

# Mitzvah Day 2015 Report

Mitzvah  
Day



# Welcome to Mitzvah Day 2015 Dan Rickman

**As the recently appointed Director of Mitzvah Day it is my absolute pleasure to launch the new look and feel of Mitzvah Day 2016, which this year will take place on 27th November.**



It's hard to think of a time when we didn't see the Mitzvah Day green t-shirts come out in force every November, and yet it's easy to forget that Mitzvah Day is only eight years old. Our challenge is to ensure that Jewish led Mitzvah Day continues to evolve and make an impact on as many volunteers and charities as possible.

So much work goes into making sure Mitzvah Day happens. This year we have focused on making sure we deliver the most efficient Mitzvah Day ever.

Our new website and database will make it easier than ever to register as a partner, and to find and participate in a Mitzvah Day project.

Mitzvah Day is expanding and becoming an even greater force for good. We ran 550 Mitzvah Days in 21 countries in 2015 and we've seen growth in our essential interfaith work, and our project which engages young adults. Our Mitzvah Day Together programme supports disabled people to participate in volunteering, and we have continued to work with non-Jewish schools and offices.

This report gives you the opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved in 2015, and for us to showcase how we plan to grow in 2016 and beyond.

We look forward to seeing you on 27th November 2016.

# Mitzvah Day 2015 in numbers

**550**

partners; an increase  
of 47 from last year

**40,000**

people taking part in  
projects around the world

**2,000**

projects globally

**225**

international partners

**75**

active groups: unaffiliated young adults  
around the world

**98,000**

volunteer hours,  
well over 11 years

**72**

interfaith projects; a substantial increase  
on last year's record-breaking 55

# Social action and reaction Laura Marks

**A rabbi and an imam walk  
into a kitchen...  
That actually happened on  
22nd November 2015.  
Mitzvah Day made it happen.**

But not just rabbis and imams and not just kitchens. On Mitzvah Day, volunteers from across seven faith communities and none came together to work on meaningful social action projects.

But 'meaningful' isn't just about the end result of the project. Mitzvah Day is there to give our 40,000 volunteers an individually meaningful experience as well. The spark that happens when people join forces, and do good deeds while chatting and sharing anecdotes and recipes: that's what our work is about.

Immediately after the terrorist atrocities in Paris, being able to introduce a French Jew living in London to a British Muslim and send them to entertain residents of a retirement home together: that's what our work is about. Or helping a Jewish sixth former to bring a food collection project to their whole non-Jewish school: that's what our work is about.

We embody the current political imperative for integration, engaging people in local community and bringing people who are different, together. Volunteering on a Mitzvah Day project highlights what everybody has in common.

*Everybody's humanity.*  
*Everybody's striving for community.*  
*Everybody's caring.*  
*Everybody's ability to contribute.*

Every time a Muslim and a Jew peel potatoes side by side, it builds bridges, challenges stereotypes and makes our streets safer.

Interfaith integration is not just for rabbis and imams and religious leaders. It's all the more important at a grassroots level.

*We are driving this agenda, bottom up.*  
Do join us.



# Mitzvah Day 365

## Making a difference all year round

**Mitzvah Day in November is the peak of our calendar and it serves to enthuse our volunteers from one year to the next. Many of our partners run projects on a regular basis, continuing to build on the relationships kindled by Mitzvah Day.**

But we also organise a year-round programme of events, some tied to the Jewish calendar, some to other faiths'.

Tu Bishvat is a time for tikkun olam: repairing the world. Volunteers from Ealing to Kiev 'put on their wellies' and tended to the environment. Purim and Pesach focused on tzedek: alleviating hardship. A Purim tradition is 'mishloach manot', giving gifts to people in need; and Pesach is about helping strangers.

This year, Mitzvah Day organised refugee projects on these themes.

In the interfaith world, Sadaqa Day is our fledgling counterpart in the Muslim community, on which we delivered 10 Jewish-Muslim projects across the country. And a Christian interfaith initiative, Society Sunday, is coming up on 12 June. We'll run projects then too.

