



**50th Anniversary
1951 - 2001**

Menu



28th October 2001

The Celebration of the Jewish Deaf Association's 50 year history.

The Jewish Deaf Association started in 1951 by the late Julius Newman, a father of a deaf daughter, Helene. Julius Newman felt that his daughter should be able to go somewhere where she could mix socially with other deaf Jewish people and was concerned that young Jewish deaf people after leaving school had nowhere to go to share their Jewish culture.

Hence he organised a fund raising committee and raised sufficient money to find premises on Cazenove Road in Stoke Newington in a quiet Jewish suburb. Here the Jewish Deaf Association was born at 90-92 Cazenove Road where two Victorian houses were renovated into one building. Julius Newman's other daughter, Evelyn Gee became our Chairman of the JDA.

In those days when there were no subtitles on TV or textphones, many Jewish deaf people lived in the East End of London and came to the JDA where there was plenty to do including lots of parties to celebrate the Jewish festivals. It gave members opportunity to meet socially and take part in many activities organised by a committee formed by deaf people themselves.

Fifty years on, times have changed with the onset of new technology and more Jewish Deaf people moved away, mostly to other northern suburbs of London. The JDA saw fit to look around for alternative premises and was able to raise enough money to buy the land and build an all purpose centre, incorporating a new technology room, dining hall, meeting rooms, new offices, and lastly a brand new Internet Café, all for the benefit of Jewish deaf and hard of hearing people of all ages.

The JDA finally moved to the new centre in North Finchley in February 1998. Our celebration of JDA's 50th anniversary gives us an opportunity to look back with pride on our long history of achievements. The JDA is now going through an exciting period with many new changes - a new Director, expanding number of deaf and hearing staff, sign language and computer courses, new initiatives and projects. The JDA is now busier with more activities and outings than ever before.

MENU

Reception canapés

Hot dogs

Fried chicken

Meat balls on rice

Poached salmon

Stuffed peppers

Fried rice / latkas

Salads :-

Avocado & citrus fruit

Coleslaw

Sweet and sour cucumber

Israeli salad

Couscous and peppers

Ice cream gateaux

Apricot and frangipane flan

Fruit salad

Anniversary Cake

Wine / beer / soft drinks

