
I am delighted to start off by telling you, our loyal supporters, about the success of our 70th anniversary fundraising campaign and the difference we have made to two very special projects: Tsad Kadima in Israel and Step By Step in London. Read more about each of these special organisations inside.

Step By Step was the setting for our farewell to Chairman of 28 years, Joy Moss. Joy has served Jewish Child’s Day with passion, commitment and sensitivity and we will miss her input into the day-to-day running of the organisation.

As one door closes, another opens. We are delighted that Charles Spungin has taken the baton from Joy. Read about Charles’ past experience and his plans for the future of Jewish Child’s Day inside.

Charles is keen to keep alive our longstanding tradition of children supporting other children and we try to incorporate this into many of our fundraising activities. In addition to the ever-popular ‘Blueish-Jewish’ campaign, we will be launching our next children’s campaign shortly. Watch this space!

We are always delighted to welcome new faces to the Jewish Child’s Day family, so if you would like to get involved, please do get in touch. Our door (in our new office space!) is always open.

Thank you for your continued support,

Nicole Gordon
Executive Director

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10 minutes with new Chairman Charles Spungin

Charles is a long-serving member of Jewish Child’s Day and most recently served as Honorary Treasurer. He is a Managing Director at Wells Fargo Asset Management and lives in Finchley with his wife Lucie and their two daughters.

Charles, we’re delighted to welcome you as our new Chairman! What inspired you to get involved?

I grew up in Nottingham and my parents and grandparents were always very active in community affairs. I grew up knowing that if you could help someone less fortunate than yourself then you should! I’ve been involved with Jewish Child’s Day since I was a kid and love knowing that the work we do has an immediate and lasting impact.

Do you have any memories of Jewish Child’s Day from when you were a young(er) man? I remember fundraising for JCD at cheder with stickers. It was so rewarding to feel that I had made a difference. That experience was influential in crafting my desire to help others as an adult. I would like to find a way for Jewish Child’s Day to connect with today’s young people so that they get involved and eventually inspire the next generation.

What makes a great charitable organisation? I have always believed that it’s incredibly important to be able to see first-hand how a donation can make a difference. Jewish Child’s Day does this well. We largely give grants for equipment, services or specific projects. We see the huge and direct impact that our funds make.

What’s your vision for the future of Jewish Child’s Day? I am in a very fortunate position, having taken over from Joy Moss after her incredible 28-year tenure. I want to continue the work she has done to grow Jewish Child’s Day, and its focus on helping smaller organisations improve the lives of children with disabilities, as well as those with health, financial, and educational needs.

Charities today face increased competition and greater scrutiny of their governance. That is where I shall be focussing my energies at the outset. Longer-term, it is also important to me to connect with a new generation of supporters and to encourage young people in our community to forge their own connection to Jewish Child’s Day that they will carry with them into the future.

Gourmet Supper Club

On the 17 May, over 120 people enjoyed an evening of fine dining at the Pool and Bar, Haymarket Hotel. For over 20 years, our Life President Joy Moss and a committee of dedicated trustees has arranged ‘Gourmet Suppers’ in aid of Jewish Child’s Day.

This year they raised over £65,000! On behalf of all the children who will benefit – thank you!

Office Move

After over two decades, the Jewish Child’s Day office finally moved to a new home situated at Elscot House, Arcadia Avenue, Finchley N3 2JU.

We have accomplished so much at 707 High Road, Finchley over the years. Our fresh and modern office space will help us grow, thrive and continue with the valuable support we provide for Jewish children in need.
**Blue-ish Jewish**

Hundreds of Jewish primary school and cheder students dressed in blue and donated £1 or more for the Blue-ish Jewish campaign in support of Jewish Child’s Day, on 2 February and 4 February.

“The response from schools and cheders wanting to participate was overwhelming this year with over 25 schools and cheders taking part,” commented Nicole Gordon, Executive Director of Jewish Child’s Day. “This campaign is at the heart of what Jewish Child’s Day stands for – kids helping kids.”

