

We Care, We Give, We Act

World Jewish Relief

DINNER
2024



worldjewishrelief.org



BRANDALLEY

THE NON-STOP DESIGNER SALE

Shop now at brandalley.co.uk

Sponsored by the Feldmann family



Dear Friends,

A warm welcome to each and every one of you to World Jewish Relief's Dinner 2024. As President of this remarkable charity, I am immensely proud and grateful to be surrounded by a community so dedicated to making a positive impact on the world.

This year has been marked by challenges that have tested our collective strength. The October 7th terrorist attacks on Israel, and the following war now raging in the Middle East, has brought unimaginable human suffering to Israelis and Palestinian civilians, and our thoughts are with all those affected during this extremely difficult time. We have witnessed a deeply troubling rise in antisemitism here in the UK, but also around the globe. Since October 7th, we have supported specific unmet needs in Israel that align closely with our work, assisting vulnerable youth, migrants and minority Bedouin communities. Ukraine, now entering its third year since the full-scale Russian invasion, continues to grapple with the impact of a conflict that has left countless lives in turmoil.

In December last year, amidst these challenging times, I had the privilege of attending a special commemorative event for the 85th anniversary of the Kindertransport. This extraordinary rescue mission, which World Jewish Relief was instrumental in bringing to pass, saved the lives of almost 10,000 predominantly Jewish children from the clutches of Nazi terror. It serves as a poignant reminder of this charity's pivotal role in bringing hope to those in desperate circumstances. Even in the darkest moments, we must remain hopeful and continue to support those in crisis.

Tonight, we gather not only to reflect on the challenges we've faced but to celebrate the incredible impact we have had together. Over the past year, World Jewish Relief has reached 217,837 people from 23 countries across the globe, working hand-in-hand with 74 partners. From Nepal to Uganda, Turkey to Rwanda, and Ukraine to the UK, we are supporting those impacted by conflict, disaster and climate change to survive and thrive. This achievement is a testament to the strength of our community.

This year, we celebrate our partnership with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)

as it enters its 90th year. Our two organisations have a special relationship, enabling the delivery of services to vulnerable Jewish communities worldwide. I am delighted that Annie Sandler, the recently appointed President of the JDC, is with us tonight.

Sadly, this year we saw the passing of some of World Jewish Relief's closest supporters and friends, some of whom you will read about in this Brochure. Our condolences are with the friends and families of all those we have lost, and we thank them for their leadership over many years.

I am thrilled to announce the exceptional appointment of three World Jewish Relief Life Vice Presidents: Jonathan Joseph, Ashley Mitchell and James Libson, all of whom have played, and continue to play, an active role in our growth, evolution and impact. Our thanks go to them, and to all of you, for your unwavering dedication, support and generosity.

Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need, embodying the values that have driven World Jewish Relief's mission since 1933. Together, we care, we give, we act.

With sincere gratitude,

Henry Grunwald



Henry Grunwald OBE KC
President, World Jewish Relief

› Speakers and Performers



Kirsty Young

Kirsty Young is a critically acclaimed Scottish television and radio presenter, who began her broadcasting and journalism career in the early 1990s. She is currently presenting her recently launched podcast, *Young Again*, in which Kirsty speaks to a range of high-profile guests about the pivotal moments in their lives. She gained prominence as a television presenter, known for hosting a wide array of programmes, including *ITV News*, *5 News*, and panel shows such as *Have I Got News For You*. From 2006 - 2018, Kirsty hosted BBC's *Desert Island Discs*, a much-loved radio show, and also her first introduction to World Jewish Relief's work. She interviewed the late Sir Ben Helfgott, four-time British weightlifting champion and one of the 'Boys', who arrived in the UK from Nazi occupied Europe in 1945, assisted by World Jewish Relief (then The Central British Fund for German Jewry). Beyond her career in broadcasting, Kirsty has been involved in many charitable endeavours and we are thrilled that she is hosting tonight's event for us.

The Kyiv City Ballet

This evening, you will enjoy a performance from the remarkable Kyiv City Ballet, Ukraine's premier ballet company who have performed in some of the most renowned venues across the world. The ballet left for a tour to Paris on 23 February 2022, when the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine began. They continue to perform the world's most beloved classic ballets and moving modern works across the world because they can't return home. Their mission is to 'spread a message of peace and love worldwide through ballet'. The Kyiv City Ballet was founded in 2012 by Ivan Kozlov, the company's current General Director, and Katya Kozlova, the current Associate Director. You can find out more about the Kyiv City Ballet on their website at kcbtheater.com.



