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**A remarkable history
An ambitious future**



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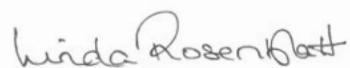
Welcome to World Jewish Relief's 90th Anniversary event.

During the 35 years that I have been involved with World Jewish Relief I have seen the organisation support Jewish communities in need, respond to global disasters and grow to become the highly regarded humanitarian agency that it is today.

This year the world has faced some immense challenges. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has dominated our day-to-day. The destruction and suffering that we have witnessed has been deeply felt by us all. I have been inspired by the overwhelming support of our community and so proud of World Jewish Relief's response enabling us to deliver immediate, effective assistance thanks to our fantastic professional team, and expert partners on the ground.

With your help we will continue to provide life-changing and life-saving action to thousands of people in crisis all around the world, providing dignity, hope and creating better futures for so many.

On behalf of World Jewish Relief I thank you for being part of our remarkable history and our ambitious future.



Tonight's Speakers



Emily Maitlis

Emily Maitlis is an award-winning journalist and broadcaster, currently co-hosting the daily podcast *The News Agents* and formerly lead anchor of the BBC's *Newsnight*. She has presented BBC elections both here and in the United States and interviewed some of the best-known names in politics and international affairs. Emily has been named Royal Television Society's Presenter of the Year two years consecutively, won the internationally renowned Hanns Joachim Friedrichs Award and British Journalism Awards Interviewer of the Year in 2022. She is the author of the Sunday Times bestseller, *Airhead*, an exploration of the imperfect art of making news, which is currently being adapted by Blueprint for a fictional drama. Emily has been a staunch supporter and close friend of World Jewish Relief since 2008, visiting our programmes in Eastern Europe and hosting our Annual Dinners and other important briefings and events.



Jon Sopel

Jon Sopel is an award-winning journalist, author and presenter, co-hosting *The News Agents* Podcast alongside Emily Maitlis. Jon has had a distinguished career as a leading BBC journalist and presenter, covering major political and international stories, countless presidential elections, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and a number of natural disasters. He was formerly the BBC's North America Editor and Chief Political Correspondent for BBC News.



Yalda Hakim

Yalda Hakim is a journalist, documentary maker and news presenter featuring on *Newsnight* and *Impact* for the BBC. Born in Kabul, Afghanistan, Yalda and her family fled on horseback during the Soviet invasion of 1979. She grew up in Australia and went on to study journalism, before joining the BBC in 2012. Since 2021 she has reported extensively on the Taliban insurgency of Afghanistan. Yalda became involved with World Jewish Relief last year, presenting our online *Make a World of Difference* event.



Nicholas Hytner

Nicholas Hytner is an internationally acclaimed and award-winning theatre director, film director and producer. He was artistic director of The National Theatre from 2003 to 2015 where he directed or produced many productions including *The History Boys*, *One Man Two Guvnors* and *War Horse*. His films include *The Madness of King George* and *The Lady in the Van*. He is now Artistic Director of The Bridge Theatre, which he co-founded in 2017. He was knighted in the 2010 New Year Honours for services to drama. In 2019, together with World Jewish Relief's Connections Committee he visited the Jewish Community Centre in Krakow, Poland. He subsequently became involved with, and a supporter of, the work of World Jewish Relief.



Ukrainian Quartet

This evening you will hear from an ensemble of talented Ukrainian musicians performing a mixture of traditional and classical pieces. When the Russian invasion of Ukraine began in February last year, the quartet were performing on tour in the UK. They have been unable to return home since. They are currently living in the UK through the Homes for Ukraine scheme. You will hear from violinists Kristina Surma and Ksenia Babets, with Julia Chorniy on the viola and Tetiana Savenko on cello. Tonight, the ensemble also features soloist Vlad Voloshyn on the clarinet.

90 Years of World Jewish Relief

1933

Central British Fund for German Jewry Established



1938

CBF Instigating the Kindertransport



1956

Assisting Jewish Communities in Crisis

Responding to conflict, persecution and natural disasters that threatened Jewish lives across North Africa, Europe, South America and the Middle East.