Overall, 2015-16 has shown every day really is a Mitzvah Day



### Case study: Moishe House London's FEAST!

FEAST! runs fortnightly throughout the year, and started as a collaboration between young adults from Moishe House and a local homeless shelter in Kilburn, Conway House.

Using surplus food donated by the local Sainsbury's, Moishe House community members work with Conway House residents to cook something creative, then all eat together. It is a wonderful re-

introduction to social environments for vulnerable adults.

Co-ordinator Hannah Style said, "We would not have been able to facilitate such a wonderful programme were it not for our involvement and success with Mitzvah Day last year, when we ran a one-off bake-athon for the homeless at this same residence. It has now blossomed into something so important for so many people."

# Because we were strangers.

## A focus on refugees

**A significant focus of Mitzvah Day's work this year has been supporting refugees. As a humanitarian crisis, which so strongly echoes the Jewish experience, we have done all we can to mobilise volunteers from across communities and faiths to do their bit.**

On Mitzvah Day itself, dozens of projects were refugee-centered: from collections of toiletries to cooking for asylum seekers. Work has continued year round, with several collectathons on Sadaqa Day.

Our Pesach campaign followed suit: Don't pass over helping a stranger this Passover.

And we are currently planning a nappy drive to support a new Christian led day, Society Sunday, for asylum seekers and refugees who need them most.

All these projects are run hand in hand with our charity partners who really understand the issues, and how to make our contribution meaningful.



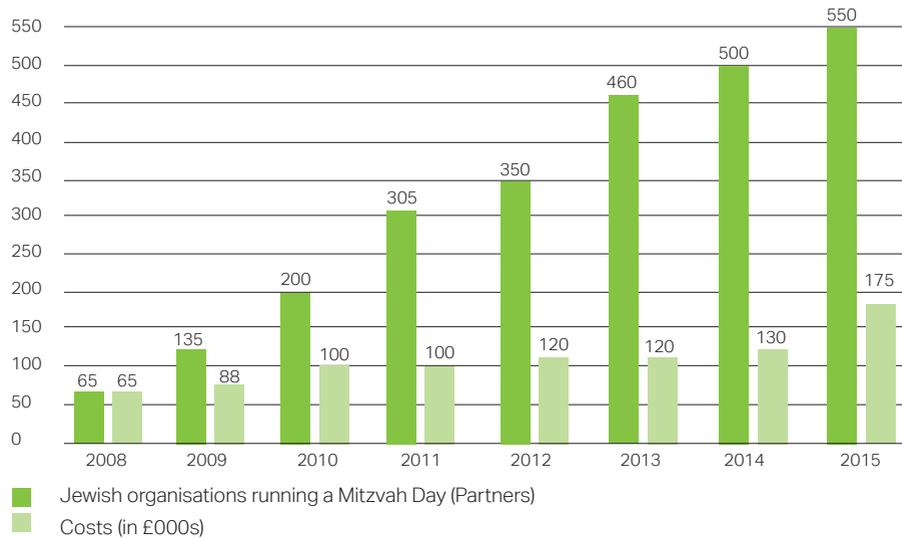
### Case study: Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue

Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue organised an entire day of collectathons and talks to show that 'Refugees are Welcome'.

Working with the Council of Christians and Jews, the synagogue has been acting as a hub for donations for refugees. Most significantly, on Mitzvah Day NPLS launched a new partnership with the Islamic Centre, High Wycombe.

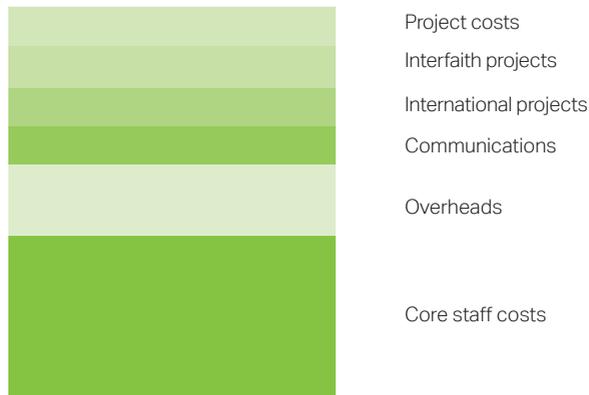
Rabbi Aaron Goldstein, a veteran of Mitzvah Day for the past eight years, drove donations to High Wycombe with both Muslim and Jewish volunteers, cementing this new and exciting relationship between the faith groups.

