and one for playing). We are going to have a venue for the J.D.A. tennis club, assumed to be somewhere in North London. Naturally, we hope we will have a reasonable number of members coming along to have a game of tennis. For further details please contact either myself or Steven Bloomfield (J.D.A. Tennis Captain). I would like to form a J.D.A. tennis team for the G.L.D.S.C. competition to put the J.D.A. balk on the map again - why not!!!

We are going to arrange some sport day outings to Ten-Pin Bowling, Ice-skating and water-skiing sometime in the summer. I will inform the members who are interested i.e. for those who have answered the sports questionnaire which was attached in the last newsletter. But you are welcome to enquire from me or the sports section committee regarding the sports outings. If you are interested now please keep looking out for any details on the notice board at the club.

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M. BOGARD  
(SPORTS LEADER)

Sports Section Committee members are : Myself, H. Woolfe, I. Clements, M. Hart, Mrs. C. Daniels and S. Bloomfield.

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The J.D.A. will stage the G.L.D.S.C. badminton A.G.M. for the very first time on Thursday 28th May at 7.00p.m. It is open to all badminton members of the G.L.D.S.C.

## C.C. HON SECRETARY REPORT



Events in the past few weeks have been very good and most of the members really enjoyed the Variety Show during the Purim Party which was kindly provided by the Council of the JDA. We wish to express our thanks to them for donating the show which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The Grand Bingo went off very well and thanks are due to L. Katz and M. Solomon as well our new committee and volunteers who helped with the refreshments. We have now a very strong committee and extend to the new members a very warm welcome. They are J. Jessel, A. Brackman, D. Caplin and H. Newman. M. Solomon has returned to his favourite job counting all gains and losses.

With M. Bogard back in the chair we can look forward with confidence with a new team. Please note on a separate page the new officials and committee. Mrs. I. Tash has now been co-opted as Hon. Ass. Secretary.

We extend a very warm welcome to some new members and hope they will have a very happy time at the club.

There will be a very important event on May 31st, a big rally for the Jewish Deaf organised by our Chaplain Rev. M. Plaskow at the Woodside Park Synagogue. Please do not miss this great opportunity.

Watch out for further details of our programmes. There will be the Presentation of a Memorial Cup towards the end of July in honour of the late Jeffrey David.

The C.C. will be very pleased to receive any ideas and suggestions for programmes for the coming months ahead.

We extend best wishes to Caroline Edwards who was recently in hospital.

We wish you all a Happy Passover.

Best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely

MRS. J. STRYKER (HON. SECRETARY C.C.)

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We sent condolences to Ross Mansell on the sad passing of his father and Ross Sent the following letter:

Dear Friends

My family and I would like to thank you for your kind words and sympathy, received on the death of my Father.

Yours sincerely  
Ross Mansell

## A SATISFIED CUSTOMER WRITES.....

On February 25th 1987 all records were broken when the Wednesday Club was packed largely due to the Xmas and half term school holidays.

All those mums who brought their kids were very lucky because the JDA Chef provided on the same day a very excellent lunch, in fact one of the best we had for a long time and I am sure the kids appreciated the difference from the ordinary school meals.

At the same time I could not help feeling sorry for poor Issy Michaels who celebrated his 21st birthday, it is always customary to celebrate by treating all those present at the Wednesday club with sweets or chocs and poor Issy did not expect such a large crowd. Auntie Pat must have felt very relieved that Issy managed to cope giving out all the sweets. After the excellent lunch we went up to the Jimmy Cohen Hall to welcome Mr. Paul Bookbinder who for some years was working in the Ladies department, but later promoted to Public Relations Officer at Marks & Spencer. We were very pleased to listen via the fine interpreting of Jessie Jessel and the loop system the warm human story of the history of Marks and Spencer. We were very thrilled by the story of how a penniless Jew emigrated from Russia at the turn of the century and became a multi-millionaire by building up the famous Marks and Spencer chain at home and abroad.

The bosses did not forget those who helped them with their business in the early days especially a female clerk who was employed at Marks and Spencer Head Office, but later left. Many of the people at Head Office thought she had emigrated to Australia, so when later Marks and Spencer celebrated their centenary they remembered this clerk, but could not trace her. However some time after a phone call from a Manchester Hospital came to the Head Office of Marks and Spencer. They said that a very old lady has just come around after a big operation and kept muttering the name of Marks and Spencer. Mr Bookbinder went to the hospital and found it was the missing clerk. Marks and Spencer went into action, they bought a bungalow and furniture for the lady and provided her with a big pension. This was indeed a very warm human story and many of us are indeed very grateful to Auntie Pat, Auntie Tilly and Auntie Marie Madden for organising for all of us such a wonderful day.

P.S. Dear mums do not forget to bring your kids at the next school-break by that time it should be warmer in the garden.

From a satisfied customer.

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We send congratulations to Sasha Levy on the occasion of her engagement in America.

We very much regret passing of our member Len Godfrey after a long and distressing illness.



Michael Marks could not have dreamt how big or world famous his penny stall would become after he had arrived here from Slonim in the Russian Polish province of Grodno and unable to speak a word of English, but he made a very good friend in Isaac Dewhirst who helped him to set up in business with items from his wholesale warehouse. It could so very easily have been Marks and Dewhirst instead of Marks and Spencer. The names seem to go together perfectly.