This year we have chosen to support Gidon, an organisation located in the North of Israel, which helps disadvantaged Ethiopian children. Our support helps ensure that the children are given a warm, loving home environment and makes possible the English programme, which teaches life skills that they need to integrate fully into Israeli society.

In the UK, Blue-ish Jewish enables us to support Special Spirits, which aims to enrich the lives of children with special needs. They learn life skills through informal education and receive extra care so their families get respite. As always, we were extremely grateful to all the schools/cheders who took part.

Next year’s date for Blue-ish Jewish will be announced very shortly so watch this space!

**Will you remember us?**

We are continually inspired by the way Jewish Child’s Day improves the lives of children living in difficult circumstances. With your support, we are able to change lives both for the long-term and day-to-day. The changes we see as a result of our efforts are often nothing short of miraculous. This would not be possible were it not for the generosity of our donors, and most significantly, the generous supporters who leave Jewish Child’s Day a legacy [our legators].

The ability to plan future legacy income is what enables us to develop ongoing partnerships with organisations in the UK and Israel [across the world]. We are focussed not only on the short-term benefits that can be made through early intervention but, more importantly, longer-term changes that come with forward planning.

The children that Jewish Child’s Day support come from a range of backgrounds and have varying and difficult needs. Some have complex and challenging disabilities that require significant intervention to ensure they remain socially integrated. Others have been the victim of abuse – emotional, physical and sexual – that could ruin their lives forever without intervention.

From year to year, the legacy income we receive is changeable, but so vital. We rely on this funding to support a significant proportion of our restrictive grants. We simply would not be able to do what we do without this crucial source of income. We would really appreciate the opportunity to speak with you in greater detail about Jewish Child’s Day’s work and to explain how your legacy could play a big part in ensuring that we can continue to improve the lives of thousands of children.

To find out more or to receive our legacy handbook please contact Nicole Gordon direct on: 020 8446 8804 or by email nicole.gordon@jcd.uk.com

A legacy to Jewish Child’s Day will last a lifetime.
Over 1,000 children and their parents had a great day out at Party@TheMall, on Sunday 6 May at JFS.

“The family fun days we have run in previous years have allowed us to evaluate exactly what the children enjoy most. Every year we also try to introduce some new, fun, up-to-date activities. This year for the first time we had a fantastic barbecue sponsored by Kosher Deli, which proved to be a welcome addition not just for the kids but the adults too,” Nicole Gordon, Executive Director of Jewish Child’s Day commented.

“Older kids loved the laser zones and football skills workshops, while the younger ones enjoyed bouncy castles, face painting and arts and crafts. There truly was something for everyone.”

The aim of Party@theMall is to raise much-needed funds for Jewish children in need around the world. The money raised exceeded all expectations and totalled an incredible £20,000.

“I had the best day ever and my favourite activities were definitely the chocolate tombola and the Dare-or-Do slide,” said Sydney Brookner, age 8. “I also really enjoyed having my hair braided and face painted, and loved watching the dance show that some of my friends were in. I will definitely be back next time.”

Huge thanks to everybody who came along on the day to support Party@TheMall and also the 100 volunteers through both JVN and Jewish Child’s Day who gave up their time to help.

“The wonderful thing about the event is that it is at the heart of what Jewish Child’s Day stands for,” explained Nicole. “Kids helping other kids less fortunate than themselves.”
After 28 years as Chairman, Joy Moss MBE decided to hand over the reins last November.

“On attending my first JCD event, a Chanukah party in the 1980s, I was overwhelmed by the warmth that the charity emanated and the difference it made to so many Jewish Children in need. This past year we have enjoyed celebrating 70 years of Jewish Child’s Day and the amazing difference we have made to over half a million children since our inception in 1947,” Joy recounted to the Trustees and National Council Members at the last AGM.