# The growth of Mitzvah Day



# How we spend our donors' money

Projected budget for 2016  
£200,000



- Project costs
- Interfaith projects
- International projects
- Communications
- Overheads
- Core staff costs

# Mitzvah Day International



**Mitzvah Day 2015 saw projects taking place in 21 different countries spread across 4 continents.**

The Jewish community of Krakow got together to collect books and make bookmarks for the Regional Library – as well as collecting clothing and food for the most needy in society.

Throughout Germany, communities teamed up for 120 projects, mainly in support of refugees. In Berlin, 60 Jewish and Muslim volunteers spent the day in a shelter for refugees – cooking, entertaining, teaching and playing games. There were also projects focused on senior citizens, people with disabilities, victims of terrorist attacks, the environment and animal welfare.

In 2016 we aim to launch Mitzvah Day Poland and Mitzvah Day Belgium to join Australia and Germany. In difficult times for Jews around the world, Mitzvah Day provides a platform for Jews to demonstrate what we do best: giving back.

## Case study: Magen David Adom UK

The British Ambassador to Israel, His Excellency David Quarrey, joined over 50 students from three Commonwealth partner countries, Britain, Australia and South Africa at a historic blood drive at the MDA HQ in Jerusalem.

Until 2015, British nationals were unable to donate blood in Israel due to risks associated with Mad Cow Disease. These British students were therefore the first group to have donated blood in the country for almost

20 years. Students were given a tour of the MDA centre and learnt about volunteering opportunities.

This was followed by a hugely successful blood donation, where a whopping 37 units were given. "It was a really special experience to be able to get to know students from across the Commonwealth whilst uniting for this amazing cause" (Adam Ellis, Bnei Akiva Torani participant)



# Thank you to our supporters

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# Thank you to our partners

## Charities

AJEX  
Barnardo's  
Manna Society  
British Red Cross  
The FED  
The Judith Trust  
Tikun  
Trussell Trust  
Borehamwood Food Bank  
Spring Grove  
Age UK Camden  
Ashford place  
Bike Project  
Camp Simcha  
Chai Cancer Care  
Chana  
Dashwood House  
Doorstep Homeless Families Project  
Emanuh  
GIFT  
Goods for Goods  
Haven House Children's Hospice  
Heathlands Village  
Homeless Action Barnet  
J Living  
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JCORE  
Jewish Blind and Disabled  
Jewish Care  
Jewish Women's Aid  
Kentish Town Farm  
Kisharon  
Kisharon Bike Shop  
KitAid  
Langdon  
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Families  
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Nightingale Hammerson  
Noah's Ark Children's Hospice  
North London Hospice  
Norwood  
ReneCassin  
Save A Child's Heart  
Separated Child Foundation  
Spread a Smile  
St Mungos Broadway  
Step By Step Kids  
Sufrá NW London  
Sunridge Court (Care Home)  
Tzedek  
Vision Aid Overseas  
Watford New Hope Trust  
West London Day Centre  
Woodland Trust  
Salisbury World School  
**Chedarim**  
Edgware United Synagogue Cheder  
Aleph Learning Centre  
Beth Shalom Reform Synagogue  
Cheder  
Brighton and Hove Reform Synagogue  
Cheder  
Brondesbury Park Cheder  
Cardiff Synagogues  
Chabad Ilford Cheder  
Hampstead Village Shul and Cheder  
Kingston Liberal Synagogue Cheder  
Maidenhead Synagogue Cheder  
Mill Hill Cheder  
Muswell Hill Synagogue Cheder  
New London  
Ohr Chadash Cheder

