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The key to independence





# FROM OUR CEO



I celebrated this New Year with a group of close friends. As we sat around the dinner table, we discussed our hopes and dreams for 2025, from our children to world affairs and, for many of us, our careers.

The first of my three big hopes for JBD in 2025 has already been realised, just a few months into the year, with the receipt of planning permission from the London Borough of Barnet to redevelop Fairacres, (you can read more about this on page 8). The second is to secure the funding required to undertake this much-needed project, and thirdly, to celebrate the opening of Ephraim Court.

When I discussed my hopes and dreams for JBD in 2025, my friends were quick to remind me that not all these plans were entirely in my control. We can only do so much to secure funding for large-scale capital projects. Over the last few years, our efforts have been distracted by the wider economic environment and global affairs, and I accept there is some truth in this.

However, I am forever the optimist, and I know that with long-standing committed supporters and generous philanthropists in our community, we will find a way to enable

these plans to come to fruition. It will need to be a large-scale collective effort, and I hope it will start with each and every one of our current supporters.

To date, we have secured almost 50% of the funding required to undertake this project, and we need to secure the remainder by this summer. There are so many ways you can get involved. On page 19, you will read about some of our fundraising plans, or maybe you will have your own ideas as to how you may be able to support.

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However, this ambitious plan can only be realised if we secure the necessary funds. With 110 households on our waiting list for housing, the need for our services has never been greater.

In addition to expanding our housing, we are also growing our services for people living in their own homes. Our Independent Living Advisory Service is a clear example of how we are stepping in to fill the gaps left by underfunded and under-resourced government services. Thanks to the generous support from our principal supporter, Wohl Legacy, and individuals across the community, we have been able to offer, grow, and develop this service to ensure timely support for all who are eligible.

We have always been a caring community, but the significant lack of general support for disabled people is putting pressure on us. Jewish Blind & Disabled is determined to do all we can to ensure that Jewish people living with physical disabilities or vision impairment can live their lives to the full. With your ongoing support, we can achieve this together.

**Wishing you a happy new year, where your hopes and dreams are realised. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Together, we can make 2025 a year of growth and opportunity for Jewish Blind & Disabled.**

**Lisa Wimborne**  
Chief Executive

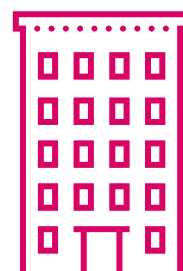
## OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE:

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New state-of-the-art buildings with a total of

70

flats in London's most populated Jewish borough



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# Lasting Legacies

Leaving a gift in your Will to Jewish Blind & Disabled is one of the many ways you can support people in our community with physical disabilities or vision impairments long into the future.

Demand for our unique housing and support has never been greater, evidenced by the 110 households on our housing waiting list, and we need to raise at least £2 million each year to keep our services running and ensure we develop to meet this increasing demand.

Most of the people we support are not born with a disability; instead, at some point in their lives they face a diagnosis that has a significant impact on their life from that time forward. For many, this comes as a shocking and unexpected diagnosis that can feel like a total loss of dependence and self-worth.

**AS AN INDEPENDENT CHARITY THAT DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY GOVERNMENT FUNDING, IT IS ONLY THROUGH LEGACIES AND DONATIONS THAT WE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE OUR UNIQUE OFFERING FOR THOSE THAT NEED IT AND TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF MORE PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES OR VISION IMPAIRMENTS.**

