

# JDA CELEBRATION DINNER PARTY

A wonderful Dinner Party to thank all JDA member volunteers over the past 63 years

## Celebration of JDA

Sunday 14 December 2014

Welcome Speech  
By  
Brinthan Nanthabalan

Activities  
By  
David Jackson

Sports  
By  
Barry David

17 years as Chair of JDA  
By  
Martin Bogard

## Life Members

Ann Hart  
&  
Miriam Solomon

## A WARM WELCOME FROM BRINTHAN NANTHABALAN



Our party host Brinthan made a lively speech to start the party with big smiles!

Hello everybody! Lovely to see you all here, looking so nice!

I am JDA's Deaf Community Officer. I have only worked here for seven months - and I feel I have been sucked in and become a part of your world!

This party is to **thank everyone** who has contributed to JDA over all these years - and **especially our volunteers**.

To be honest, this event came about because we wanted to thank individual members for giving their time and doing so much for JDA. ➤



▲ Anthony and Irene Spielsinger, Alan and Colleen Daniels, Ann Hart, Martin Binysh, Barry David and Anne Senchal - all JDA members and



▲ Cheery celebration spirit shown by David Hirshman, Dan Langholtz, Neil Kaufman, Hava Fielding-Jackson, David Jackson, Helen Schreibman-Smith,



▲ Getting in the party swing - Kay Kaufman, Mike Brine, Eva and Ross Mansell, Martin Bogard,

For example, we wanted to thank the Grand Bingo and Sunday volunteers who made sandwiches for many years. So right here, right now, I say thank you to all those incredible hard-working volunteers for JDA.

BUT, when we looked at it, we realised it is impossible to thank everyone individually! There have been so many volunteers, we can't single them all out.

EVERYBODY has contributed! That is the wonderful thing about JDA - for decades, everybody has worked hard volunteering in many different ways. So, today is to **thank everybody** ... a celebration of all your collective work that came together for one cause - the Jewish Deaf Association.

I wanted to make the opening speech because I have a lot to tell you about my feelings for JDA. I was an outsider who came in and saw JDA for what it is - a fantastic organisation doing so much for Deaf people. And, as you all know, it is not only the Jewish community that JDA serves - nowadays Deaf people of all ages and faiths come knocking on JDA's door, which is a wonderful thing.

I started as a volunteer two years ago for BSL Tuesdays, and on Wednesdays I helped in the kitchen serving food. I saw with my own eyes JDA's great work. ➤

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▲ Moty Allshever, Anna Revivo, Clarisse Allshever, Eli Revivo and Richard Weinbaum.

◀ Party guests help themselves to the delicious buffet dinner.

Now I am part of JDA's staff team. In the three years since I first stepped inside JDA, I've seen many positive changes - I've seen more and more mainstream Deaf people come in, I've seen many more younger Deaf faces. This proves how successful JDA has been and shows how it is opening up to the Deaf community as a whole. So well done JDA!

It was my idea to have a memorabilia display at this event. I love football and I am deeply involved with Deaf sport. When I looked through JDA's history vault, I could not believe what I stumbled upon. **There was a JDA football shirt!** My jaw dropped! Never in all my years in Deaf football had I known about a JDA football team.




JDA has a very rich history which I feel has not been widely appreciated, inside and outside JDA. This is why I displayed JDA's memorabilia and pictures for you all to be proud of your own club.

JDA started as a simple Jewish Deaf Club. Over 63 years it has become a respected charity supporting Deaf and Deafblind people of all ages and

all faiths with every aspect of their lives. I am truly honoured to be part of this organisation.

By the time you read this, I will have gone off travelling for a while. Well, let me tell you - I'll be back! **Meanwhile, enjoy yourselves and be very proud of your club!**



You are invited to a Buffet Dinner Party to celebrate the many ways in which Deaf members have contributed to JDA during its 63 years.

