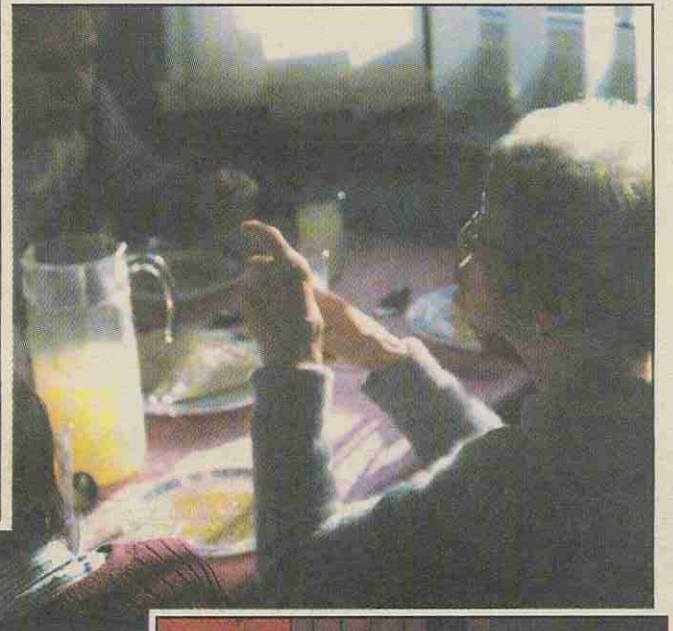
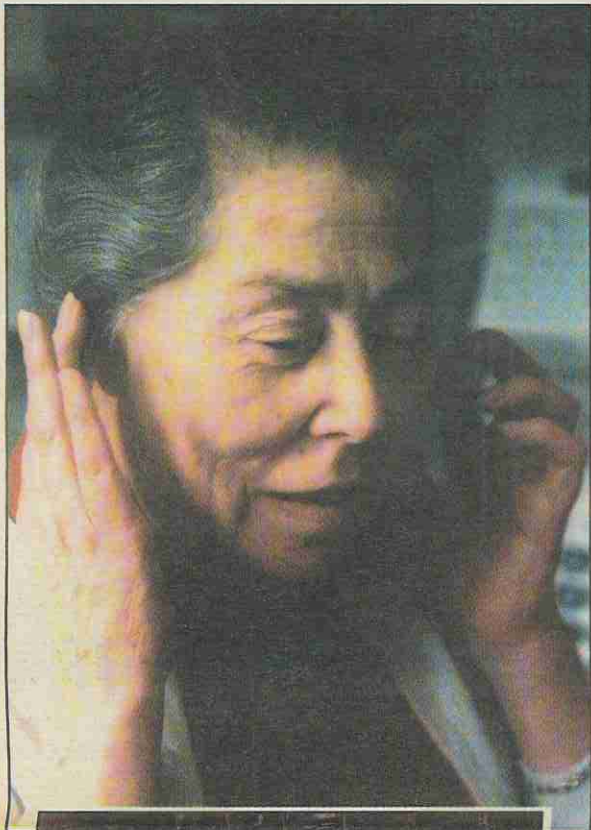