**LEGACIES ARE A LIFELINE FOR JBD, ACCOUNTING FOR OVER £1 IN EVERY £3 WE RAISE.**

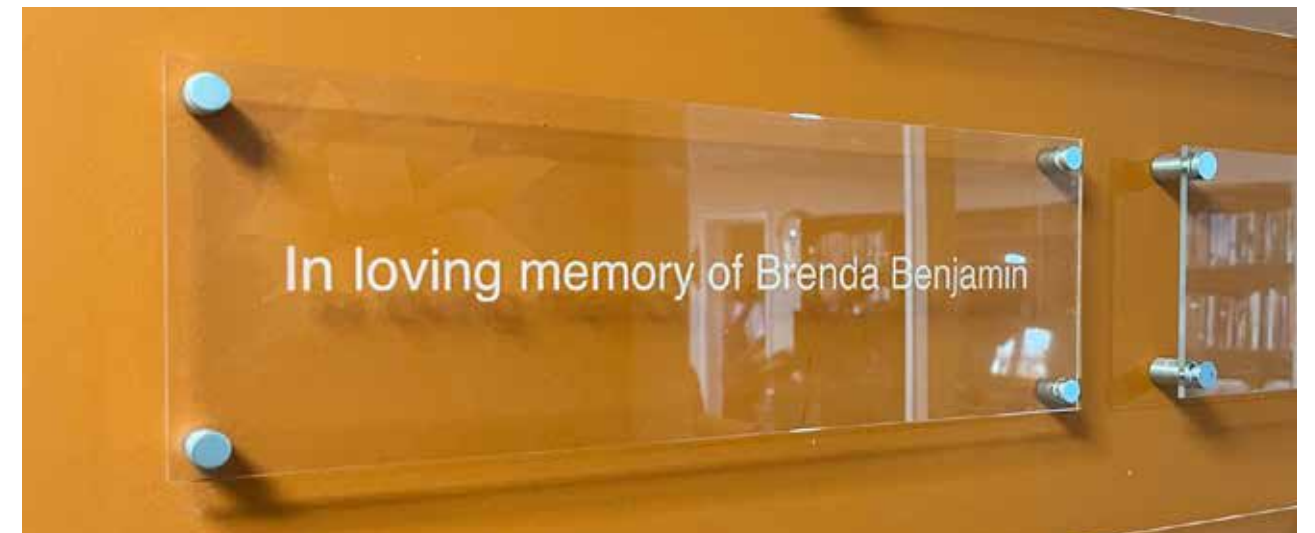


However big or small, gifts in Wills are a lifeline to JBD. Elaine passed away in 2021, she was empathetic to the struggles that people with physical disabilities faced and wanted to leave her money to a charity which enables people to remain independent with 24/7 support at hand. Her legacy will be a one-bedroom flat in our 8th building, Ephraim Court, which is due to open its doors this summer. The gift she left to us will transform multiple people's lives.

Everyone's motive for leaving a gift is different. For Michael, it was a way of saying thank you. Michael was a former tenant who lived for many years at Frances and Dick James Court, our development in Mill Hill East.

He decided to leave a legacy to us as he wanted to show his gratitude for the invaluable support he received whilst he lived there. During that time, he felt part of a welcoming Jewish community and enjoyed sharing the festivals with the other tenants.

Michael was an ambassador for JBD's schools programme, educating hundreds of children about losing his sight many years ago, and how he managed on a day-to-day basis. His kind legacy will go a long way to ensuring that we are able to continue supporting people in the community with physical disabilities or vision impairment and enable them to retain their much-needed independence.



We were recently notified about a legacy from a lady called Brenda. We contacted the family, who are the executors, and also longstanding supporters of JBD. Brenda lived in Bushey, Hertfordshire and was involved in the local community. In recognition of her generous gift, a plaque was erected at JBD's Cecil Rosen Court, just moments away from where Brenda lived. We have arranged a tea for her family, friends and members of the local shul at Cecil Rosen Court to celebrate Brenda's life and lasting legacy to JBD.





# The added benefit of a charitable legacy



Written by Georgie Hare, Legal Executive, and James Lewis, Partner, at Pennington Manches Cooper

Individuals can make gifts to charity during their lifetime and by Will. Various tax reliefs may apply to such gifts, including Inheritance Tax (IHT) relief.



A Will sets out how your money, investments, property and personal possessions (known as your 'Estate') are distributed. You may divide your Estate and distribute it amongst a number of different beneficiaries such as family, friends and charity.

Upon death, an Estate may be subject to IHT. If your Estate is valued at under £325,000, there may be no IHT to pay. If your estate value exceeds £325,000, it would usually be subject to IHT on the value exceeding £325,000 at a rate of 40% unless certain exemptions and / or reliefs can be applied.