In 2014, when JDA is opening up to all the Deaf community, we are inviting guests from other Deaf clubs to join us in celebrating JDA's history and new beginnings.

The evening will include:

- Reception
- Buffet Dinner
- Entertainment - close up magician

Historic JDA memorabilia - including old committee archives, trophies, photos and magazines

Invite your friends and family - everyone is welcome, all ages, all faiths.

Dress up, enjoy delicious buffet and wines ... Join us for an evening to remember!

Tickets £15 per person Under 12 - £10

At JDA members' request, dinner will be a meat buffet catered by the popular Jackie Ash Kasher Caterers (catered R5JDC reunion in 2011). Hermolt Supervised Kosher meal available on request.



▲ David Solomon, Lottie Holder, Albina David, Miriam Solomon, Marie Littman and Helen Eisen.



▲ Albert Kelberman, Joan Weinberg, David Stellman, Ruth and Harold Fallman, Maureen Winterflood, Leslie Masters and Maria Roodenburgh.



▲ Exhibition of memorabilia - celebrating JDA's rich sporting history in photographs, trophies, clothing

# JDA CELEBRATION DINNER - ANN HART LIFE MEMBER AWARD



Ann Hart accepts the surprise honour of JDA Life Membership, from Sue Cipin. The crowd cheers as Ann is thanked for years of hard work for JDA.

JDA Life Members Ann Hart and Miriam Solomon toast JDA's future!



Raji with her communicator/guide Shana Grummitt, Janet Coombs (JDA Support Services Manager), Rachel Holder supported by Anne Grummitt,



Herbert Klein, Derek Handel, Sarah Howard,



Sue Cipin, Marie Littman, Helen Eisen and Danielle Jacobs enjoy the party.



## Martin Bogard 'Our wonderful JDA'

Hello all, I am honoured to be asked to explain about my involvement with JDA since I first set foot in Cazenove Road when I was just 17 years old.

My dear friend Jeffrey David took me there with his son Barry. When he showed me round the building, I fell in love with it immediately, because I have always loved to play various indoor games with other members.

A few years later I became a member of the General Purpose Committee before being elected Chairman. In 1986 I re-joined the committee as sports leader and we arranged many sporting events at JDA and away.

Then I became Chairman of the Central Committee, which continued for 17 years before I stepped down.

After that, I still came to JDA to run computer classes, because I have always felt it is important for members to be able to use computers for their communication.

During my years as Chairman, I was fortunate to be involved in the process of moving from Cazenove Road to Woodside Park. I was involved in building plans and architect meetings from the start to completion when we officially celebrated the Grand Opening in 1998.

I was very fortunate to have excellent support from the members who voluntarily organised lots of things including:

- Quarterly magazine
- Regular events to entertain members
- British Jewish Deaf Sports Association (BJDSO) on Men's football, Ladies' basketball and table tennis international matches in Israel in 1991
- 345 Group trip to the Black Forest.

During my youth at JDA in Cazenove Road I played a card game called Solo every Thursday evening, smoking cigars through the games. I enjoyed watching some members blaming each other for their errors after their card games.

I have witnessed huge changes since I joined JDA as a 17 year old boy. JDA is now a structured organisation. Now we have a professional community centre providing several services unlike those years ago. Back then we used JDA just as a Deaf Club to entertain our members every week. Many members volunteered every Sunday, organising card games, bingo, outings, parties.

I am sad to have lost many wonderful friends over the years, but they will always be in my memory.

I have made so many friends among the members for many years since I first joined our wonderful JDA.

May JDA continue for many years to come!

# JDA CELEBRATION DINNER - LOOKING BACK AT SPECIAL YEARS



## David Jackson '1990-2002 Activities'

My wife Hava and I have been JDA members for many years. We remember 1990 to 2002 as very momentous years for JDA.

The idea for **The Jewish Deaf Drama Group** began in 1990 after the Drama competitions during BDA's 100th Centenary Congress in Brighton. We had many young Deaf JDA members who enjoyed acting so we set up the Jewish Deaf Drama Group in 1991.