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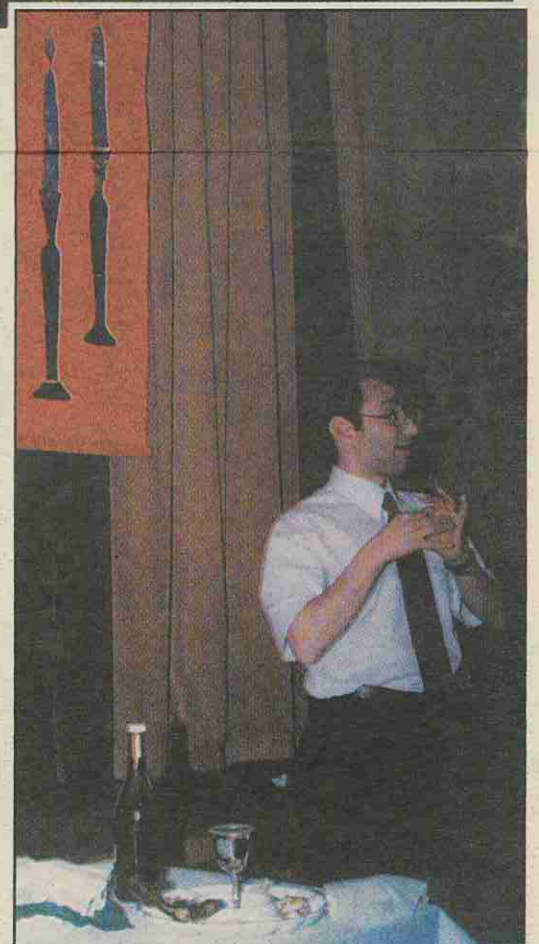
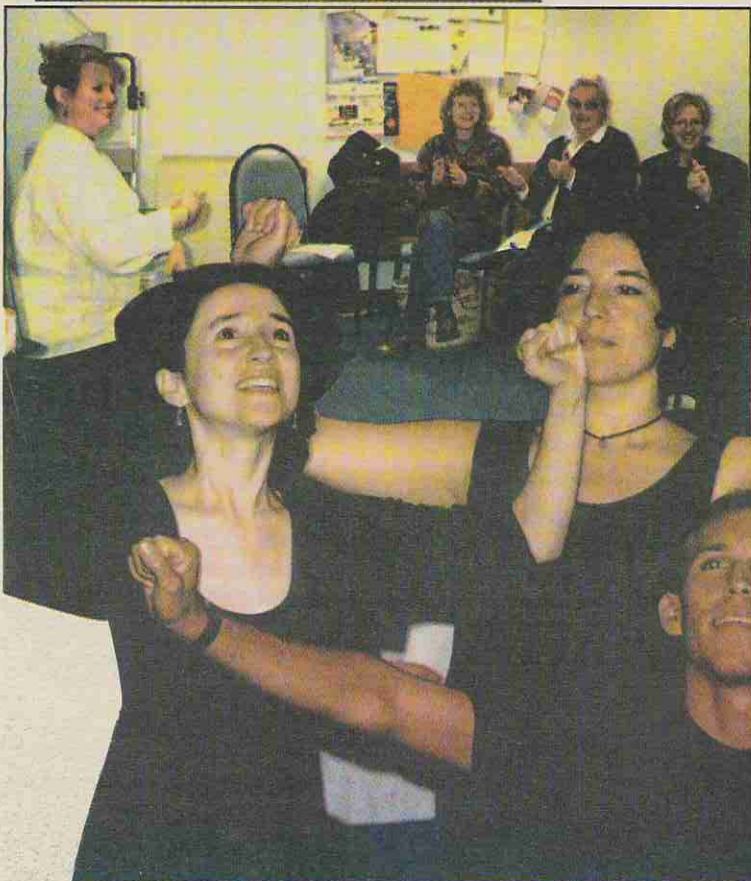


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An estimated one in seven people in this country has some kind of hearing loss. That means thousands of Jewish people could be affected - and we're not just talking about elderly people losing their hearing in old age. There are still a significant number of babies born profoundly deaf, as well as children and adults who lose their hearing after severe ear infections or because of genetic conditions.

The Jewish Deaf Association is a totally independent organisation, offering advice, support, counselling and information, together with social, cultural and educational programmes for Jewish deaf, hearing and hard of hearing people of all ages.

Look inside to see how much the JDA has already achieved - and how it's working hard on new projects to take provision for deaf and hard of hearing people into the 21st century.



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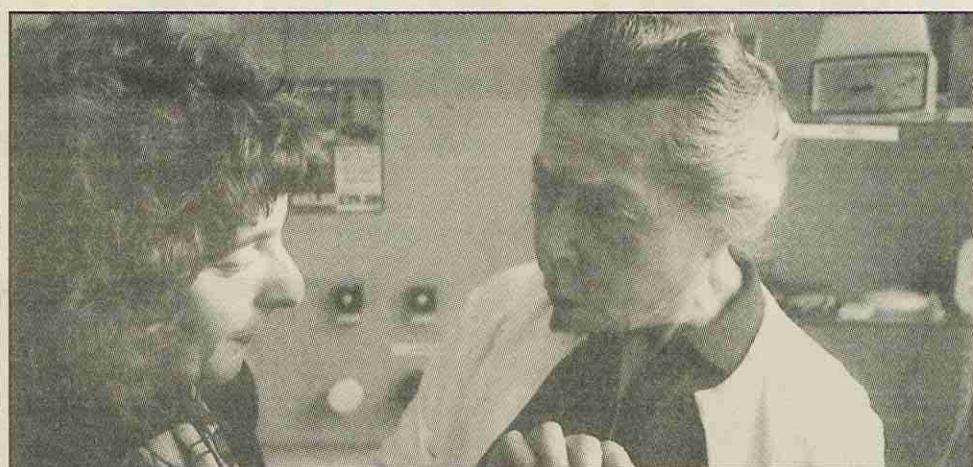
Sue Cipin, the JDA's Executive Director

SUE CIPIN, Executive Director of the JDA, is often the first person visitors will encounter when they contact or visit the Centre.