Dame Melinda Simmons

Dame Melinda Simmons was His Majesty's Ambassador to Ukraine from September 2019 until August 2023, and received a Damehood for services to British foreign policy early in 2023. Before taking up the role in Kyiv, Melinda worked at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, as Head of the Conflict Department. Dame Melinda has displayed extraordinary leadership throughout this unprecedented period in Ukraine's history, actively supporting relief efforts since the full-scale Russian invasion began in February 2022. During her time as Ambassador, she worked closely with Ukraine's Jewish community, establishing her connection with World Jewish Relief. Dame Melinda has been a source of inspiration through her commitment, determination and ability to share her experiences with the world. We welcome her as our Guest Speaker this evening.





Our Royal Patron

The Former Prince of Wales, His Majesty the King, has been World Jewish Relief's Patron since 2015, after meeting with members of the Jewish community in Poland and Ukraine. In 2008, His Majesty opened the Jewish Community Centre in Krakow in partnership with World Jewish Relief, to help rebuild Jewish life and a Jewish community.

His Majesty has been a long-standing friend to us, and the wider Jewish community, and his conviction in the value of our global work and our work with refugees in the UK has been highly motivating and inspiring to our team, trustees, clients and partners.

In the last year, members of the World Jewish Relief team had the privilege of meeting with His Majesty on two occasions. Firstly, at a reception hosted by King

Charles and Queen Camilla at Buckingham Palace in November 2023, which celebrated Britain's contribution to humanitarian efforts across the world.

On the second occasion, also in November, King Charles attended a special commemoration of the 85th anniversary of Kristallnacht, or the 'Night of Broken Glass', demonstrating his unfaltering support for the Jewish community. On both occasions, His Majesty praised the critical significance of World Jewish Relief's work at home and abroad, within and beyond the Jewish community.

Following His Majesty's recent diagnosis, our thoughts are with His Majesty and the Royal Family at this time. All of us at World Jewish Relief wish him a full and speedy recovery.

> Tonight's Films

Ester's Story

Ester was pregnant when she arrived in the UK after being trafficked from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Following an extremely challenging adolescence, she was forced to adapt to a completely new culture and way of life here in the UK.

During this film, you will hear about her experience, and about the support she received from Rozie, one of World Jewish Relief's employment advisors. World Jewish Relief provides its award-winning Specialist Training and Employment Programme (STEP) to thousands of refugees in the UK from all backgrounds, including Afghans, Syrians and Ukrainians. Through tailored one-to-one job seeking support, a friendly face to turn to in Rozie, and her own remarkable resilience, you will hear about Ester's journey to employment, and how she is forging a happier, brighter future for herself and her child.





Two Years of War in Ukraine

In the early hours of the morning on the 24th of February, almost two years ago, the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine began. Through its vast network of local partners across the country, World Jewish Relief has responded to needs in Ukraine for over 30 years, and when the war began, it was well placed to step up this support.

In this film, you will follow Paul Anticoni, Chief Executive of World Jewish Relief, through Ukraine, as he meets some of the families who have been affected by this protracted and devastating war. You will also see the impact your support is having, helping to meet a diverse range of needs, including psychological support to children and families, and livelihood recovery to enable Ukrainians to provide for themselves once more.



Looking Back on 2023

World Jewish Relief responds to the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, supporting 9,450 people.

Over 700 guests gather to celebrate 90 years of World Jewish Relief, raising an incredible £1.9 million.

FEBRUARY 6



FEBRUARY 21



AUGUST 24



SEPTEMBER 8



World Jewish Relief wins a major new government contract to provide life-changing English language and employment support to up to 10,000 Ukrainian refugees in the UK.

World Jewish Relief launches an emergency response to the earthquakes in Morocco, meeting the needs of over 13,184 people.

The one-year anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

FEBRUARY 24



World Jewish Relief launches an emergency appeal to help Ukrainians who had been badly affected by the Kakhovka Dam Explosion.

JUNE 6



OCTOBER 7



DECEMBER 3



October 7th terrorist attacks on Israel. World Jewish Relief supports unmet needs through its own reserves.

Commemoration of the 85th Anniversary of the Kindertransport, honouring those who escaped and those who were left behind.



to our broader work, directly from our own reserves. I was lucky enough to get to visit these projects.

