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Allan Julius Takes on Reviewing Officer Role

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This year's reviewing officer is one of AJEX's newest and most decorated members, Brigadier Allan Aubrey Julius. Allan retired from the British Army in 1983, after 36 years of service.

Born in 1928, he was conscripted into the Army in July 1947. When asked about his life Alan delights in sharing with us his story.

"Joining the Army, from humble beginnings, opened up a whole new world. It enabled me not only to travel and live in 23 countries, play and excel in sports such as horse riding, rugby, boxing (for the army) and sailing, but also to learn languages including Gurkhali, Italian and Swahili. I also met many exciting intelligent people, many of whom are still in touch and others who have, sadly, passed on to better pastures.

I met my beautiful wife, Stefanella, in Kenya and we married in Kuala Lumpur in December 1956. She was an intelligent and accomplished classical concert pianist, we had twins, Nicola and Stephen. Both are now married and I have four grandchildren, Phillipe, Stefanella, Alexander and Carolina. My wife sadly died in 2001.

I now have a companion in Irene Green, the wife of my old friend Gerald who also passed away, in 2007.

Finding and joining AJEX is part of my desire to re-establish my Jewish roots. I have been warmly welcomed by everyone at AJEX head office and the Finchley and Hampstead Garden Suburb branch and look forward to a long and happy association. Being asked to take on the Reviewing Officer's role for the 75th Anniversary remembrance Ceremony and Parade, is truly an honor."