2004

Responding to Global Humanitarian Disasters

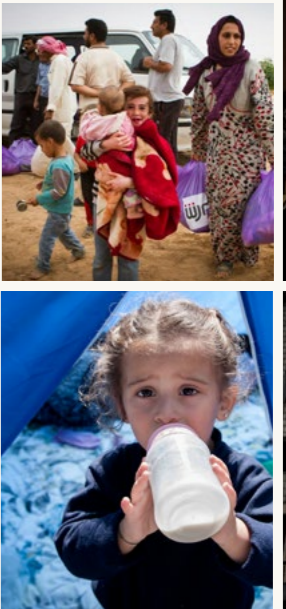
In 2004, we merged with UK J-Aid and led the Jewish community's response to the Boxing Day Tsunami.



2015

Supporting Refugees at Home and Overseas

We helped 17,000 people internationally, affected by the Syrian Civil War, and launched our Specialist Training and Employment Programme in 2016, to help refugees establish independent lives in the UK.



1933 – 1952

Persecution and Commencing Support to Survivors

We proudly rescued almost 10,000 mostly Jewish children on the Kindertransport, rescued Jews stranded in Europe's Displacement Camps flying 732 orphan child survivors, known as 'The Boys', to Britain, and supported over 65,000 Jews across Europe.

1989

Supporting Jews in Eastern Europe

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, we began our support of Jews in poverty across Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus with food, medicine, home repairs and social care.

2015

His Majesty King Charles III, former Prince of Wales, becomes our Royal Patron

His Royal Highness King Charles III, the former Prince of Wales, visiting our Jewish Community Centre in Krakow.

2022

Ukraine Crisis Response

So far, we have provided critical humanitarian aid to over 187,918 people within and beyond the Jewish community in Ukraine, neighbouring Poland and Moldova, and here in the UK.





“I was struck by the fortitude, energy and resilience of those I’ve visited around Kyiv despite cold, fear, uncertainty and loss.”

Paul Anticoni,
Chief Executive of World Jewish Relief

› Tonight’s Stories

For 90 years we have provided life-saving action to marginalised communities around the world. In our first film of the evening, you will be transported across 90 years of our remarkable history, from our establishment in 1933 to our ongoing response to the war in Ukraine.

Just as important as our history is the work we are doing to save and transform lives today. In the next three films you will see how your support is actively changing lives.



Bishnu Mahato

“I had no idea what climate change was before I joined this programme.”

Bishnu, 58, father to nine children, lives and works on a small farm in Mahottari, Nepal.

Bishnu watched year on year as his and his neighbours’ crops failed. Using traditional farming methods, they were struggling to cope with unnatural weather events and unpredictable seasons.

After joining our climate resilience programme, run by local partner Community Self-Reliance Centre, he received training in how to grow crops that can withstand the increasingly unpredictable climate. Bishnu can now provide for his family once again.



Sahar

When the US and the UK announced their withdrawal from Afghanistan in the summer of 2021, overnight Sahar found herself being targeted by the Taliban.

Her life at risk every day, Afghanistan became an impossibly dangerous place for her to stay. She fled with her family to the UK.

Despite reaching safety, she was faced with a new set of challenges; having to rebuild her life in a foreign country. This is where World Jewish Relief stepped in to provide employment support.