## CHARITABLE RELIEF

Outright gifts to UK charities, made by Will ('Charitable Legacies'), are exempt from IHT, subject to certain provisions. Prior to March 2023, certain overseas charities could also potentially benefit from this IHT exemption (including those in Europe), but this is no longer the case. The value of the Charitable Legacy is subtracted from the value of your Estate before IHT is calculated. The larger the size of the Charitable Legacy, the greater the overall IHT saving will be.

If you donate 10% or more of your Estate to charity, a lower rate of IHT (36% instead of 40%) applies to that part of your Estate which may be subject to IHT. If the Charitable Legacy is exactly 10% of the value of the Estate, the cost to non-charity beneficiaries is 24% of the value of the Charitable Legacy. This is equal to a charge of £24 per every £100 you donate to charity.

In some circumstances, increasing a Charitable Legacy from 4% to 10% will not affect the amount of money your other beneficiaries will receive, and the charity could end up receiving more. The cost of the increase will pass entirely to HMRC (they receive less IHT). The cost to your other beneficiaries of a 4% gift to charity is 60% (£60 of every £100 donated to charity), not the 24% referred to above.

The monetary amount required to qualify for the lower rate of IHT will depend on factors that are bound to change between the date of making your Will and the date of death (asset and liability values go up and down). To ensure 10% of your Estate passes to charity and to avoid continually revising Charitable Legacies in Wills, a clause may be worded so that the legacy to charity will always meet the 10% criteria.

## OTHER BENEFITS

As well as the IHT benefits of donating to charity in your Will, there is of course the benefit of making a contribution to good causes in wider society, which in turn drives positive change in the world.

There are various requirements to secure tax reliefs for Charitable Legacies including but not limited to the fact that a charity must be located in the UK and registered with the Charity Commission. When considering a charitable legacy in your Will it is therefore prudent to seek expert legal advice to ensure your wishes are met in a tax-efficient manner.

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## JEWISH BLIND & DISABLED'S FREE WILL WRITING SERVICE



As a Jewish Blind & Disabled supporter, you can now access a free Will writing service through our partnership with the National Free Wills Network, giving you the opportunity to make or update your Will conveniently and easily. Making a Will is the only way to ensure that the people and causes you care about are looked after and that your wishes are known.

There is no obligation to leave a gift in your Will to Jewish Blind & Disabled. However, a gift of any size will enable us to continue to deliver high-quality housing and support for now and for years to come.

If you are considering leaving a legacy to Jewish Blind & Disabled and / or are interested in having a Will written through the Free Wills Network, contact: Rachel Barres on [rachel@jbd.org](mailto:rachel@jbd.org) or 020 4548 8692 or visit [jbd.org/legacy](https://jbd.org/legacy) and she will be delighted to discuss with you how your legacy will make a real difference.



# Building Update

SPRING 2025

JBD NEWS

## HOT OFF THE PRESS NEWS

We are delighted to inform you, our supporters and readers of The Key, that we have secured planning permission from the London Borough of Barnet to redevelop and extend our oldest building, Fairacres, in East Finchley.

Fairacres was built in the 1980s and needs significant modernisation to ensure it can meet the needs of today's tenants, accommodating larger wheelchairs, hoists and other advances in technology.

The plans will both extend the current 29 one-bedroom apartments to ensure they are all suitable for wheelchair users and provide an additional 11 apartments including 4 two-bedroom apartments for family units to provide a total of 40 apartments.

The project will cost an estimated £14m. To date we have secured almost 50% of the funds required and we are actively fundraising for this project.

We have a unique window of opportunity to move the current tenants from Fairacres to Ephraim Court whilst we undertake the redevelopment of their building.

If we are, due to lack of funds, unable to proceed with the project this will be a huge, missed opportunity.



To find out more about how you can support this project please contact Rachel Barres on [rachel@jbd.org](mailto:rachel@jbd.org) or 020 4548 8692.

### EPHRAIM COURT

With internal fit-out well underway, Jewish Blind & Disabled's newest development, Ephraim Court, in Mill Hill is months away from completion.

The contractors are due to complete all work at the end of June 2025, following furnishing we will then welcome our first tenants in Autumn 2025.