Mr Paul Bookbinder who is a Public Relation man at Michael House Baker Street, talked to the Wednesday Club about how he realised in 1982 that 1984 would be the centenary of Marks and Spencer. He told Lord Sieff the present Chairman and grandson of Michael Marks who promptly gave him the job of researching the story from the beginning. A difficult job as there was very little information about the earliest years.

He looked up the archives, records, notebooks, documents, diaries, letters, he scoured the country for employees who had served in the stalls, markets and stores in bygone years.

One of the most interesting parts of the enthralling talk was the story of Esther Brown. A very seriously ill woman in the Manchester Jewish Hospital wanted to know why no one from Marks and Spencer had come to see her? The medical staff discovered that she was the very first assistant hired to work on a market stall. Before that she had been a mother's help in the Marks family, starting at the age of 14. She rose to be a manageress in Manchester until 1911 when she left to get married and emigrated Down Under. She returned home before the last war. The Company was told about her and she was given a pension and a flat. She lived for another seven years before dying at the age of 91. So her story had a happy ending.

Marks and Spencer have a very good welfare scheme. We were shown some enlarged photographs of the places and people in the story. The talk was only up to the deaths of both partners, Tom Spencer in 1905 and Michael Marks two years later at the unexpectedly early age of 48, but they laid the foundations of Marks and Spencers as we know it today.

WHAT A SUPER STORY.

Miriam Solomon

# HOW TO BE BEAUTIFUL!



*Photo's taken at the Wednesday Club in February 1987*



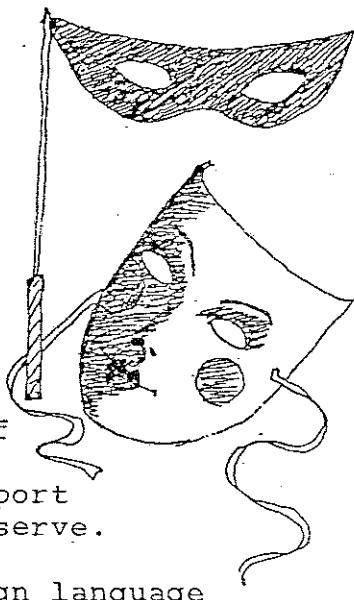
On 26th February, 26 of us had tickets to go to the Hackney Empire which has opened up again as a Music Hall, which was a Bingo Hall for quite a number of years.

Well we all had a very enjoyable time watching "Circus Senso", (A Rock 'N' Roll Circus). I myself would not mind seeing it again. It really was something different and the flying acrobatics and aerialism and also the juggling, such skills were breathtaking enough but it was the dazzling production which made the show so remarkable.

R.R.

### *PURIM PARTY*

We had such a big crowd at the Purim Party and we saw a lot of new faces. They were hearing people, some very young. This group was a B'rith youth group who we are pleased to say want to become involved with the deaf people and we saw them learning to sign. An older group from JYVS laid on some transport for our elderly members as well as helping serve.



We also had a visit from some of the JDA sign language class who wanted to try out on us.

I myself think it was one of the best parties we have ever had with the performers putting on a wonderful show. It was so funny when the 'fire eater' came on to do his act. All the smoke detectors were disturbed and alarms and flashing beacons were going off all over the place. We knew it was Purim and anything can happen. The puppet show and the man who did the drawings upside down were very good.

Our thanks go to the Council for giving us the show and all the helpers. The members said it was the best party ever.

ROSE ROSS.

IVAN CLEMENTS writes:

End of the season of the Greater London Deaf Sports Council of the winter indoor games, they will give us full results later. The JDA players of both sexes have played their matches through, but the other clubs had unfinished matches until end of April, due to their heavy arrangements.

This is my last brief report of the GLDSC WIG. I thank all the J.D.A. men and lady players for playing matches against home and away clubs. No doubt I feel that the J.D.A. club probably lost in the GLDSC WIG, but I do not know which club will be the winner.

The officials of the GLDSC WIG will be announced later and also the official results sheet will probably be printed in the next newsletter. The last match of the GLDSC WIG was held at the J.D.A. Club with the Green Lane players on Sunday 22nd March 1987. I was amazed that both sexes, J.D.A. and Green Lanes, had very close points. The J.D.A. ladies darts players claimed 6-6 points draw so the J.D.A. ladies players had improved than recent matches, but to my disappointment the Green Lanes men darts players have beaten the J.D.A. men 8-7 points. Hard luck for the J.D.A. men. The Green Lanes men darts captured the last point by the last double number being correct.

The snooker, draughts, dominoes and share  $\frac{1}{2}$ p results so far I do not know yet. The official results will be announced later.

The British Deaf Sports Council inter-club badminton championship was held at Hull, South Yorkshire on weekend (Saturday 28th March 1987).

The 12 badminton players went to Hull for the weekend and played matches against the B.D.S.C. badminton players who came from up and down the country. The 12 of us have beaten them a few times, but mostly they have beaten us. After the badminton match, we went to the Hull Deaf Club disco evening and presentation. The Manchester 12 players were awarded mendas and a trophy. Glasglow came second and Green Lanes came third. We returned to London very early Sunday morning.

IVAN  
WIG SECRETARY

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GOOD NEWS from Howard and Linda Woolfe who tells us that their son Tyron has passed his exams and will go to Burwood Park School in September...Well done Tyron!