



# Passover at the Jewish Deaf Association

This year Passover was celebrated again, but this time delivered by Eva Fielding-Jackson.

Brenner House in Stamford Hill held almost 100 people for dinner. Not only Jewish people but also people like Father Cyril Axelrod, Father Paul Fletcher, who both wanted to experience what the 'Last Supper' was like. Agnes Dyab and her dad were there for the first time, they both enjoyed the event very much. Thomas Pilkington sadly died peacefully in his sleep the morning after. For him this was the Last Supper too.

The service was fully accessible, delivered in BSL, while Peter Abraham provided a voice over. Palantypist transcription was also available for the hard of hearing.

The whole story of the Passover was told via a PowerPoint presentation which also included a short film that told the story of Exodus - leaving Egypt from slavery to freedom.

Many members of the JDA took part in reciting the various prayers. Givona and Chantelle sang the Ma Nishtana (the 4 questions as to why this night is different from all other nights). They are both deaf, yet they sang it with such sweet voices. Rev. Avromi Freilich's four children, who are hearing, signed the Ma Nishtana. It was a truly inclusive event.

After Eva delivered the service, the 4 courses of Passover meal were served, delicious as ever.

After the meal, members were able to ask Avromi various questions about Passover. There were so many questions and not enough time to answer them all. It was a very popular session.

Georges Lehrer from Belgium has written his own view of the phrase "Next Year in Jerusalem".

There was still enough time for the song Ehad Mi Yodea (Who knows one) where all the people in their tables took part and had to stand up with their poster with their number raised

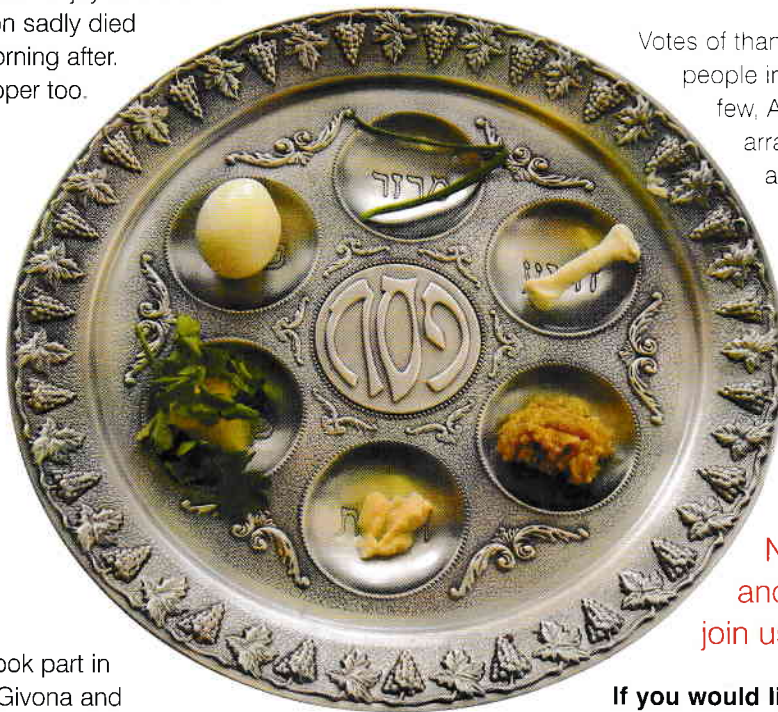
every time when their number was sang. A funny and popular song.

At the end of the service we had a raffle where first prize was a holiday for two in Eilat. Lucky winners, *(not me!)*

Votes of thanks were given to all the people involved, and to mention a few, Ann Clements who practically arranged the whole Seder meal and venue and coordinated all the parts together, and her children, Daniel and Rebecca, who helped as they did last year, the kitchen staff, the support staff and of course, the presenters.

Another successful Seder for the JDA.

**Next year in Jerusalem and if not... come and join us at the JDA.**



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