The first was a youth village called Yemin Orde, run by Youth Aliyah. Yemin Orde is a home, school and safe haven to over 400 at-risk immigrant youth in Israel. This includes many who have come from Ukraine and Russia following the Russian invasion. Young people who have fled from conflict, only to find themselves in what is now also a war zone.

We also visited the Israel Trauma Coalition (ITC), an organisation World Jewish Relief works alongside in Ukraine, providing psychological trauma care, emotional first aid, and therapy to families and children. Now, we are supporting their work in Israel, which extends to Israeli families and to Bedouin communities affected by the terrorist attacks. We heard all about the work they've done to provide essential trauma training to therapists across Israel, to try and go some way to help a deeply affected population.

What is very clear from the hundreds of conversations I had during my trip is that life is not as usual. The October 7th attacks, the hostages, the war - this is all people are talking about.

Everyone knows someone who is a victim. And so often older people told me of their sadness that after having spent much of their youth fighting in Gaza, they never expected their grandchildren to have to do the same. From the airport we went to visit with my aunt in Kfar

› A Visit to Israel: Immense Sadness and Immense Pride

On October 7th 2023, the world changed. As so many in our community were waking up, preparing to celebrate Simchat Torah - one of the most joyous days of the Jewish calendar - news was filtering in from Israel. News of attacks.

Over the next few weeks, I felt the need to go to Israel, to share love and support with friends and family and to stand shoulder to shoulder with the nation. Six weeks later my son and I landed. I always feel a sense of homecoming when I arrive in Israel, and this time was no different. But, so much else was. In stark contrast to the normal hubbub of Ben Gurion airport, it was almost deserted. Instead of the tourism adverts, hostage posters lined the terminal.

After October 7th, the unanimous feeling from the World Jewish Relief Board of Trustees, was that we had to do something to help people in Israel. However, with so many excellent Israeli charities immediately supporting needs in Israel, we felt very strongly that it wouldn't have been right to detract from their fundraising. As a result, we made the decision to support some specific unmet needs, which closely linked





Saba. Sitting on the balcony chatting while the sun was going down for Shabbat, we suddenly heard the siren go off. She's elderly and not able to get to the shelter in her block of flats, so the three of us simply closed her window, already covered in heavy plastic, and went to sit in her small hallway. She explained that shortly we would hear a boom. When it came, I wasn't prepared for the volume. It was a tremendous noise, as the iron dome knocked out a missile overhead. A minute or so later, we heard another one that sounded much further away. Ten minutes later, we were back on the balcony, as a flurry of local Whatsapps circulated checking if everyone was safe.

The next day we drove to Jerusalem in a huge storm, but as we arrived at the Kotel the rain faded away. The whole area was completely empty, save for a man who asked us to lay tefillin and say a prayer for the hostages and the soldiers. My son and I quickly accepted. He didn't ask for any Tzedakah, he just wanted to play a part in his own way to support Israel in its time of need. The whole experience was

incredibly moving and made me realise even more acutely how connected people are feeling to their country and their people. Amidst the immense trauma and sadness, which is palpable in every place you visit and person you meet, there is also a sense of pride. I feel this too, and I'm certain I'll be back there very soon

**By Maurice Helfgott,
Chair of Trustees**

› Honouring and Remembering



Andrew Brown MBE

Andrew was appointed a Life Vice President of World Jewish Relief in 2010, having spent six years on the Board of Trustees. He was Chairman of the family run Jewellers, Beaverbrooks, where he worked for 40 years, instilling a remarkable sense of community, philanthropy and business success in this award-winning company. Andrew's tireless commitment and leadership to support people locally and globally, in a practical way, was infectious. Together with Marcia, his wife, they were central to World Jewish Relief's work in support of the Jewish community across Eastern Europe.

Sir Ben Helfgott

Ben was one of the "Boys", a group of 732 young Holocaust survivors brought out of the displaced camps in 1945 by the Central British Fund for German Jewry (now World Jewish Relief). He became a champion weightlifter and successful businessman but dedicated so much of his life to leading on charity and community priorities, shaped by his past experiences. A Vice Chair of World Jewish Relief, he was also Chair of the 45 Aid Society, a Patron of HET and Vice Chair of the Claims Conference amongst many other charitable responsibilities. He dedicated so much of his life to Holocaust education and reparations, and together, with his wife Arza, was an indomitable force for good within our community.



