

# Hear, Here!

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## A Fond Farewell to Cazenove Road

It was a day tinged with sadness, and full of memories, but also full of optimism and great hopes for the future, when the JDA finally said farewell to its Cazenove Road headquarters after 49 years.

Our photograph shows Mrs Pat Goldring (Executive Director) with Myer Solomon (founder member and a newly-appointed JDA Vice-President) and Reverend Michael Plaskow, holding the original dedication plaque for the building, which will eventually be re-sited in the JDA's new, purpose-built offices in North Finchley, due to open late this autumn.

See pages 2 and 3 for more news on how the new Centre is shaping up.



## Day Centre calls it a day!

The staff weren't the only ones who said their goodbyes to the grand old building in Stoke Newington - the Day Centre members gave it a right royal send-off with a celebration lunch.

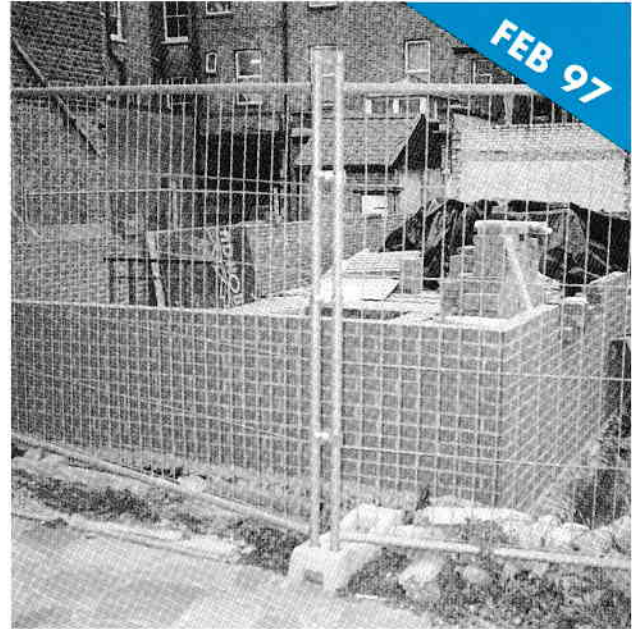
A few tears were shed, but it was generally a day for remembering the good times.

Whilst the new building is being completed, the Day Centre is continuing to meet at Muswell Hill synagogue hall.



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## Nearly Home!

From its earliest foundations to near-completion, the new Centre has been the biggest single project ever undertaken by the JDA. It will provide a purpose-built environment in which the JDA can advise, care for and educate deaf and hard of hearing people.

Due to open in late autumn, the new Centre is the culmination of years of planning and searching, and fifteen months of building. It also marks the fulfilment of a dream for the Board of Directors and especially Chairman, Mrs Evelyn Gee, whose late father, Julius Newman, originated the idea of a centre for deaf Jewish people, and after whom the building is named.

## Koleinu experiences the glory of Wembley



On Wednesday 28th June, a group of twelve eager fans achieved every footballer's dream by climbing the hallowed steps up to the Royal Box at Wembley Stadium, and holding aloft the F.A. Cup. The tour of the stadium was one of several summer outings for the Koleinu group, which also included Cadbury World and The Royal Tournament.

## You Can Help

You can make a real difference to the new Centre by helping us to provide much-needed equipment for education and leisure.

- For £2,500 the new Centre can purchase a multi-media computer system to train deaf people in IT
- For £1,500 we can install sports equipment
- For £600 we can buy the latest minicom telephone and fax

Every donation for these and the other items on our 'wish list' will be acknowledged on a permanent plaque within the Centre. For details, please contact the JDA office.



The building will house the new Resource Centre, which will allow deaf and hard of hearing people and their carers to see and try out the latest equipment designed to make their lives a little easier, including security systems and alarms, light activating doorbells, communications aids and a wide variety of other helpful innovations.

It will also provide facilities for a new Day Centre and Community Hall, as well as educational rooms in which lip-reading and signing classes can be held. A full range of recreational equipment is also planned, especially for younger members, including computers and a games room, complete with table tennis, a pool table and library area.

## JDA appoints four new Vice-Presidents at July council meeting

The JDA has announced the appointment of four new Vice-Presidents, in recognition of their years of support and dedication - and as another step towards increasing the involvement of deaf members in the development of the organisation.

Joining Mrs Tilly Goldberg as Vice-Presidents are: Mrs Renee Lauffer, a hearing volunteer who has extensive experience in teaching lip-reading to deaf people and whose late husband, David, was a Vice-President of the JDA; Mrs H el ene Samuels, who is deaf, daughter of the late founder of the JDA, Julius Newman, and sister of the current Chairman Mrs Evelyn



*Renee Lauffer*



*H el ene Samuels*



*Martin Bogard*



*Myer Solomon*

Gee; and two other outstanding deaf members, Martin Bogard and Myer Solomon.

Executive Director of the JDA, Mrs Pat Goldring says: "These appointments reflect the need to incorporate working Vice-Presidents on our Executive Committee. They will be helping us to plan the future of the JDA,

especially with regard to our new community centre in North Finchley which opens later this autumn. We have long felt that our deaf members and volunteers should play a greater part in the organisation, so that the facilities and services we provide are tailored to their particular needs."



## Martin strikes silver and bronze at World Games for the Deaf

JDA member (and new Vice President) Martin Bogard, has scooped two medals for badminton at the 18th World Games for the Deaf, held in Copenhagen in July.

Martin, who lives in Ilford and is a photocopier field engineer, won a silver medal in the team event and a bronze in the mixed doubles, narrowly missing a bronze in the men's doubles against stiff competition from a player who has full international status.

The badminton tournament was particularly competitive, featuring a total of 46 men and 28 women from sixteen different countries.

This is not the first time that 41-year-old Martin has brought home a clutch of medals from the Games, which he has attended four times in all. And he doesn't intend to rest on his laurels for long – he's now aiming to be the first deaf person selected for a place in the England veteran's team.

## Marathon Man does it again!

Robert Graham recovered well from a recent knee operation to run the London Marathon this April – raising around £5,500 for the Jewish Deaf Association.

Forty year-old Robert has now run six London Marathons for the JDA, raising a total of £35,500 for the organisation.

Robert trains nearly every day, running about six miles in his lunch hour and longer distances at weekends. From October onwards, he must start to build up his long-distant runs from around seven to fifteen miles, with a final long run of twenty miles a fortnight before the Marathon.

The London Marathon is held every April and Robert says he really enjoys the day because

of the thousands of people who turn out to cheer the runners on, handing out boiled sweets, soft drinks and bananas for energy!

He may not be up there with the front-runners, but he knows that every step he takes earns another few pounds for the JDA!



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