Our Ukraine Response

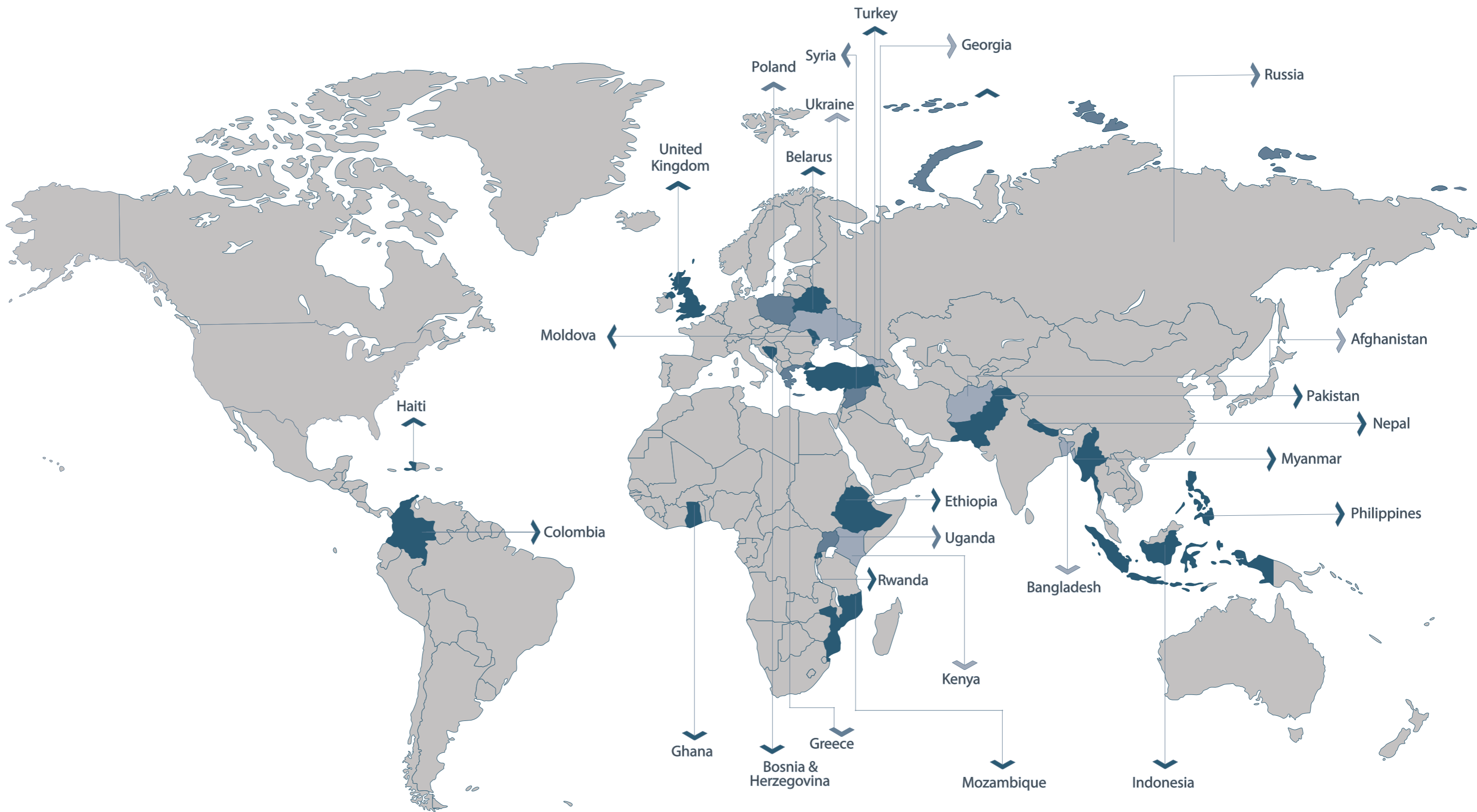
In this film you will hear from Oleksiy Tolkachov, the Director of our local partner Dreamland who have been responding to the humanitarian needs of Ukrainians on the frontlines of the conflict, in the hardest to reach areas. During this time he met Liudmyla, Zinaida and Valeriia.

Liudmyla, 73, is a resident of the city of Bucha, near Kyiv. The city was badly damaged during the start of the invasion, and many suffered at the hands of Russian soldiers. As a person with disabilities, she was stranded in a warzone without power and water, unable to escape.

Zinaida and her daughter Valeriia live in a small, isolated village far away from Kyiv. When their house was hit by a missile, they lost everything. Their home was reduced to rubble and their possessions were destroyed.