#### Ephraim Court in numbers:

- **30** new apartments all wheelchair accessible, adaptable to meet the individual needs of tenants
- **23** one-bedroom apartments
- **7** two-bedroom apartments
- **£11m** to build
- **120,000** bricks



*In November 2024, we were joined by some of our supporters, including Trustees from the Ephraim 1998 Charitable Trust, for a tour of the site to see the progress. The tour included seeing the communal lounge, a selection of apartments and going up to see the roof terrace.*



# Independent Living Advisory Service

Our Independent Living Advisory Service (ILA) is designed to help people with physical disabilities or vision impairments live safely and independently in their own homes. This service offers practical advice and professional guidance tailored to individual needs.

## HOW DOES THE SERVICE WORK?



The ILA is a free service that is available to anyone who is Jewish, aged 18 or over, lives within the M25, and is struggling to maintain independence at home. Our aim is to help individuals in creating a safe, accessible, and supportive living environment.

It is easy to apply for the service through our website, or we can send an application form by post. Once the application has been received, one of our Occupational Therapists (OTs) will contact the applicant to arrange a home visit. During this appointment, the OT will carry out a thorough assessment of the applicant's needs and identify any changes or equipment

that could improve the home environment and help someone remain independent.

Following the assessment, a detailed report will be sent to the applicant. This report will outline the recommended aids or adaptations to make the home safer and more accessible. The client then has the option to privately purchase the recommended items, should they choose to do this we can then arrange a follow-up visit to ensure that everything has been correctly installed and is being used safely. Alternatively, we can forward the report to the relevant local authority, although this may involve a delay. Regardless of the route chosen, we work

closely with clients to ensure they receive the necessary support and equipment to stay safe and independent at home.

If a major adaptation is needed, we can support clients through the DFG (Disabled Facilities Grant) application process. Applying for a DFG can sometimes be complex, but our team is here to make the process easier. We provide guidance at every stage, from completing the application to working with local authorities.

If someone needs help with obtaining aids or adaptations and the local authority will not provide them, on some occasions, we can help acquire these items on the client's behalf with either a loan or grant.

## WHAT IS A DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT (DFG)?

The Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) is a government-funded programme that helps cover the cost of essential home adaptations, enabling individuals to live more independently. These adaptations may include installing ramps, widening doorways, adapting bathrooms, or improving access to key areas of the home.



## WHAT IS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST?

An Occupational Therapist (OT) is a trained healthcare professional who specialises in helping individuals overcome challenges in their daily lives. The primary goal of an OT is to promote independence and safety, particularly in the home environment. During a home assessment, an OT will focus on various areas to identify ways to improve functionality and safety.

### Some of the key areas an OT might assess include:



**Mobility:** Can you move around your home comfortably and safely? The OT may recommend adjustments such as installing stairlifts, handrails, or ramps.



**Bathroom Safety:** Are you at risk of slipping or falling? Modifications like grab rails, non-slip flooring, or walk-in showers may be suggested.



**Kitchen Accessibility:** Can you prepare meals without difficulty? The OT might propose solutions such as height-adjustable worktops, pull-out shelves, or adapted appliances.



**Lighting and Visibility:** Is your home well-lit and easy to navigate, particularly if you have a vision impairment? Improved lighting or the use of contrasting colours could be beneficial.



**Assistive Equipment:** Do you need specialised equipment to make everyday tasks easier? Items like perching stools, bed rails, or chair risers might be recommended.

The OT's holistic approach ensures that all recommendations are practical, personalised, and effective for your unique circumstances.

## HOW IS THE SERVICE FUNDED?

This vital service is made possible through the generous support of the Wohl Legacy and contributions from individuals within the community who share our commitment to enabling independent living.

On average, it costs £450 to support someone at home and ensure they are safe and secure. A small price to pay for independence.

The ILA Service is committed to empowering individuals to live independently and safely at home. Through expert advice, practical support, and community generosity, we aim to make a meaningful difference to people's lives.

# Carol's Story

Carol, aged 82, lives with her daughter Paula and Paula's family in Southgate, London. Carol has mobility challenges and has been finding it increasingly difficult to manage everyday tasks and specifically, getting in and out of the bath was becoming harder.