Clive Marks OBE

Appointed a Life Vice President of World Jewish Relief in 2010, Clive was a pioneering benefactor who embraced society's needs with humility, dignity and unstinting energy. A gentle soul with a remarkable brain, Clive's charitable endeavours, alongside his wife Adrienne, were boundless. Clive played critical roles across many Jewish charities and as Administrator of the former Ashdown Trust, oversaw significant philanthropic donations with great insight, thought and impact. Local to the World Jewish Relief office, he spent considerable time with Paul Anticoni imparting his wisdom and thoughts on how best to encourage greater support for the charity.



World Jewish Relief is deeply saddened at the loss of these individuals and many other friends throughout the year. They and their families remain foremost in all our thoughts.



Michael Marks CVO CBE

Michael was a passionate and generous supporter of World Jewish Relief for many years and was an invaluable member of its Development Board. World Jewish Relief benefited enormously from his wise counsel and years of experience in the City of London, where he was highly respected. Michael was always interested in helping people achieve their potential in life and was committed to the work of The Prince's Trust, as well as World Jewish Relief's livelihood programmes. He was awarded a CVO for services to the Royal Family. Together with Rosemary, his wife, he was a much-loved member of the World Jewish Relief family.

Warren Lessar

Warren chaired the Birmingham Committee of World Jewish Relief for over a decade, enabling hundreds of thousands of pounds to be raised for its work, particularly in Ukraine. Warren had visited World Jewish Relief's programmes in Ukraine and Poland and felt a deep commitment to encourage others to support the charity's work. Warren was wonderfully polite, thoughtful gentleman whose tenacity, persistence and generosity was central to the Jewish community of Birmingham. Together with Janine, his wife, Warren was central to the Birmingham Brunch becoming a core part of World Jewish Relief's fundraising calendar each November.



› The Young World Jewish Relief Committee



The Young World Jewish Relief Committee is a group of young Jewish adults who are passionate about World Jewish Relief's causes. They come together to organise enjoyable and engaging events for other young professionals to spread awareness of our work.

Most recently, they organised a Ukrainian themed supper club together with a number of people from Ukraine who World Jewish Relief has helped to provide homes and jobs for in the UK as a result of the ongoing war.

Stories were shared whilst receiving a hands-on lesson in traditional Ukrainian cooking. The Young World Jewish Relief Committee are currently planning an event centred on the theme of climate change to highlight our work in this critically important area.

“

I got involved with World Jewish Relief as I felt that its mission of helping others across the world who are impacted by natural disasters, war and climate change aligns with the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam, or 'repairing the world'. This teaches that we have a duty to help make the world a better place in any way we can. Any young people wanting to get involved with the committee, we'd love to have you. We will also shortly be launching a young WhatsApp group so watch this space!

- Gina Sternberg, Chair of the Young World Jewish Relief Committee

The Young World Jewish Relief Committee are actively looking for young professionals between the ages of 18 and 35 to join them. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in getting involved, then please reach out to World Jewish Relief's Head of Special Events, Sam Pearl, at SamP@worldjewishrelief.org. Members of our Young Committee are also here tonight, if you have any questions. **Current Young Committee Members:** Gina Sternberg (Chair), Sarah Bright, Jovanna Ellerman, Joel Fishel, Simon Fox, Joe Kleeman, Steph Lipman, Eve Navias.

› Thank you

We thank our Board of Trustees and dedicated members of our Governance Committees, both past and present, for their invaluable guidance and unwavering support.

Current Board of Trustees:

Henry Grunwald OBC KC (President), Maurice Helfgott (Chair), Hilda Worth (Vice Chair), Alan Rousso, Annabel Mahgerefteh, David Semaya, Dina Shiloh, Elliot Moss, James Bilefield, Jeremy Newman, Kevin Sneader, Prerna Wadikar, Rachel Ingram

Life Vice Presidents:

Linda Rosenblatt MBE, Nigel Ross, Nigel Layton, Ashley Mitchell, Jonathan Joseph, James Libson

We express our sincerest gratitude to the gracious hosts, eloquent speakers, and passionate ambassadors who have selflessly contributed to World Jewish Relief, spreading our mission throughout the community and beyond.