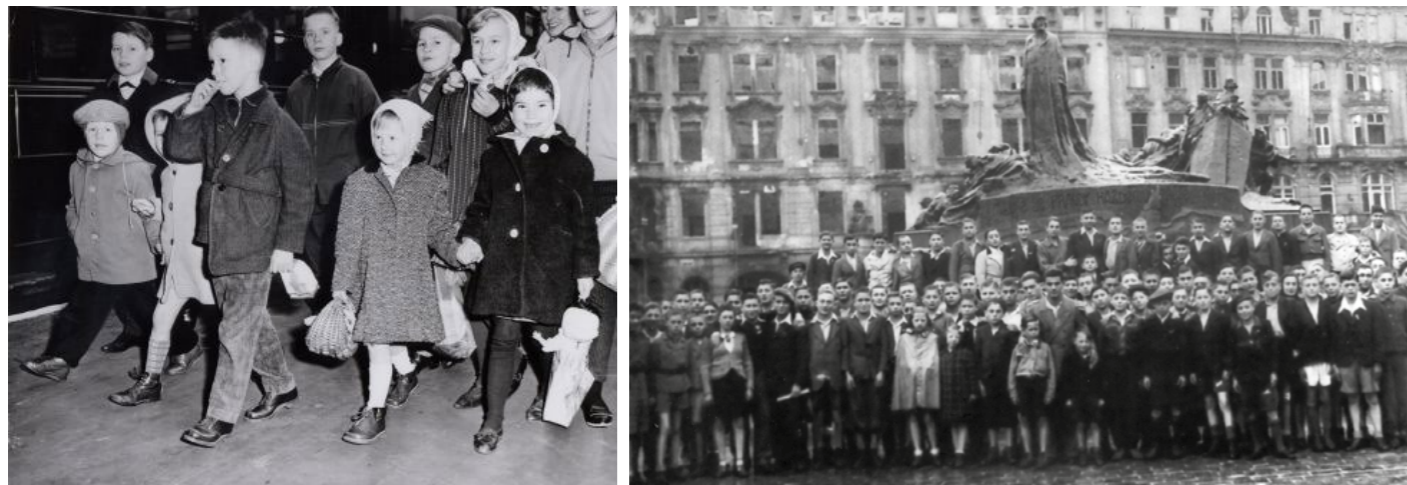
> Where We Work Today



> 90 Years of Supporting Refugees

Many of you here this evening will be familiar with our work supporting refugees in the 1930s and 1940s.

Some of you will have been directly impacted by our life-saving role in the Kindertransport from Germany and Austria. Ever since, our support to refugees has remained unwavering.



7,298

UKRAINIANS WE'VE HELPED EVACUATE TO SAFE PLACES SINCE FEBRUARY 2022



1,435

REFUGEES GIVEN EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT IN THE UK SINCE 2016



12,510

UYGHUR REFUGEES SUPPORTED IN TURKEY DURING 2021



Our Humanitarian and Climate Journey

Inspired by our Jewish values, we respond to the needs of people suffering the consequences of disaster, conflict, and climate change. Through our life-saving action we provide immediate relief, and help communities to rebuild their long-term lives and livelihoods.

“What renders a culture invulnerable is the compassion it shows to the vulnerable.”

Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks



- Boxing Day Tsunami 2004
- Bangladesh Cyclone 2007
- Myanmar Cyclone 2008
- Democratic Republic of Congo Conflict 2008
- Indonesia Earthquake 2009
- Haiti Earthquake 2010
- Pakistan Floods 2010
- East Africa Food Crisis 2011
- Japan Earthquake 2011
- West Africa Food Crisis 2012
- Philippines Typhoon 2013
- Syria Civil War 2013
- Ebola Outbreak in Sierra Leone, 2014
- Ukraine Crisis 2014
- Nepal Earthquake 2015



We have launched **30** emergency appeals since 2004, supporting over **574,035** people in need.

We have provided life-saving disaster relief in 20 countries across four continents in the last five years and helped 8,477 people build their resilience to the climate crisis.