I needed a story to form a play and came up with **'The Greatest Story Ever Signed'** about two Deaf researchers from the University of New York. They felt there were more than 10 Commandments. After a long search, they find a broken piece of Moses' tablet which shows two more commandments. The 11<sup>th</sup> commandment says "Thou shalt respect all cultures" and the 12<sup>th</sup> says "Thou shalt respect all languages, whether spoken or signed!"

JDA donated money to help with props, etc. Ramon Woolfe and I did the scenery. Hava worked as a BBC 'See Hear' researcher so she arranged to take away a tree that would form the Tree of Knowledge. The cast was finalised and the programme developed - first, selling out at the Rudolf Steiner Theatre, London, then to Paris for the French Jewish Deaf Congress. Finally, the drama competition at the BDA Congress in Blackpool. With more experience and confidence, we came second. Fifi Garfield won Best Actress award.

After the play, Hava and I started work for the **1995 WOJD Congress**, meeting people in different countries to promote the Congress and make sure it would have a very international group of Jewish Deaf participants.

We raised funds from Jewish charities to help cover expenses for Deaf Jewish East Europeans who could not afford all the expenses. An organising team of JDA members was set up, and we met regularly to arrange everything. We booked the Bonnington Hotel, Holborn. We had over 200 participants from 15 countries.

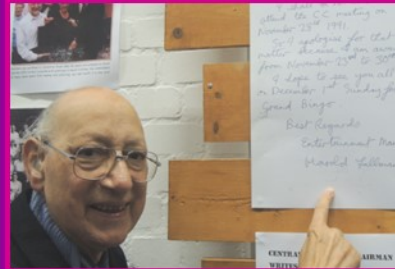
The programme involved speeches, workshops, exhibitions and outings, ending with a lavish banquet. The **Jewish Deaf Circle** invited everyone to its evening involving Israeli dancers. It was a week to remember.

**See Hear** then started a Quiz Competition. Deaf clubs from all over the UK took part. JDA entered with Mira Goldberg, Ilan Dwek and me as captain. The final was JDA versus Romford Deaf Club. **JDA was the first Deaf Club to win the trophy.** We continued to win and after three years, See Hear stopped the competition because the same club had won three years in a row!

Those years from 1990 to 2002 were momentous for JDA—



◀ JDA memorabilia exhibition, put together by Brinthan Nanthabalan.



◀ Harold Fallman has found a special letter ... from himself!



◀ Lottie Holder enjoys remembering past JDA events with old friends.



◀ Leslie Masters finds his photo and shows all the ladies what a handsome young man he was. (We think he still is!)



◀ JDA staff Janet Coombs, Lisa Mansur, Melody Moss, Danielle Jacobs, Janine Greensite

## Thank you for your compliments!

### Irene and Anthony Spielsinger:

*'Wonderful event! Food truly sumptuous and displays and table decorations outstanding.'*

### Neil Kaufman:

*'Wonderful buffet dinner party! Pleasure to meet all my old friends. Delicious food. Posters, photos, displays and speeches made an interesting evening.'*

### Colleen and Alan Daniels:

*'Congratulations ... a great success! Everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks again for a lovely evening.'*

### Helen Schreiber-Smith:

*'Absolutely fantastic ... great turnout ... catering best ever. Thank you Sue and all the staff who worked hard to make the*

# JDA CELEBRATION DINNER - OUR JDA SPORTING GREATS



## Barry David Roll-call of Jewish Deaf Sports Honours

Here are some examples  
of Jewish Deaf players  
in our sports history.  
Sorry if I missed out any names!

### World Deaf Games / Deaflympics GB: Seven Jewish players

**David Stellman:** London 1935  
Reserves for Austria swimming

**Jane Stryker:** Brussels 1953 - Tennis  
Doubles **GOLD** - partner Diana (Berman) Mountcastle  
Mixed Doubles **SILVER** and Singles 5th.