Thank you to the UK Government: the Home Office, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the EU's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, UN Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund, the Big Lottery (The National Lottery Community Fund), The Start Fund - financed by the governments of Britain, Ireland and the Netherlands, and other international governmental bodies for their enduring collaboration over the years.

Lastly, our deepest gratitude and thanks to our global supporters - our esteemed Partners, Benefactors, and other individuals and organisations whose financial support has enabled us to positively impact the lives of hundreds of thousands. Together, we are making strides toward a brighter and more hopeful future.



SITE OF FIRST
SYNAGOGUE
AFTER THE HEFTLINGS
1657 - 1701

IAN FAGELSON

LONDON TOUR GUIDE



ifagelson@outlook.com | 07785 290315

All proceeds donated to charity

Top ten guide ranked on Tripadvisor. Please check out my reviews!

THE MANNY & BRIGITTA DAVIDSON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

ARE HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE WONDERFUL WORK
OF **WORLD JEWISH RELIEF** WHO WORK SO HARD
TO ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF CONFLICT AND
SOCIAL INJUSTICE.

The bottom portion of the page features several overlapping, wavy, semi-transparent lines in shades of light gray and white, creating a sense of movement and depth. These lines curve across the width of the page, starting from the left and right edges and meeting in the center.

BEST WISHES FROM THE
EXILARCH'S FOUNDATION



Corob Group

THE DIRECTORS OF COROB GROUP
ARE PLEASED TO SUPPORT WORLD JEWISH RELIEF
AND WISH THIS EVENT EVERY SUCCESS.

Alternative Bridging Corporation thanks
World Jewish Relief for its vital work

A better
alternative
for a better
future

With best wishes from BDO

For general enquiries or advice on how we can help you grow your business, please visit our website www.bdo.co.uk

For more information please contact:

Ariel Grosberg
Partner

+44(0) 752 529 8696
ariel.grosberg@bdo.co.uk

Talia Greenbaum
Partner

+44(0) 785 494 7533
talia.greenbaum@bdo.co.uk

Daniel Dover
Partner

+44(0) 786 073 7220
daniel.dover@bdo.co.uk



BDO UK

18 OFFICES **460 PARTNERS**
7,400 STAFF

BDO LLP is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority to conduct investment business.



THANK YOU **WORLD JEWISH RELIEF**

FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO

THE SNEADER FAMILY

THE DEBRA REISS FOUNDATION

is delighted to support

WORLD JEWISH RELIEF

www.reissfamilyinvestments.com

 [thedebrareissfoundation](https://www.instagram.com/thedebrareissfoundation)

Nimrod Capital LLP

Switchboard: 020 7382 4565

www.nimrodcapital.com

With best wishes from



Nimrod Capital LLP is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

THE
MORGAN
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

**Leslie Morgan and family
are proud to support
this wonderful cause**

THE
MORGAN
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION





CITRUS GROUP



In appreciation for all the
work of Jeremy Newman.

Wishing World Jewish Relief
continued success.

Tina and Anton Curtis





Galliard Homes
are delighted to be associated
with this great cause

galliardhomes.com





Ideals not just deals

Integrity is the law of tomorrow

Business | Disputes | Innovation | Private
Real Estate | Consultancy Services

Mishcon de Reya Group
It's business. But it's personal.

WISHING WORLD JEWISH RELIEF
EVERY SUCCESS

SUZANNE AND MATTHEW WEINIGER



zeidman
development

Supporting fundraising organisations globally
to make more efficient use of Raiser's Edge

Wishing World Jewish Relief every success with their Annual Dinner

development@zeidman.info

NORMALYN CHARITABLE TRUST

CONGRATULATES

WORLD JEWISH RELIEF

ON IT'S OUTSTANDING WORK

WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT THE LIFE-SAVING AND
LIFE-CHANGING WORK OF **WORLD JEWISH RELIEF**

RABBI DINA BRAWER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
KEVIN SNEADER, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD
MAURICE HELFGOTT, EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBER
RONIT PRAWER, TREASURER
FREDDY BRICK, SECRETARY

WORLD JEWISH RELIEF USA

World Jewish Relief USA is a 501(C)(3) tax-exempt organization that awards grants to a selection of World Jewish Relief projects as determined by the Board of Directors.



WOLF & BADGER

THE WORLD'S BEST INDEPENDENT BRANDS

SHOP NOW AT [WOLFANDBADGER.COM](https://www.wolfandbadger.com)



SPONSORED BY THE GRAHAM FAMILY