Sue oversees the day-to-day running of the JDA and is responsible for generating its policies and plans for the future, together with the Council of deaf and hearing people.

She counsels and advises people who have problems concerning Deaf issues (often liaising with social service departments and other service providers on their behalf) and plans the many projects and programmes offered at the Centre, in conjunction with deaf members, volunteers and the JDA's professional workers.

Sue maintains the JDA's close links with other voluntary associations and, together with Deaf organisations in the wider community, she campaigns vigorously for the rights of deaf and hard of hearing people.



JDA Member Miriam Solmon (right) tries out new equipment in the Resource and Technology Room, with the help of professional adviser Judith Morgan.

Practical, Professional Advice For All People With A Hearing Loss

EQUIPMENT to help deaf and hard of hearing people to become more independent in their homes and workplaces has improved by leaps and bounds in the last few years, thanks mainly to new computer technology.

The array of doorbell and phone systems, fire and safety alarms, communications equipment and other aids is growing rapidly and can be confusing, especially for someone encountering deafness for the first time.

Responding to this need, the JDA created a Resource and Technology Room at the Centre. One of only a handful in London, the Resource Room offers a comprehensive display of technology for people with a hearing loss, together with information, support and practical advice from fully-trained co-ordinators on a wide range of matters, from safety and financial problems to dealing with social services.

This facility - unique in north London - offers its services to people of all faiths. Visits are by appointment only.

■ For further information about the Resource and Technology Room, or to make an appointment, please contact Helen Rabin or Judith Morgan on: 020-8446 0214 (voice and textphone) during office hours, or leave a message on the answerphone/textphone.

Calling All Volunteers!

WHERE would we be without our wonderful band of volunteers? Whether it's helping out at our weekly Day Centre, training to work in the Resource and Technology Room, holding fundraising events, or helping with advice and training for deaf people, their services are invaluable.

Could you spare a few hours a week to help deaf people in the Jewish Community?

Could you use your professional skills to help with fundraising or to speak at social gatherings on topics of particular interest

to deaf people? Would you like to set up a fundraising committee in your area, help in our general office, assist with our social and cultural group for hard of hearing people, or hold a one-off event to raise money for the JDA? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Susan Cipin at the address, phone or fax numbers on the back page and she'll tell you more about opportunities for deaf and hearing volunteers at the JDA.



Marathon runner Robert Graham hands Sue Cipin a 'cheque' for £24,000 on behalf of the four London Marathon runners who raised a total of £14,000, and the Hear!Hear! committee who raised £10,000 at a recent golf tournament.

New Tinnitus Self-Help Group

The Jewish Deaf Association has launched a new group for people who suffer from tinnitus.

Tinnitus is experienced by up to ONE IN TEN adults, most commonly in those aged over forty, and describes a condition where sufferers 'hear' constant noises such as hissing, ringing, buzzing and whistling, that do not come from an external source.

Caused by hearing problems linked to ageing or triggered after an illness, injury, infection, or a reaction to medication, tinnitus is generally a permanent condition with few known methods of relief other than relaxation techniques and Tinnitus Retraining Therapy - which reduces the brain's perception of tinnitus so that it is less of a problem.

Some people find tinnitus difficult to live with and the ability to meet and socialise with other people in the same situation can be immensely reassuring, which is why the JDA has initiated this highly successful new group.

Meeting every two to three months, its members offer each other valuable support and friendship because of their unique understanding of the frustrations and difficulties faced by tinnitus sufferers.

The group also acts as a channel for information about new medical advances and existing methods of dealing with the symptoms of this rarely-discussed problem.

Further information from: Helen Rabin on Tel: 020 8446 0214.

JDA Opens Deaf Interests Library

LOOK out for the Deaf Interests Library, a new addition to the JDA's facilities, featuring an impressive range of books, videos and resource material of interest to deaf people and anyone studying or needing information on deaf issues.

One of the star attractions on the shelves will be the newly-published **British Signs of Judaism**, 'the first time in British Deaf history that signs of Jewish culture and festivals have been put on record and preserved for the future of the Jewish Deaf Community'.