Her local authority's Occupational Therapist had visited their house a couple of times and provided a bath board, stating that this should suffice for what Carol needed. However, both Carol and Paula were very concerned about this and explained that it wasn't a workable solution as she wanted to be able to shower freely and without having to get in and out of the bath. Carol was also feeling uneasy about using the bath board, as she worried about falling backwards.



**CAROL WAS ALSO FEELING UNEASY ABOUT USING THE BATH BOARD, AS SHE WORRIED ABOUT FALLING BACKWARDS."**

Carol fractured her ankle two years ago while Paula was assisting her in washing her hair over the bath. Paula is unable to assist her mum fully and safely due to her own health issues. She has undergone hip surgery and three knee operations, leaving her in pain and unable to support her mum's transfers in and out of the bath and ultimately, Carol wanted to be able to wash independently.

Six months later, they contacted Jewish Blind & Disabled to see if we could offer any further assistance, having heard about our Independent Living Advisory Service.

Our Occupational Therapist, Anna, carried out a thorough home assessment and recommended the installation of a level access shower and a handrail to go at the top of the stairs.

With Carol's permission, the assessment report was sent to the local authority and after some gentle follow-ups from us, the authority revisited and approved the installation of the recommended shower and a new rail at the top of the stairs.

Carol said "It will make a huge difference when I can shower independently and will take a huge amount

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of worry away. I am so grateful for this support and advice. The installation of the handrail has also been incredibly helpful and given a sense of safety and stability when I am going up and down the stairs."

The nature of Carol and Paula's story is similar to many others that we hear. Our Independent Living Advisory Service is here to help people retain their independence at home. It's free for anyone within the Jewish community who lives with a physical disability or vision impairment, aged 18+, and living within the M25.



If you or anyone you know would benefit from Jewish Blind & Disabled's Independent Living Advisory Service, please contact Toni on [toni@jbd.org](mailto:toni@jbd.org) or call 020 8371 6611 ext. 620.



# News from around JBD

## LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Join us in extending a heartfelt Mazel Tov to Aztec House tenants, Michelle and Jason, on their wedding last Summer!

The ceremony, held at Aztec House, was officiated by Rabbi Wollenberg of Woodford Forest Synagogue and Rabbi Hill of Potters Bar & Brookmans Park Synagogue. It was a wonderful celebration, bringing together tenants, family, and friends.



## MITZVAH DAY

This year for Mitzvah Day, we asked tenants to support the vital work of Jewish Women's Aid (JWA) by donating new and unopened toiletries for women and children in need.

Here is just a selection of the hundreds of toiletries which were donated. Thank you to our wonderful tenants for supporting this important project.



## YOM TOV CELEBRATIONS

Many of our tenants enjoyed celebrating the chagim together.

Communities came together for Sukkot with tenants, volunteers and staff setting up and decorating Sukkahs at each of our buildings.

Over Chanukah, tenants, Rabbis, and family members came together for communal menorah lightings, enjoyed delicious latkes and doughnuts, and, in some developments, shared dinners and gatherings to celebrate the festival.



## MP VISITING JBD'S FAIRACRES

Sarah Sackman MP visited Fairacres, one of our buildings in her constituency, for the first time since being elected to parliament.

She met with our CEO Lisa Wimborne who took her on a tour of the building and outlined the plans for its redevelopment. Sarah then met with tenants for tea and a chat.

## A BEFRIENDING SUCCESS

At the start of the pandemic, we recruited an army of volunteers to help us. Some of these volunteers were **befrienders** whom we matched to different tenants. Many new friendships were formed, and many continue to be in touch to this day.

After four years of speaking regularly on the phone, Jasmine, a tenant at Aztec House and Suzanne, a volunteer, met up.

Suzanne said: "It was a lovely afternoon at my parents for tea and cake and it was so nice to meet Jasmine after all this time. It was quite emotional collecting her from Aztec House as it reminded me of coming to see my grandma."





# Educating about disabilities

From the classroom to Limmud Festival

Here at Jewish Blind & Disabled we believe we have a role to play in educating the next generation to create a more inclusive and supportive society. Attitudes towards people with disabilities have changed in recent times but there is still a long way to go. We know we have a responsibility to educate and raise awareness.

## SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

In the first academic term from September to December 20224, we delivered 25 sessions at schools across London and Hertfordshire, reaching over 1,100 students.

Our interactive sessions focus on what it's like to live with a physical disability or vision impairment and encourage students to explore the meaning of diversity and inclusion.

Thanks to our dedicated Tenant Ambassadors, students hear real-life experiences, can ask questions, and discover different aids that help make everyday life easier.

We're looking forward to visiting more schools this term.



## SIGHT LOSS EDUCATIONAL SESSION

In November, we held a special educational session on living with sight loss.

We had a range of people with sight loss or vision impairments alongside community leaders, care coordinators and Rabbis from different synagogues across Hertfordshire and North London.

The session was facilitated by Gary Mazin, a dedicated advocate for accessibility and inclusion, and provided practical tools to help improve support for people with sight loss. We are looking to arrange more of these sessions in 2025.

## LIMMUD

We were delighted to have been invited to Limmud Festival 2024. We ran several sessions and had a stand in the Wellbeing Hub as part of the charity takeover.

Our session – “How to Make a Cup of Tea”, highlighted the challenges many in our community – whether due to disabilities or age-related frailty – face from getting out of bed in the morning to preparing food and daily care. Participants could explore practical ways to help people live more independently, try out some innovative equipment, and see how small changes can make a big difference.

Toni Lewis, JBD's Independent Living & Community Services Project Manager and Talia Supran, Schools Programme Manager, led sessions at Limmud said, “It was great to share practical tips and advice for how people in our community with physical disabilities or vision impairments can live more independently and discuss with different people from across the world about their experiences.”





# Fundraising Update

SAVE THE DATE



## 2024 FUNDRAISING DINNER

In September, we were joined by 150 supporters at JW3 for our fundraising dinner.

At the event, guests heard from Ruth, a tenant at Frances and Dick James Court, about how Jewish Blind & Disabled has supported her for the last 20 years and guests had the opportunity to ask our Chief Executive, Lisa Wimborne, and our Chair, Marc Gordon, questions. Rob Rinder also joined us for part of the evening.

**We are delighted to have raised just over £200,000.**

## THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

**A huge thank you to Isla, Zac and Daniel for raising over £1,000 for us through their incredible Ben Nevis trek!**

They said: "Climbing Ben Nevis was the final milestone of our Three Peaks Challenge, which we began two years ago. Along the way, we faced heavy storms and some extremely scary paths on Snowdon and Scafell Pike.

This third climb was particularly meaningful, as it took place shortly after we lost our Great Uncle Barry. We wanted to use this opportunity to do something positive in his honour and to recognize JBD, the incredible charity that supported him."



**Raffle draw** – Thursday 24th April



**Maccabi Fun Run** – Sunday 22nd June  
North West London



**Match Funding Campaign** – Sunday 29th &  
Monday 30th June



**Friends of JBD Golf Day** – Thursday 24th July

For more information about any of these events and to sign up, please contact Rachel Barres on [rachel@jbd.org](mailto:rachel@jbd.org) or 020 4548 8692.



# A Decade of Dedication

Since 2014, Lloyd Botchin has organised an annual Friends of JBD Golf Day at Hartsbourne Country Club. Lloyd's parents were tenants at Cecil Rosen Court, JBD's development in Bushey, and the time they spent living there alongside Lloyd being an avid golfer, inspired him to arrange a Golf Day in aid of JBD.

Since its inception, the event has raised £250,000 and in 2024, it raised the most ever, an amazing £37,000.



Lloyd said: "I knew that there was a Golf Day in aid of JBD in Essex and I thought that I could be organising one in North London to say thank you for the help and assistance my parents received whilst they were JBD tenants.

My parents were the first tenants at Cecil Rosen Court, having moved back to England from Marbella due to ill health, and they lived very happily there for eight years. Being in a JBD development made their lives much easier and more comfortable.

Over the years, the golf day has grown significantly. Initially, it was challenging to

gather enough players, but now because of its reputation and because it has been going for so long, it isn't usually a problem to get players. It can be quite stressful to make sure everything runs smoothly on the day. In the last few years, we have created a small committee and that has made it easier in terms of the organisation and taken a lot of the stress away.

