

The Jewish Deaf Association Anniversary Appeal

50 years on...



...and the need for your support is greater than ever.



Unique history - unique achievements



Including families and friends

Many hearing people use the facilities of the Jewish Deaf Association - either as the family members or carers of a person with a hearing loss, or to attend British Sign Language classes, which are run by qualified Deaf JDA tutors.



Creating access to celebrations of traditional Jewish festivals

Our religion is important to many people. It can be devastating to be excluded from this important part of one's life. The Jewish Deaf Association campaigns for hearing loop systems in synagogues, as well as organising special services using sign language. (Above - Purim celebrations)

Unique innovations

Educating the wider community

The JDA's outreach work offers deaf awareness sessions to hearing people in schools, colleges, synagogues, youth groups, voluntary organisations and businesses. Deaf people find it easier to fit into these communities when those around them have an understanding of their challenges, as well as their abilities.



Technological support and resources

Technology provides many solutions for deaf people - but choosing the right equipment can be daunting and mistakes can be very expensive. Our Resource and Technology centre enables people with a hearing loss to find out what is most suitable for them - by trying out equipment and receiving the very best professional advice.

The JDA - a place where ever

The Jewish Deaf Association - the only organisation meeting the unique needs of deaf and hard

Self help for tinnitus sufferers

At the Tinnitus self-help group, sufferers can meet to discuss the problems they encounter as a result of this widely experienced - but rarely discussed - problem. The group also acts as a channel for information about new medical advances and existing methods of dealing with the symptoms of Tinnitus.

"It was great to talk to people who understood my problems."

Advice and campaigning

The JDA offers all its members help and advice with issues such as welfare benefits, and gives practical help to those in need. We also campaign on behalf of our members to ensure they get the equality of opportunity they deserve.



Computer classes

The JDA's highly successful computer training sessions for Deaf people are run by a Deaf tutor, using sign language. Computer literacy can be invaluable to deaf people, enhancing job opportunities and increasing social contact.



Support from day one

The JDA not only caters for profoundly deaf people, but also provides services and programmes for the hard of hearing. Losing your hearing can be a devastating and terrifying experience. JDA courses on 'Managing Your Hearing Loss' make life easier for hard of hearing people and help them to realise that they are not alone.

"The course helped me to gain self confidence, learn lots of practical skills and showed me new ways to tackle my problems using my hearing aid. My gratitude goes to the excellent and very caring tutor, whose knowledge and determination to convey her experience on all aspects of the subject were really exceptional. I enjoyed every minute of the lessons."

Practice makes perfect

Practising sign language can sometimes be difficult if there is not a deaf person in the family. At the JDA Signing Social Club deaf and hearing worlds meet to give hearing people the opportunity to practise their sign language skills and learn more about the Deaf community.



everyone's equal
of hearing people in our Community.

Combating isolation

A relaxed atmosphere at the JDA's Community Centre in North Finchley gives deaf and hard of hearing people a place of their own. The isolation and exclusion created by deafness is alleviated by our regular programme of signed events, discussions, seminars and tours.



Unique opportunities



Internet café

The emergence of the Internet and e-mail has meant deaf and hard of hearing people have the chance to communicate freely and easily, not only with each other, but with hearing friends and people all over the world. Here at the JDA we're trying hard to raise funds for our own Internet café - a fantastic chance for all deaf and hard of hearing people to meet up in their own social lounge as well as 'on line' - to communicate, explore and join in with people all around the world, on equal terms.

Expanding computer literacy

We also need funds to update and maintain our website as a valuable communication tool for deaf people of all ages. Our signed computer lessons have proved amazingly popular - but we need funds to hold more classes and update manuals and equipment.



The need is greater than ever

More and more people need our services every day. As one in seven people in the UK suffers from deafness or some kind of hearing loss, it's inevitable that one day either you or someone in your family will come to us for help. We desperately need funds to keep up with the growing demand. We promise to be there for everybody who needs us.



Will you be here for us now, and support our 50th Anniversary appeal?

Fifty years of care, support and action

One in seven people in the UK suffers from a hearing loss of some kind. The Jewish Deaf Association (JDA) is the only organisation that specifically caters for the social and cultural needs of Jewish people who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as extending its services to the wider community.

Based at its Community Centre in North Finchley, the JDA is a small, totally independent national charity, offering support, information and a growing range of social, cultural and educational programmes for its members and people living or working with deaf and hard of hearing people.

Please support the Jewish Deaf Association's 50th Anniversary Appeal.

This year is our **50th Anniversary!** Half a century of serving deaf people in our Community has proved immensely valuable in improving so many lives - and it would never have been possible without the support of people like you.

But - there are more deaf and hard of hearing people in need of our services than ever before, so our need for funding is greater than ever.

And - we would love to provide further innovative and inspiring services made possible by technology - such as computer literacy courses, an Internet café and a lively website.

We can't do this without your support. The Jewish Deaf Association is a charity, and we rely entirely on donations to provide our services to deaf and hard of hearing people.

Please, make a donation to the Jewish Deaf Association's 50th Anniversary Appeal.

The deaf and hard of hearing people in our Community have nobody to turn to but the Jewish Deaf Association. The Jewish Deaf Association has nobody to turn to but you.



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