New Courses on Managing Your Hearing Loss

The Jewish Deaf Association has launched a long-awaited programme of courses on how to manage hearing loss. Aimed at people who are losing their hearing - later in life, or through illness - the course tackles a range of issues, including lip reading, technical aids, welfare benefits and handling the social and emotional difficulties of hearing loss.

Please contact the JDA for further information at the address on the back page.

Interested in running the London Marathon 2001?

The JDA has guaranteed places available for runners willing to raise funds for the charity. Please contact

Robert Graham on

Tel: 020 7320 6720

or e-mail: roberttgraham@aol.com

ACTIVITIES SIX DAYS A WEEK

WHETHER it's computer training or sign language classes, outings to signed theatre performances, snooker, bridge, bowling or bingo, the JDA offers deaf, hearing and hard of hearing people of all ages a balanced programme of educational courses, social clubs, events and activities.

Many of the projects and activities are planned and run by the members

themselves, and representation on the JDA's Council ensures that they play a major part in the shaping of future developments at the JDA.

New projects are emerging all the time, and include a communication group for sign language students to practise their skills with deaf people, and 'Sounds Social' - a cultural and social group for hard of hearing people.

Sign Language Courses

AN IMPORTANT element of the JDA's Deaf Awareness Programme is its sign language courses, which are open to anyone who wishes to improve their communication skills with deaf people who use sign language.

Course Co-ordinator Kay Kaufman is a profoundly deaf member of the JDA who works at the Centre as its Administrative Assistant and is also a qualified British Sign Language tutor. This year, students on the JDA

course achieved an 'above average' 85% pass rate in their BSL Stage 1 exam. The JDA's one-year BSL courses begin each autumn and a choice of daytime or evening courses is available (see further details on back page).



Youngsters from the JLGB graduate from a fifteen-week introductory course in British Sign Language.



JDA CLUB TEAM WINS BBC'S SEE HEAR! QUIZ

Three profoundly deaf members of the JDA represented their club at the first-ever See Hear! Quiz on BBC 2 this spring... and won!

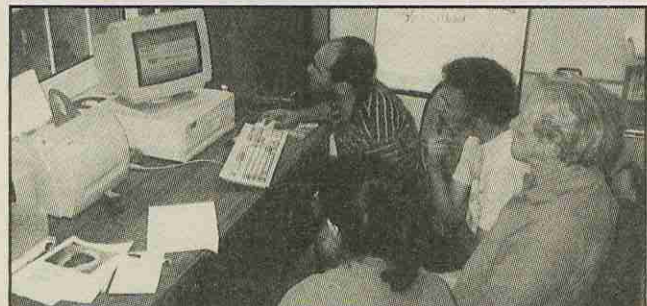
Computer Courses For Deaf People

COMPUTERS are an important communication tool for deaf people, especially since the growth of the Internet. Now, deaf people can not only keep in contact with deaf or hearing friends and family by E-mail, but can also use their computer skills to purchase goods, book tickets, access information and enhance their employment prospects.

Training is essential, and the JDA runs a highly successful programme - led by a deaf tutor in sign language - to train deaf people in basic computer skills.

The JDA's website is being updated and improved, so that it becomes a topical and informative communication tool for deaf people - especially the younger Deaf community.

The JDA has a fully operational computer training room but constantly needs funds to develop its existing and planned programmes and to update software and equipment.



Computer classes in sign language give deaf people access to additional communication skills and improved employment prospects.

Never A Dull Day

THERE'S always something going on at the weekly social club for the JDA's profoundly deaf members. A kosher meal in the canteen may be followed by a visit from a speaker, a quiz or a keep fit class. Or perhaps there'll be a party to celebrate a member's birthday or a Jewish festival.

The JDA also arranges outings to museums and places of interest, signed theatre performances, and the pantomime. The Day Centre is the ideal time for members to meet with Susan Cipin, or one of the Resource Room co-ordinators, to chat about any problems they have concerning Deaf issues.



A deaf-blind member follows a talk on wildlife with the help of a profoundly deaf friend at the JDA's Day Centre.



Myer Solomon, profoundly deaf Vice-President of the JDA's Council, conducts a bingo session with a difference at the weekly Day Centre. Since members cannot hear the numbers called out, they are displayed on an electronic screen - and Myer uses sign language to reinforce the message!

Do You Know a Deaf Jewish Child?

DEAFNESS can affect people of any age; there are still babies born profoundly deaf or with reduced hearing and a number of children who suffer a hearing loss after ear infections or because of inherited conditions.

