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JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION

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Deaf actress Elizabeth Quinn, star of "children of a Lesser God" with deaf members of the Jewish Deaf Association

JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On the following pages you will read about our recent achievements...., and our hopes for the future. You will then, I am sure, understand why we are appealing to you to support us in this necessary and essential work.

Deafness is recognised as being the most misunderstood of all disabilities. People suffering this handicap have a constant battle because of communication difficulties.

The JDA runs the only Centre for Jewish Deaf people in Britain and we feel strongly that it is our responsibility to help those in our community who are profoundly deaf.

Unlike other handicaps, deafness is not visible — hence too few people are aware of the isolation and loneliness that deaf people experience, but with today's modern technology to help us, we are doing our best to encourage our members to lead a more satisfactory life.

As you will see we have made great strides during the past few years and we have an ambitious programme ahead.

We are NOT grant-aided and without your help and support we cannot carry on our vital work.

Evelyn Gee



The Jewish Deaf Association sponsored the first World Conference of Jewish Deaf to be held in London. The picture shows Sign language interpreters from Israel, the United Kingdom and the United States of America in the different languages to a mainly deaf audience.



"The audience"

EDUCATION

In 1984 the JDA sponsored the first ever conference of 'World Organisation of Jewish Deaf' to be held in the United Kingdom.

People came to London from all over the world to hear the eminent speakers and scientists. Sign-Language interpreters from Israel, the U.S.A., France and England were on hand to interpret to those of the audience who were deaf.

The conference, spread over four days, included a full programme of social events and was declared an outstanding success.

The recent introduction of 'Sign Language Courses' at our club are attracting Community Workers from all walks of life. The Social Workers, Police Officers, Voluntary Workers etc, who take part readily admit to feeling more relaxed when coming into contact with hearing-impaired people. The deaf themselves welcome and are proud that more people are learning "their" language.

TECHNOLOGY

A 'Loop Induction System' has been installed in our club allowing those able to wear a hearing-aid to pick up with clarity the voice of a speaker or musician. This has proved so successful that we would like to see this facility made available in all public places especially those with Jewish interest.

A most exciting technological advancement is the 'TELEPHONE FOR THE DEAF'. This takes the form of a special Visual Display Unit system which enables profoundly deaf people to learn to use an instrument which previously played no part in their lives.

We are eager to introduce this new "LIFE-LINE" into every deaf person's home. There is no doubt that this direct contact will alleviate some of the isolation and loneliness experienced by deaf people.

APPRECIATIONS

The Council of the Jewish Deaf Association is deeply grateful to the various committees and small band of voluntary helpers for their dedication and loyalty.

WE COULD NOT EXIST without the many friends who help us financially, especially our regular donors and subscribers.

We appreciate the support of the various Ladies' Guilds and Charitable Trusts.

We extend our grateful thanks to the following for the special interest they show in our Association:-

Our Patrons.

Welfare Committee of the United Synagogue

The League of Jewish Women

The Kingston and Surbiton Synagogue Ladies Guild for their hospitality

The London Borough of Hackney for the services they provide
Manpower Services Commission

Royal National Institute for the Deaf

The Secretary of the Royal Tournament for donating tickets.

The professional gentlemen who presented papers at our
'World Conference of Jewish Deaf'

Our local Home-Beat Police Officers

This report would not be complete without a special thanks to the staff of the JDA and Mrs Pat Goldring, our Executive Secretary, whose flair and sympathetic understanding of the members has proved of enormous value to the work of the Association.