She shared some of the highlights during her time in office, including visiting many of the projects the charity supports here in the UK, Israel, Belarus and as far afield as Argentina; a visit to Buckingham Palace in celebration of the charity’s 65th Anniversary; and our Platinum Anniversary dinner in June of this year, with both the Chief Rabbi and the Ambassador, who spoke fondly of our wonderful charity.

During Joy’s time in office the charity has grown from raising £100,000 a year and supporting 50 projects, to over £1 million annually, supporting over 120 projects. In honour of her efforts, she was presented with three very special plaques that have since been sent to projects that the charity chose to support in celebration of its 70th year. In addition, Joy was presented with personal letters from Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Ambassador Mark Regev and Rabbi Laura Janner Klausner, all of whom offered their congratulations and paid credence to the wonderful accomplishments of Jewish Child’s Day under Joy’s outstanding leadership.

“Although I am saddened to be stepping down as Chairman, I am honoured to have been voted in as Life President alongside June Jacobs, who was my predecessor,” she said. “I will be continuing my involvement with the charity and I am fully confident that our new Chairman, Charles Spungin, will continue to ensure that the charity goes from strength to strength.”
Bingo

Over 100 ladies enjoyed an evening of bingo, bagels and banter in support of Jewish Child’s Day on 12 June at Eden Primary School in Muswell Hill.

The evening was full of fun and surprises with many of the attendees winning great prizes that had been kindly donated. “Jewish Child’s Day’s events are so warm and friendly – it really is like one big family. It was such a fantastic evening, and a great way to spend a few hours with close friends,” Heather Landau said.

The evening raised over £2,500 to support Jewish children in need. Funds raised at events like this make a big difference. If you would like to host or organise a similar event, contact shelley.lopez-salzedo@jcd.uk.com

Twinning your Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Our Jewish children and grandchildren often take it for granted that they will have a bar or bat mitzvah. From a young age they look forward to this milestone, preparing for both the religious element and the party.

Sadly, this is not the case for all Jewish children. Your child can make a difference to a child from a very different background by choosing to twin his or her special day. Whether they decide to partner with a special needs child in the UK, a child from an underprivileged community in Belarus or a child living in a children’s home in Israel – your son or daughter will be able to put the Jewish value of chesed, or loving-kindness, into practice.

Previous participants have stayed in touch with their twin and the experience becomes one that your child will cherish forever.

As they raise money for their twin, your child can have fun along the way. This year there have been some amazing sponsored events including:

- A walk of the Northern Line
- A walk of the Monopoly Board
- A walk of the No 13 Bus (unconfirmed if shopping stops were included!)
- Football tournament
- Hair braiding salon
- 10k fun run
- Sponsored silence
- Bake sale

As well as communicating via email, some of our twins have visited their twin in Israel and attended their bar/bat mitzvahs.

The money they’ve raised has been used for everything from sets of tallis and tefillin, to computers, clothes and even an astro-pitch for a children’s home. This is a programme that we are very proud of and we are always looking to increase the numbers of participants. To find out more please contact samantha.gazer@jcd.uk.com

Twinners 17/18

Gaby Sherman – 27/05/17
Zack Mason – 24/06/17
Zak Shaw – 02/09/2017
Benjamin Glazer – 07/10/17
Tess Bentley – 18/11/2017
Daniel Lyons – 02/12/2017
Thomas Silverman – 09/12/17
Max Conway – 13/01/2018
Dovid Goldstein – 27/01/18
Aron Yona – 24/02/18
Uriel Lev – 26/05/18
Joel Barnett – 09/06/18
Ellie Marantz – 22/06/18
In honour of our 70th anniversary year, we chose two special projects to give extra support: Step By Step in the UK and Tsad Kadima in Israel. We raised an incredible £70,000 in additional funds to support these wonderful causes.

