

Lord Janner Becomes President of AJEX



Lord Greville Janner

We have great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Lord Janner of Braunstone QC as our next President of the Association, in succession to the late Major Edmund de Rothschild, who sadly passed away earlier this year.

Lord (Greville) Janner served in the British Armed Forces from 1946 becoming the youngest serving War Crimes Investigator in the British Army, spending his spare time with survivors, in the Bergen Belsen Displaced Persons camp.

A Vice-President of the association since the 1980's, Lord Janner takes on the role of President with great knowledge and a true understanding of the work to be done. "I am delighted and honoured to be the new AJEX President", said Lord Janner.

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Jewish Council and the Inter Parliamentary Council Against Anti-Semitism as well as a Vice-President of the World Jewish Congress.

Lord Janner has travelled the Jewish world seeking to ensure the rights of Jewish communities. He is Chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust and of the Lord Forte Charitable Trust.

Meet our New Deputy Chairman

Dr Arnold Phelops has been a member of AJEX for nearly ten years and has recently been elected as Deputy Chairman. A very active member, he sits on the National Executive Council, is Chairman and Treasurer of the Hendon and Golders Green branch and Chairman of the Education Committee. Over the past few years he has worked closely with the Jewish Military Museum's professional and lay leadership team, to develop a far reaching and successful education programme.

Arnold is married to Yvonne, they have a daughter and son and five grandchildren.

As a dentist he served in the Royal Army Dental Corps from 1955-57. During his national service, he trained in Aldershot and was then posted to Germany.



Dr Arnold Phelops

Arnold outlines a strong vision for AJEX. "The future of the Association is dependent on continuing and expanding our education programme, so current and future generations have a true understanding of the significance of remembrance. In addition to this, the Jewish Military Museum must continue on the road to establishing itself as an independent body. In doing so, it will hopefully become an inviting and dynamic attraction and an important part of the Anglo Jewish heritage".

Lieutenant Paul Mervis



Born 30th Sep 1981 -
Killed 12th Jun 2009 - age 27

Members of AJEX joined Paul's family at his funeral on 24th June at Aldershot Military Cemetery.

The Service was officiated by Rabbi Wolf, former Rabbi of Wimbledon and District Synagogue, together with Rabbi Sheridan, the current Rabbi and Reverend Weisman. Friends and many comrades from the armed forces joined the family at this emotional farewell to a loving son and a highly respected soldier. Paul was killed as a result of an explosion in northern Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Gibraltar



The Iconic Rock of Gibraltar



A part of the Jewish Cemetery

Captain Solomon Levy MBE JP, the Mayor of Gibraltar, invited AJEX members for a three day visit to enjoy the sites and sounds of his Island.

Known as Momy, a long time AJEX member and supporter who always attends the AJEX Annual Parade, he hosted the group from 22-25th March 2009.



The Guard House



The AJEX group with their guide

AJEX in the News...



In April The Jewish Chronicle wrote an extensive article on the 65th commemoration of D-Day, featuring many of our members. AJEX reproduced the article, in full, on our website, for all to enjoy.

Go to the latest news page at www.ajex.org.uk

A Peek at The National Chairman's Busy Diary

10th May 2009 - Merseyside Branch's AGM. A well publicised event, Dr Peter Wagerman was accompanied by Arnold Phelops and presented a Gold Badge to the branch Chaplain, Rabbi Malits MBE.

25th May 2009 - On US Memorial Day each and every year, AJEX travels to the American Cemetery in Madingley, Cambridgeshire to pay it's respects and lay a wreath at the US War Memorial, where some Jewish graves are amongst the other denominations.

27th May 2009 - Peter was accompanied by Peter Russell MBE, the National Treasurer, to unveil a plaque at Westacres Jewish Residential Home in Glasgow, in recognition of a contribution towards the landscaping of new gardens.

5th July 2009 - Accompanied by Welfare Chairman Alan Levine, our Chairman paid a visit to Donisthorpe Hall Leeds, to unveil a plaque for a donation from AJEX, of a contribution towards the cost of a Lounge/Dining Room in a new Dementia Wing. Donisthorpe is home to 60 Jewish residents with ex-service connections.

Paris



The Eternal Flame



AJEX Standard Bearers

Each year AJEX joins comrades in France - Association des Anciens Combattants et Engages Volontaires Juifs - to attend the Rekindling of the Eternal Flame Ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe. On the 12th May 2009 a group from AJEX travelled to Paris to participate in the event.



French Special Guard of Honour



Three of our French comrades

We Say Goodbye to...

Each year we sadly lose members and say farewell to friends, colleagues and comrades.

Here we pay a special tribute to **David Butterworth**, who worked tirelessly for AJEX. An active member of the Southgate branch, along with his wife Frances, David was also a vital part of the annual Remembrance Parade and a member of the National Executive Council. He held prominent posts in AJEX Lodge and recruited AJEX members whenever he could. He was also involved for many years with the JLGB. David was born on 21st June 1922, he sadly passed away on 26th June 2009 age 87.

For a full obituary on David, please go to our website www.ajex.org.uk

Report from AJEX Northern Conference

Held in Leeds on Sunday 19th July 2009 and attended by AJEX Branches from Leeds, Merseyside, Newcastle, Blackpool, Cardiff and several members of London Branches along with Head Office representatives.

