



## AJEX News....

### AJEX Commemorates Armed Forces Day

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Members of AJEX - the Association of Jewish Ex-servicemen and Women - supported a fundraising day at Brent Cross Shopping Centre this June, to raise awareness and much needed funds for the association's welfare services and in honour of Armed Forces Day, (formally known as Veterans Day) which is later this month on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Jewish World War II veterans, together with post-war National Servicemen spent the day at Brent Cross with their collection boxes, proudly wearing their medals and awards, received during their military years as members of Her Majesty's British Armed Forces. In just a few hours, the team of seven collected several hundred pounds in small change.

AJEX's welfare division reaches out to veterans and their dependants in their time of need, helping to buy mobility equipment, sending money at Jewish festive times - to buy those costly extra special food items, helping with expensive winter heating bills, making essential repairs to homes and lots more.

Over 60,000 British Jews served in World War II and more than 3,000 lost their lives. Today, hundreds of Jewish men and women continue to serve in the British armed forces.

AJEX will mark the 26<sup>th</sup> June, Armed Forces Day, with a postal fundraising campaign, while members will be attending services up and down the country. AJEX has arranged for many synagogues to hold a special Shabbat service, with a unique prayer written by the Chief Rabbi, to show support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community today, their families and veterans.



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