**Diana Mountcastle (Berman)** Brussels 1953.  
Tennis Doubles **GOLD** partner Jane Stryker.

**Jack Hart:** Milan 1957 - Road cycling. Did not attend.

**Leon Hasseck:**  
Stockholm 1939, Milan 1957, Washington DC 1965.  
Tennis Men's Doubles **GOLD** partner John (Paddy)  
Corcoran (Green Star) - Milan 1957.

**Neil Kaufman:** Belgrade 1969 - Football

**Martin Bogard: 8 medals**  
Men's Doubles **GOLD** partner Rodney Fletcher LA 1985.  
Singles **SILVER** LA 1985.  
Mixed Doubles **TWO SILVER** LA 1985, Christchurch 1989  
Team **SILVER** Copenhagen 1997.  
Mixed Doubles **TWO BRONZE** Christchurch 1989,  
Copenhagen 1997.  
Men's Doubles **BRONZE** Sofia 1993.

**Malka Bogard:** Los Angeles 1985, Christchurch 1989,  
Sofia 1993 (Israel)  
Mixed Doubles **BRONZE** Christchurch 1989

**Sharon Hirshman:** Sofia 1993, Melbourne 2005  
Basketball Sofia 1993  
Football GB Women **BRONZE** Melbourne 2005

**Mordechai Alsheever**  
Sofia 1993, Copenhagen 1997, Rome 2001.  
**BRONZE** for Israel Sofia 1993

### Badminton

**Martin Bogard:** European, BDSC, Inter-Club  
Other players: **Malka Bogard, Johnathan Oster,  
Steve Fireman, others.**

### Chess

**David Townsend, Albert Kelberman, Myer Holder, Barry David, Howard Woolfe, Ilan Dwek, Tony Nabarro.**  
Great Britain: **Myer Holder.** London 1958  
England Team: **Barry David, Howard Woolfe, Ilan Dwek**

### Football

1950s: Jewish Team - **Maurice Lawrence, Jack Hart, Albert Kelberman, Harold Fallman**  
1991: British Jewish Deaf Sport Organisation Team  
Organiser: **Simeon Hart** Manager: **Jack Hart**

1980s: 5-a-Side FLDC Runner Up. Lost to Lewisham 0-2.  
**Simeon Hart, Barry David, Mark Hart, Tony Nabarro.** Qualified at Bradford British 5-a-Side Quarter Final.

### Snooker and Billiards

**Jeffrey David, Albert Kelberman, Barry David, David Silverman, Alan Lazarus, Jack Schwartz, David Jessel.**  
**Jeffrey David** won many times for JDA and FLDC.

### Tennis

**Jane Stryker, Leon Hasseck, Martin Bogard, Steven Bloomfield.** Inter-Club, Team, etc...

### Table Tennis

**Amy Weinstein, Leslie Masters, Jane Stryker, Barry David, Martin Bogard.**  
Israel 1991. Israel visited England at Caznove Road 1990.

**Golf** **Steven Bloomfield, Simeon Hart** - Inter Club

### Basketball

Israel 1991 **Sharon Hirshman, Fiona Garfield and others**

**Bowling** Israel 1991

**Darts** **Jack Schwarz**

### Organisers in Sport

**Martin Bogard:** Technical Director World Deaf Badminton

**Simeon Hart:** President World Golf Federation 2014-2018

**Barry David:** Chairman English Deaf Chess Association  
London Deaf Veteran Football

**Ilan Dwek:** Secretary and Treasurer  
English Deaf Chess Association

**Richard Weinstein:** Deaf Sports Personality of the Year

**Marcel Hirshman:** Chairman English Deaf Rugby

### Past

**Sharon Hirshman:**  
Manager Great Britain Women's Football

**Steven Bloomfield:** Tennis

JDA thanks Barry David for creating this Honours List.  
Please contact Barry if you have any more information.