A GOLD BADGE was presented by Dr Peter Wagerman National Chairman, to Len Cohen, in recognition of over 25 years service to the Leeds Branch. The appointment of Jeffrey Fox, the Northern Region Coordinator, as editor of The Journal was also confirmed.



Dignitaries in attendance at the conference pictured (l-r) Jeffrey Fox, the Deputy Lady Mayoress & Deputy Lord Mayor of Leeds, Leeds Jewish Representative Council President Sue Dorsey & Leeds AJEX Chairman Leonard Fineberg

Veterans Day Evolves and Becomes Armed Forces Day



Armed Forces Day - formerly known as Veterans Day - has been an event commemorated by AJEX. This year our Jewish Military Museum invited the people who pass through the doors of Shield House each week, to pay a visit and support Jewish men and women currently serving in the British Armed Forces and to meet many of the Jewish veterans who have also served.

Shield House is home to many Jewish community organisations as well as our own AJEX head office.

Further to this over 100 AJEX members from around the country, held their own ceremony at the National Memorial Arboretum Staffordshire.

With Armed Forces Day falling on Shabbat, AJEX held it's service of commemoration two days earlier on the 25th June. Jewish school children from King David High in Liverpool, together with children from local schools joined in the ceremony and laid memorial poppy posies.



AJEX Members at the Armed Forces Day Commemoration

Dates for the Diary

6 Sep 09 - Inter-denominational Service of Remembrance - Gladstone Park North West London - A service to remember those who died in concentration camps and prisoner of war camps

8 Nov 09 - Remembrance Sunday - Please support your local event the second Sunday of November, the Sunday nearest to anniversary of the end of World War I

10 Nov 09 - The Unknown Warrior - A short ceremony arranged by the Western Front Association takes place at Victoria Station, Platform 8, at 8.32pm. A contingent from AJEX will be present

15 Nov 09 - 75th AJEX Remembrance Parade & Rally - Whitehall and New Connaught Rooms - AJEX members march to the Cenotaph followed by a ceremony and tea

Marathon Run for AJEX

On Sunday 26th April 2009 Alan Rose took to the London streets to run 26.2 miles for the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women's welfare fund. His wife Hilary and 4 year old son Adam, were near the finish line, encouraging him those last exhausting yet exhilarating steps to his victory. This is Alan's eighth Marathon Run.



Alan Rose cooling off after his run

Alan raised over £3,500 for AJEX this year. AJEX's welfare fund offers essential support to Jewish Ex-servicemen and Women as well as their dependants, assisting them whenever and as much as possible in times of need.

AJEX Annual Conference



Lt. Daniel Weil

On the 17th May 2009, AJEX members gathered for their Annual Conference, held this year at Central Synagogue, London. During the afternoon we heard from Lt. Daniel Weil, a representative from the Armed Forces Jewish Community who spoke about "Life as a Jew in today's British Armed Forces".

See below for the up-to-date listing:

President Lord Janner, of Braunstone QC

National Chairman Dr Peter Wagerman
Deputy Chairman Dr Arnold Phelops
Treasurer Peter Russell MBE

Vice Presidents

Lt Col M Cohen TD DL	A Cowan OBE
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J Lewis	H Morris
R C Shelley MBE	H Shepherd DL

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Public Relations & Web L Stern
Record of Honour J Lewis
Remembrance P Russell MBE
Welfare A Levine

National Executive Council

J Bell - Newcastle
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 A Cass - Kenton
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 A Levine - Leeds
 M Lovat - Hendon and Golders Green
 B Saipé - Finchley
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 L Sutton - Romford
 L Temple - Ilford

Honorary Chaplain Malcolm Weisman OBE
Honorary Solicitor Clive Boxer

Museum News...



The Jewish Military Museum now has its very own regular publication called JMM News. Launched this summer, it is filled with information about future plans, new acquisitions and its very successful and far reaching education programme.

You can download it from our website - www.ajex.org.uk - or why not pay a visit to the museum and pick up a copy.

OPENING TIMES

Mon - Thur 10.00am - 4.00pm

Call Brenda to book

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Email. museum@ajex.org.uk

Groups always welcome

Big Birthdays

David Arkush - 95 - on 8th June. A PoW at the notorious Changi Prison Camp. David continues to be an active AJEX Member.

Lillie Davis BEM - 90 - on 2nd July. Lillie is a Life Member of AJEX's National Executive Council.

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AJEX Keeps Giving

Alan Levine our Welfare Chairman, highlights a recent case, to show how AJEX's Welfare Service is reaching out and making a difference.

A widow of 82 years whose husband was a WWII veteran, was referred to AJEX by The Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Families Association (SSAFA).

She lives in a sheltered rented flat in London, with no known family. Housebound, due to chronic osteoarthritis and other age related ailments, her mobility is seriously restricted and she is totally reliant upon others for day to day living activities.

AJEX arranged for an assessment by an occupational therapist, who recommended a care and mobility aid equipment package, costing £2,215.00.



AJEX Welfare Division, in conjunction with SSAFA, secured funding from two Army Regimental Charities, The Royal British Legion, Lloyds Patriotic Fund, her husband's work related civilian professional fund and of course AJEX.

Some months on, our widow has said that the equipment and care has resulted in a better quality of life, which she could neither have envisaged nor afforded.

With an ever increasing elderly client base this is not an isolated case but typical of what we see and have come to expect.

If you know anyone that you feel may benefit from our help, or wish to make a donation to the Welfare Fund, PLEASE DO BE IN TOUCH.