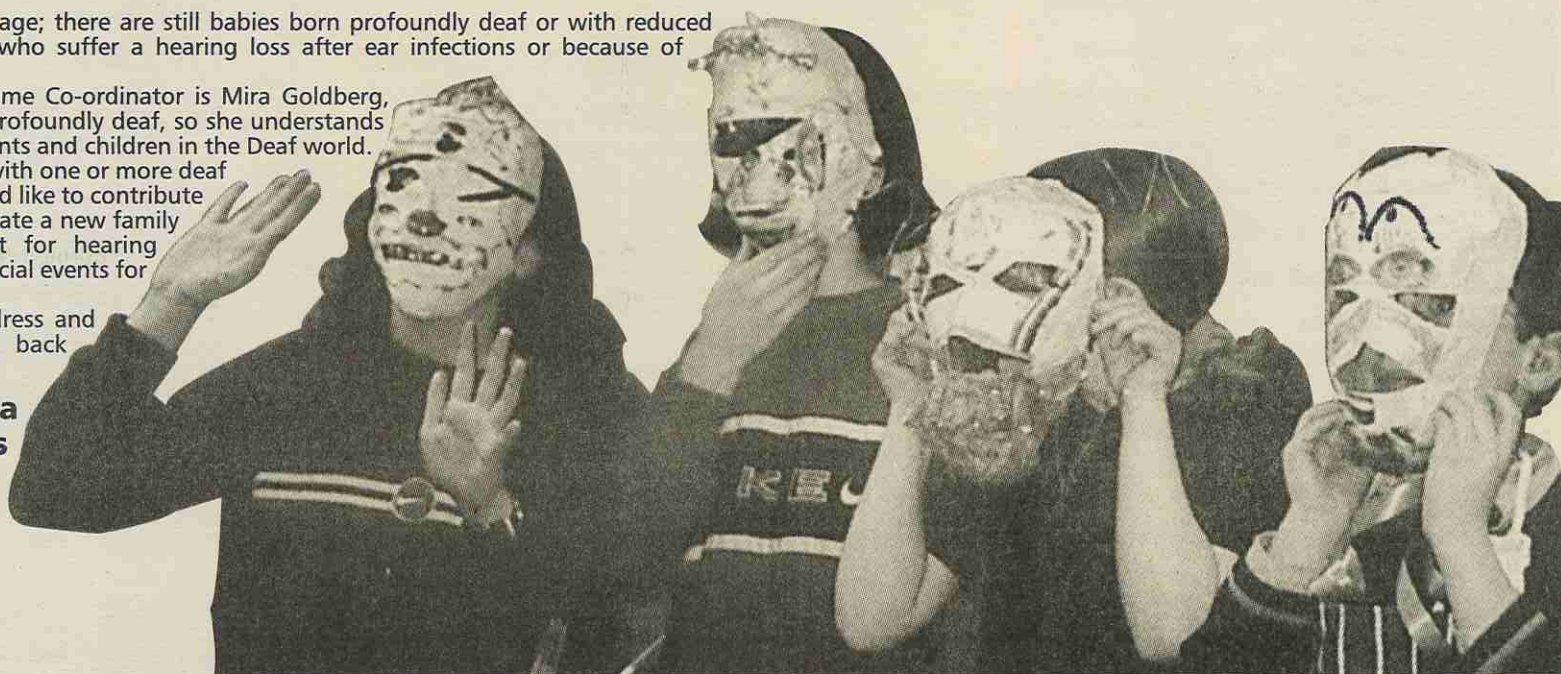
The young deaf people's programme Co-ordinator is Mira Goldberg, who, together with her children, is profoundly deaf, so she understands the problems and needs of both parents and children in the Deaf world.

Mira is keen to hear from families with one or more deaf or hard of hearing children who would like to contribute ideas and information to help formulate a new family programme. Plans include support for hearing parents of deaf children, as well as social events for young Jewish deaf people.

Mira can be contacted at the address and phone/textphone numbers on the back page of this feature.

Do you know a Jewish child who is hard of hearing?

Support for parents and other family members of hard of hearing children is highly essential, and Sue Cipin is always ready to talk to parents or carers of hard of hearing children who would like to expand their network by forming self-help or social groups.



Deaf youngsters at a recent Purim party, held for JDA members and their families.

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...plus numerous other wonderful people working behind the scenes - and our much-treasured group of volunteers, whose help we could not do without!

Would you like to add your name to our list of volunteers?

Contact us now, using the coupon below, and we'll tell you about opportunities for volunteering!