Here in the UK, Step By Step offers a second home for many severely disabled children and was in desperate need of a new hub. Funds had been raised to lease a new building, but it badly needed to be renovated so it would be safe for the children. Thanks to you, the renovations – including a new sensory room and soft play area – are now complete. Hundreds of children each week use this hub and your funds have made a meaningful difference.

In Israel, your donations helped create a new accessible and adapted playground for the children at Tsad Kadima’s Rishon LeTzion Educational Rehabilitation Centre. For many of these children, outdoor play is the only means they have to express themselves and develop their motor skills in a safe environment.

Helping children with disabilities is at the very heart of Jewish Child’s Day’s mission and we’ve been working with Step By Step for over 20 years.

“When Jewish Child’s Day heard about the organisation’s wish to create a children’s hub with a sensory room and a soft play area filled with toys we were very keen to help. Thanks to our generous supporters, we were able to fully fund these important resources,” Joy Moss said.

“This is where tzedakah and helping children in need come together in such a heart-warming way. Seeing the kids looking so happy despite all the challenges they and their parents face is truly uplifting.”

Visit to Step-by-Step January 2018

On Sunday, 7 January, a group of Jewish Child’s Day’s staff and trustees visited the new Step By Step hub in Hackney.
Over 100 guests enjoyed our first Supper Quiz last December, held at Eden Primary School in Muswell Hill. This event was one of a number held around the UK in celebration of Jewish Child’s Day’s 70th anniversary.

Proceeds from the night went toward the purchase of specialised equipment for Gesher Primary School, founded over a year ago to help Jewish children on the autistic spectrum and with learning difficulties.

Good old fish and chips went down a storm with the crowd. The quiz led by “Function-man” was nothing short of genius and had the room buzzing. The marathon round of building a dinosaur out of Lego brought out everyone’s competitive side and ended in barrels of laughter!

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**Tributes**

**Birthdays**
- 100th birthday of Sam Ostro
- 90th birthday of Leonard Abrahams
- 85th birthday of Max Sussman
- 80th birthday of David Newman
- 80th birthday of Stuart Palmer
- 70th birthday of Stewart Sheinman
- 21st birthday of Hannah Strauss
- Birthday of Edgar Brodkin
- Birthday of Gillian Rich
- Birthday of David Roth

**In Memory**
- In memory of Gerald Shindler
- In memory of David Baker
- In memory of Geoffrey Adler
- In memory of Eunice Cornick
- In memory of Manya Igel
- In memory of Mervyn Lampert
- In memory of Eric Moonman
- In memory of Pauline Davis
- In memory of Reb Yehuda ben Eliezer zl on his yarzei
- In memory of Reb Yisrael Leib ben Yehuda Halevi zl

**Bar/Bat Mitzvah**
- Bar Mitzvah of Yishai Lerer
- Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Lyons
- Bar Mitzvah of Eli Heringman

**Births**
- Pidyon Haben of Jesse Daniels

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**Upcoming Events**

**Jewish Wedding, Bar and Bat Mitzvah Shows**
- September 2018 and January 2019

**Israel Trek**
- 14-18 October 2018
  - There are only a few spaces remaining for our first spectacular trek across Northern Israel. For further information please contact samantha.glazer@jcd.uk.com

**Northern Simcha Fair**
- 4 November 2018
  - For the first time, Jewish Child’s Day will have a stand at the Northern Simcha Fair in Manchester. Please come along, and hear how you can make a difference.

**Gala Dinner – SAVE THE DATE**
- 5 February 2019
  - Plans are well underway for our 2019 charity dinner which will be held at a fantastic West End venue. We are looking for table hosts as well as volunteers to help with organising the event. For more information please contact nicole.gordon@jcd.uk.com

**Blue-ish Jewish Child’s Day**
- May 2019
  - Jewish Child’s Day’s national school fundraising day is back for its 9th year. For more information please contact samantha.glazer@jcd.uk.com

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**Supper Quiz**

For more details call the office on 020 8446 8804.