But no matter how stressed I get in the lead-up to the day, it is always so rewarding at the end of the day to see the amount of money raised for such a great cause and knowing the difference I am making. There's a huge sense of accomplishment, and a bit of a relief!

After my parents passed away, I thought about not doing it anymore but quickly realised JBD have been so good to me and my family, how can I not continue my involvement? The first golf day after my parents passed away, I vividly remember Lisa Wimborne, JBD's Chief Executive, speaking at the event saying how proud my parents would be and that has stuck with me.

Each year I say I'm not going to do it again but it's so rewarding and the best possible way to say thank you. At the end of the day, although it can be stressful and takes time to organise, the benefits hugely outweigh the inconvenience. Knowing you're doing something and giving back is the biggest motivation and I would encourage others to get involved with JBD's fundraising."

A heartfelt thanks to Lloyd for his dedication and commitment to making the golf day a success and keeping it going as it enters the 11th year. The money raised is truly vital and enables us to help more people with physical disabilities or vision impairments.



If you are interested in attending this year's Golf Day, advertising in our brochure or sponsorship opportunities or other ways to support us, please contact Rachel on [rachel@jbd.org](mailto:rachel@jbd.org) or 020 4548 8692.



Lloyd with his brother, Spencer, and parents Shirley and Max



# Malcolm Ozin's 90th Birthday

Malcolm started his association with JBD in 1969 whilst working for founder, Cecil Rosen, when he dealt with the establishment of the charity, handling the charity commission and registrar of companies.

Fast forward to 1993, Cecil Rosen passed away prior to the opening of Cecil Rosen Court in Wembley in 1994, and Malcolm was appointed as the organisation's first President.

Over the years, Malcolm has been instrumental in locating and developing each of the buildings and has significant experience in property development and management.



In recognition of his tireless voluntary work, not just for Jewish Blind & Disabled but also for his synagogue and as senior trustee of the Cecil Rosen Foundation, Malcolm was awarded a richly deserved MBE in the 2012 New Year's Honours List.

At the time, he commented:

"It was a wonderful and exciting day. When my name was announced I walked in and

faced Her Majesty, bowed, and stepped forward. Her Majesty attached the medal and started a conversation. I had prepared (in my mind) what to say but the occasion took over and after a few words, Her Majesty raised her right hand which was the signal that I was to take three steps back, bow, turn, and leave. The whole occasion was inspiring."

Wishing a huge Mazel Tov to JBD's President, Malcolm Ozin MBE, who turned 90 this November.

For 55 years, since the establishment of JBD, Malcolm has overseen the development of seven JBD buildings (with another one progressing quickly), the expansion of our housing and support services, and an increase in staff, alongside the increased fundraising of the charity.

Cecil Rosen's dream was to ensure that neither physical disability nor impaired vision should be allowed to interfere with an individual's right to an independent lifestyle. It is safe to say

that Malcolm has worked tirelessly to make Cecil's dream a reality, and his contribution to the charity is tremendous.

Current and former staff, Trustees, tenants and Malcolm's friends and family gathered at Frances and Dick James Court to celebrate the incredible milestone of Malcolm's birthday. The afternoon featured speeches from our Chair, Marc Gordon, and joint President John Joseph MBE, with Malcolm sharing a few words to mark the occasion.





# WE NEED YOU!



Will you be a JBD Ambassador for our matched funding campaign?

This will be our second matched funding campaign, and we need your support more than ever. We aim to raise over £700,000 in 36 hours and all donations made will be doubled.

Your support will help us transform the lives of more people with physical disabilities or vision impairments for now and many years to come.

For more information and to sign up as an Ambassador, please contact Rachel on [rachel@jbd.org](mailto:rachel@jbd.org) or 020 4548 8692.

#### WHEN?

29th – 30th June 2025

#### WHERE?

From your phone, tablet or computer

#### HOW?

You will have a dedicated fundraising page and all you need to do is share it with as many people as possible.



  @JBDCharity 020 8371 6611 • [info@jbd.org](mailto:info@jbd.org) • [www.jbd.org](http://www.jbd.org)