How to find us

OUR ADDRESS IS:
JULIUS NEWMAN HOUSE, WOODSIDE PARK ROAD,
OFF HIGH ROAD NORTH FINCHLEY, LONDON N12 8RP.
We are easily accessible from all parts of London.

BY BUS:

Two bus routes pass by the Centre:
No. 125 (from Finchley Central to Winchmore Hill)
No 263 (from Archway Station to Barnet General Hospital)
Nos. 82, 221, 260 and 134 stop at Tally Ho Corner, about 10 minutes walk to Woodside Park Road.

BY UNDERGROUND:

Nearest tube station is Woodside Park, about 10 - 15 minutes walk from the Centre at the other end of Woodside Park Road.

BY CAR OR TAXI:

The Centre is situated just behind Lloyds Bank at the corner of Woodside Park Road and High Road North Finchley (near Sainsbury's)

PARKING:

There are a limited number of spaces in front of the building and also some spaces in the street. At busy times, use the pay and display car park in Lodge Lane, one block away.

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How you can help

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- I enclose a cheque/P.O. for £ _____
 Please tick this box if you do not want a receipt

- Please send me a gift aid form
 Please send me a bankers order form so that I can support the JDA regularly
 Please contact me about leaving a bequest to the JDA in my will
 Please contact me about volunteering opportunities

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

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Textphone No. _____

THE JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION urgently needs funds to purchase specialised equipment and to finance the exciting and innovative educational and social programmes it is planning for the future.

£5000 will help fund educational and social programmes for deaf and hard of hearing people.

£1500 will purchase computers and equipment for our computer training programme, led by a deaf tutor, for deaf people.

£900 will buy a video telephone system for a deaf family to keep in touch with each other.

£600 will purchase a textphone and fax for a deaf person.

£100 will finance state-of-the-art equipment for the Resource and Technology Room.

£25 will help to expand the library by buying books, videos and resource materials of interest to deaf people and anyone needing information on Deaf issues.

If you would like to make a donation please fill in this coupon and send it to: JDA, Julius Newman House, Woodside Park Road, London N12 8RP.

You can also help the Jewish Deaf Association by leaving a bequest in your will. Talk to your solicitor about the best way to make your wishes known or call us for advice and a free leaflet about making your will.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE JDA

THE JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION is constantly updating and introducing a wide range of innovative programmes for Deaf and hard of hearing people.

At the same time, its sign language and 'Deaf Awareness' courses for hearing people will play a vital part in helping them to communicate with, and understand the challenges faced by, deaf relatives, friends and people they may encounter through work or voluntary activities.

Here are just some of the courses and activities currently available at the JDA's Community Centre.

BEGINNERS' SIGN LANGUAGE COURSES (BSL)

Three terms of 10 weeks, leading to Stage One BSL qualification
Choice of afternoon or evening classes.
Courses start autumn 2000. Fee £55.00 per term.

'HOW TO MANAGE YOUR HEARING LOSS'

Courses for hard of hearing people
Four week courses covering subjects such as 'how to cope in conversation', 'what equipment is available', and 'how the law supports you'.
Sunday mornings, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Course fee £20.

TINNITUS SELF-HELP GROUP

Meets every two to three months, offering support and advice.

COMMUNICATION GROUP

For basic signers to practise BSL with deaf people.
Tuesday evenings fortnightly throughout the year.
Sessions are self-contained and are not part of a course.

SOCIAL CLUB FOR DEAF MEMBERS OF THE JDA

An ongoing programme. Details on application.

DAY CENTRE FOR DEAF MEMBERS OF THE JDA

Wednesdays. Times on application.

'SOUNDS SOCIAL' CULTURAL GROUP FOR HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE

Last Tuesday of every month.
Times: 2-4pm. All welcome.

ACTIVITIES FOR DEAF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

Enquiries to: Mira Goldberg: (direct: textphone only, 020-8446 0579) or phone general office.

DEAF AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Talks and training courses for hearing people in the Jewish and wider communities - at schools, youth groups, scouts, guides, ladies' guilds, synagogue groups, Cheder classes etc. - to help them to understand and ease the difficulties faced by deaf people in the hearing world. By arrangement.

The JDA also welcomes visitors to the Community Centre by small groups interested in Deaf awareness.

Further information about these and any of the other facilities offered by the JDA can be obtained during office hours from Susan Cipin.

Tel: 020-8446 0502 (voice & textphone)

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(Resource Room - voice, textphone, answerphone)

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