

JDA 'Alleviating Isolation' Fundraising Dinner in memory of past JDA presidents Evelyn & George Gee and sponsored by their family

On Sunday 3 November 2014, JDA welcomed 200 guests to the beautiful Middle Temple Hall. for our latest fundraising Dinner which raised a superb £100,000 towards JDA Support Services.

The theme of the Dinner and the focus of the film shown was alleviating the isolation experienced by deaf people.

Giving thanks to the Hear!Hear! Committee, Men's Fundraising Committee, supporters and sponsors, JDA Executive Director Sue Cipin said: "As our film makes clear, everyone has a basic human right to be safe, well and connected with other people. The funds raised by this event will ensure that JDA can continue to be there to help deaf people cope with whatever challenges life brings."



▲ John Simpson entertained guests with stories about his experiences reporting from more than 100 countries and 30 war zones.

While reporting on the 2003 Iraq war, he was injured in a friendly fire incident which left him deaf in one ear.



◀ Sue Cipin (left) with JDA Chairman Trudy Kling and guest entertainers French opera singer David Serero (left) and BBC World Affairs editor John Simpson, who spoke about reporting from some of the world's most dangerous places.



To see the JDA's promotional film 'Alleviating Isolation' again - and share it with friends - please go to YouTube and type in Jewish Deaf Alleviating Isolation or follow the link:
<http://youtu.be/6cljMNeNYys>

David Serero visits Day Centre to meet and greet JDA members



▲ David Serero paid JDA Day Centre members a special visit before the Dinner. David was deaf until the age of 11 and, recognising JDA's vital work, he is now a JDA Ambassador.



▲ Michael Corney (Deafblind) feels David sing via chest vibrations.



▲ David entertained JDA members by singing Fiddler on the Roof's "If I were a rich man", interpreted by Sue Cipin.

BBC World Affairs Editor and French Opera Singer David Sereo entertained guests with wonderful stories and songs



▲ French opera singer David Serero flew in from Moscow to perform at the Dinner. Here he is singing to Anne Senchal (not shown) with Ann Hart, Mary Perry, Colleen Daniels and Martin Binysh.



▲ Left to right: JDA Trustee Mira Goldberg, JDA Community Centre Manager Ann Clements and members Anne Senchal and Ann Hart.



▲ JDA Hear!Hear! Fundraising Committee who organised the JDA's most successful Dinner. Left to right: Carmen Hakham, Trudy Kling, Sharon Graham, Rochelle Lewis (Chair), Talya Tibber, Vivienne Prevezer, Caroline Janner and Barbara Gee.



▲ After Dinner, David Serero led the assembled guests in a rousing sing-song that had everyone on their feet dancing!



▲ Left to right: JDA guests Michael Corney, Richard King, Harold and Madeleine Woolf, Colleen and Alan Daniels, Ann Hart and Mary Perry.



▲ Having a great time at the Dinner - Left to right: JDA Support team - Janine Greensite, Danielle Jacobs, Lisa Mansur and Janet Coombs with JDA members Helen Eisen and Marie Littman.