- Refugee Crisis 2015
- Haiti Earthquake 2016
- East Africa Food Crisis 2017
- Mexico Earthquake 2017
- Indonesia Earthquake 2018
- Mozambique, Cyclone Idai 2019
- Global Covid-19 Response 2020
- Beirut Explosion 2020
- Afghanistan Crisis 2021
- Haiti Earthquake 2021
- Afghanistan Food Crisis 2021
- Uyghur Refugees 2021
- Ukraine Crisis 2022
- Pakistan Floods 2022
- Turkey-Syria Earthquake 2023



> The War in Ukraine

We are one year on from the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Over the last 12 months the devastation has been immense; 14 million have been displaced, thousands of lives have been lost and families have been ripped apart.

We have been working in Ukraine for over 30 years, and have built a network of trusted partners. So, when almost one year ago we woke up to the horror of the war in Ukraine, we were exceptionally well placed to respond and able to reach the most isolated and worst affected areas.

Since the start of the invasion, you have helped us reach over 187,918 Ukrainians with life-saving support; that's equivalent to one Ukrainian every three minutes. One more by the time you have finished reading this brochure.



> They Need More

As we approach the one-year anniversary of this war, it is important we do not see this context as anything close to normal. Ukrainians need our support more than ever. We need your support more than ever.

On the 24th of February, exactly one year on from the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we are re-launching our Ukraine Crisis Appeal with an online matched funding campaign.

If you are willing to share our campaign message with your personal or professional networks, please sign up here to become a campaign team leader and help us spread the word about our critical work. We thank you for your fantastic support.

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sign up



“ It is the strident Jewish voice that rails against conflict, crisis and injustice and says that where there is desperate need, there will always be a Jewish response. We are that response. ”

Paul Anticoni,
Chief Executive of World Jewish Relief

Our Royal Patron



Our Royal Patron His Majesty King Charles III, former Prince of Wales first became involved with World Jewish Relief in 2008, when he and her Royal Highness the former Duchess of Cornwall, now Queen Consort, opened our Jewish Community Centre in Krakow, Poland. His Royal Majesty became our Patron in 2015 and has since taken an active interest in our life-changing work.

Our Royal Patron His Majesty King Charles III, former Prince of Wales, has been instrumental in encouraging World Jewish Relief to be bold, to embark on new and challenging projects and to continue to give focus, urgency and purpose to the saving of lives and livelihoods.



OUR ROYAL PATRON HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III,
FORMER PRINCE OF WALES
AND CHIEF RABBI EPHRAIM MIRVIS



HENRY GRUNWALD OBE KC
PRESIDENT OF WORLD JEWISH RELIEF

It gives me great pride and pleasure to celebrate World Jewish Relief's 90th anniversary with you all tonight. As President of this remarkable organisation, I am constantly impressed by all that it has achieved since 1933, especially how we have responded to the tragedy in Ukraine since the Russian invasion as well as maintaining and growing our existing commitments to vulnerable Jewish communities and others all over the world. We place our Jewish values at the forefront of all that we do.

We are incredibly grateful for the unwavering support we have received from members of our community over the last 90 years. I would like to thank each and every one of you for contributing to World Jewish Relief's life-changing work. Whether you joined us at the start of our journey in 1933 or have become involved in the years that followed, your support has been invaluable.

Thank you.

We pay tribute to the extraordinary work of World Jewish Relief's founders, Anthony and Lionel de Rothschild, Lord Bearsted, Simon Marks, Lionel Cohen, Sir Robert Waley Cohen, Otto Schiff, Sir Osmond d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Neville Laski, Leonard Montefiore, Harry Nathan and all of the other exceptional men and women in the Anglo-Jewish community who helped to establish this remarkable organisation.

Over 90 years, we have been honoured to have 14 passionate and committed Chairs, who have generously lent their time and expertise to World Jewish Relief.

