

TRIBUTE: Remembering Myer Solomon



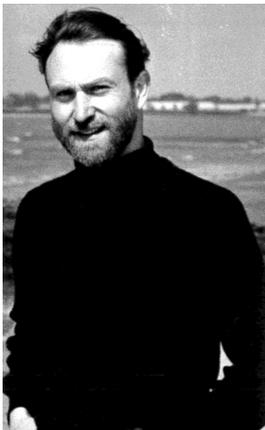
Miriam Solomon pays tribute to her beloved brother, Myer, who passed away on 11 September 2013

My beloved brother Myer passed away two days after his 84th birthday. In his life, he gave his all to JDA for over 50 years until he retired.

He was honoured to be elected as a JDA Vice President and Life Member and he was awarded the Outstanding Service Award in appreciation of his 50 years of loyal service to the JDA Central Committee.

He was showered with many awards. A beautiful fountain pen was inscribed 'Solomon The Scribe', This was very appropriate as he wrote a number of articles for the JDA magazine, before and after JDA upped sticks to its present community centre.

Pat Goldring, when she was our Executive Director, had a very tiny staff and called Myer her 'shining knight'. Over the years, he gave her invaluable help, particularly with the hand-cranked Gestetner printing machine, used to produce the members' magazine - known in those days as a newsletter!



▲ 1961 at Walton-on-the-Naze

When Myer was 13 years old, he spotted a second-hand camera in a shop window and bought it for 15 shillings (75p). He was entirely self-taught and developed into a very talented photographer with a life-long passion.

Our parents, my sister Josephine and I, were always very proud of his achievements.

Sue Cipin, JDA Executive Director says:

Together, we accompanied our lifelong friend Myer to his final resting place.

- Myer, the photographer
- Myer, the wise, interesting, intelligent man
- Myer, who you could always turn to for help, for whom nothing was too much trouble
- Myer, with the twinkle in his eye, whose warmth sparkled like sunshine through his smile.



▲ Celebrating Myer's 80th birthday at JDA

It was our enormous privilege to know Myer. He was a pillar of the Jewish Deaf community and he will live on in our memories and in our hearts. We will always remember him with love.

➤ Myer in 1987 at JDA in Stamford Hill, with former Executive Director Pat Goldring and Rev Michael Plaskow MBE.



➤ 2011, sharing a joke with Chief Rabbi, Lord Jonathan Sacks

