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**OBITUARY OF MIKA BROJER**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1945 - 30<sup>th</sup> April 1998**

***“A heart of gold”***



Mika was always aiming to help Deaf people from all walks of life, no matter what age they were, to become confident, assertive and positive. He gave opportunities for Deaf people to take part in debates to challenge ideas and views.

In my heart, I thank Mika for his wonderful support when we were organising the RSJDC Reunion in London in 1992. I was then a secretary and my husband, Alan a treasurer. My mother passed away two months before the RSJDC Reunion Banquet and he supported me throughout on the committee. He worked very hard to raise funds which made the committee's dream come true. We were very impressed and proud of the work he had done for us.

On his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, he had a wonderful time and his aim was to get 100 waistcoats in his lifetime and that was achieved when he received over 100 waistcoats from a deaf friend. His birthday cake was also made specially in the shape of a waistcoat which was a surprise to him. Another wanted surprise was a helicopter ticket ride from his nephew Ben which he had been longing for ages!

He will always be remembered for his heart of gold from the bottom of our hearts.

*No more pain and no more tears,  
May he rest in peace and never be forgotten.*

*Shalom,*

**Colleen Daniels**

## ***And from Sandra David....***

Mika Brojer was a very special person in the London Deaf community in a variety of ways. He always fought for equality amongst Deaf people, gays and lesbians, Black Deaf people, Deaf youths and for several issues arising in connection with deafness and equal opportunities.

He always thought of other people and debated with strong opinions and views on political issues ranging from sign language teaching to CACDP examinations and to students themselves. He had so much to offer in terms of ideas and had a passion to see to things being done the right way

He was the first Deaf person in Pathfinder Mental Health Services (formerly Springfield Hospital, hence paving the way for a rapid expansion of Deaf employees there. He was one of the first few committee members to set up the Brothers & Sisters club which they celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary recently.

Mika was also the very first person to work in the very successful Job Club for Deaf people working for employment. He also helped out in forming the local Wandsworth Deaf Group campaigning for better services from the Council.

He always had a great love for drama, acting and mime. He gave a brilliant mime show by himself about a relationship with a lady who decided to go back to him but too late, Mika had drank the cup of poisoned wine to celebrate their relationship.

He initiated the idea of the compilation of the wonderful book on the history of the Jewish Deaf School.

He was also very fond of children and took a very great pride and joy in being a godfather to our twin son, Adam and being a great Uncle to his adorable Orielle, daughter of Ben Steiner and Yasmin Kovic.