1933-1939: **Sir Osmond d'Avigdor-Goldsmid**

1990-1995: **Harry Kleeman CBE**

1939-1955: **Anthony de Rothschild**

1995-1999: **Ashley Mitchell**

1955-1957: **Leonard G. Montefiore OBE**

1999-2001: **Jonathan Joseph**

1958-1969: **H Oscar Joseph OBE**

2001-2011: **Nigel Layton**

1969-1971: **Rt. Hon. Lord Nathan**

2011-2016: **James Libson**

1971-1986: **Kenneth D. Rubens**

2016-2021: **Dan Rosenfield**

1986-1990: **David Cope-Thompson OBE**

2021: **Maurice Helfgott**

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Thank you to the many hosts, speakers, and those who have acted as ambassadors for World Jewish Relief, helping us to engage wider audiences and share our message across the community.



Thank you to the UK Government and Home Office, the EU's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and other international governmental bodies for their continued collaboration and support.

Finally to all of our supporters - our Partners, Benefactors, and other individuals and organisations who have financially supported us over the years; your generosity has enabled us to transform hundreds of thousands of lives for the better.

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Ben Helfgott addressing
the '45 Aid Society in 2000
on the 55th anniversary of the
arrival in England of the Boys

“Our return to normality was to a large
extent achieved through the generosity and
care extended to us by Britain and
especially the Jewish Community.

We owe a great debt to the late Leonard G.
Montefiore, Elaine Blond, Lola Hahn-Warburg,
Oscar Friedmann and many others whose
help and advice was much appreciated.”

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“In memory of Colin Lehmann,
Treasurer World Jewish Relief between
2004 - 2008 who brought his energy
and insight to his role and continues
to inspire my commitment.”

Anonymous

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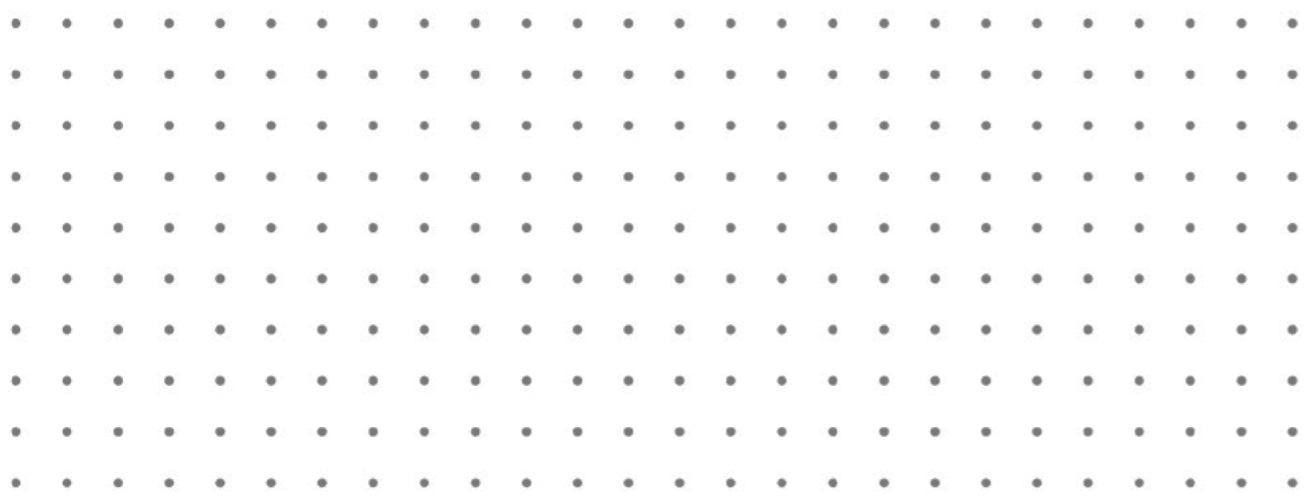
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Susi and Harvey Gilbert

Keep up the good work.
Best wishes.

Mazal Tov on 90 years of life-changing
and life-sustaining work!

Kol Hakavod

Mazel Tov on 90 years
of helping Jews
throughout the world.
Keep up the great work.

Craig Emden

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From Suzy and Jonathan Polin

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