St John's Wood Synagogue Cheder  
Woodside Park Synagogue Cheder  
**Communities**  
Birmingham Jewish Community  
Cardiff Synagogues  
Chabad of Oxford  
Gloucestershire Liberal Jewish  
Community  
Hakorot Book Club  
Harlow Jewish Community  
Jewish Care - Clore Manor  
JW3  
Langdon Community  
League of Jewish Women Manchester  
League of Jewish Women Pinner  
Leeds Jewish Rep Council  
Lincolnshire Jewish Community  
Maccabi GB  
Maccabi GB Manchester  
Maccabi GB Scotland  
Merseyside Jewish Representative  
Council  
Mosaic Jewish Community  
Norwich Jewish Community  
Oxford Jewish Congregation  
PJ Library  
Stanmore & Edgware League of  
Jewish Women  
Winchester Jewish Community  
York Liberal Jewish Community  
Helping Hands  
Wessex Jewish Community  
**Interfaith Partners**  
Acomb Methodist Church  
Albanian Muslim Community  
All Saints Friern Barnet  
American International Church  
Ayesha London Muslim School  
Bangladeshi Mosque  
Bedford Council of Faiths  
Bhativandanti Manor  
Bishop of Bradford  
Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church  
Finchley Mosque  
Gatton Primary School  
Hendon Mosque  
Hertsborne Primary School  
Holy Trinity Church  
Husaini Islamic Centre  
ILEAD  
Jesus House  
King's Cross Methodist Chapel  
Kingston Methodist Church  
Kingston Mosque  
Kingston Parish Church  
Kingston Quakers  
Leeds Interfaith Forum  
Leeds Mosque  
London Interfaith Centre  
London Ismaili Community  
Medway Churches  
Muslim Council of Wales  
Muslim Teachers' Association  
Nisa Nashim  
North Finchley Mosque  
Oxford Council of Faiths  
Oxford Friends of the Earth  
Palmer's Green Mosque  
Park End Church  
Radlett Churches Together  
Remark UK  
Salaam Shalom Soup Kitchen

Sisters of Faith for Peace  
Somali Bravanese Welfare Association  
St Albans Abbey  
St Gabriel's Ethiopian Orthodox  
Church  
St Mark's Church  
St Michael's Church  
St Paul's Church  
St Peter's Church  
St Philips Centre  
St Teresa parish in Elstree  
Stanmore Baptist Church  
The Council of Christians and Jews  
Unity - Faith Home and Community  
Watford Interfaith Association  
Welwyn Hatfield Inter Faith Group  
Womens Inter faith Network Camden  
York University Islamic Students'  
Society  
Nisa Nashim  
**International Partners**  
92Y  
Adath Shalom  
Atid  
B'nai Brith - Lodge "Filon" Athens  
Greece  
Beit Rambam  
Bet Shalom Barcelona  
CEJI-A Jewish Contribution to an  
Inclusive Europe  
Chai FM  
Comunidad Israelita de Barcelona  
Comunidad Judia Masorti Bet-El  
Council of KwaZulu-Natal Jewry  
Cukunt Jewish Association  
Dor Vadur  
Emanu-El Congregation, Odessa  
Escola Beit Yaacov Brazil  
European Union of Jewish Students  
(EUJS)  
Federation Synagogues Womens  
Guilds  
Johannesburg  
Frankel Synagogue  
Green Valley/Sahuarita Mitzvah Day  
Honen Dalim  
Irish Jewish Community  
Jabad Lubavitch de Barcelona  
Javura Reformista de Madrid  
JDC India  
Jewish community Brno  
Jewish Community Center in Warsaw  
Jewish Community Centre of Krakow  
Jewish Community Lodz  
Jewish Congregation Helsinki  
Jewish Council of North Central  
Florida  
Jewish Federation of Northern New  
Jersey  
Jewish Liberal Union in the Czech  
Republic  
Jewish Relief Agency  
Keren Or  
Kiev Masorti Community  
La Javura  
La Journée de la Mitzvah à Aix-Or  
Chalom  
Lauder Athena Jewish Community  
School  
Mesusa  
Minian Barcelona  
Mitzvah Day Turkey  
Mitzvah Day Australia  
Mitzvah Day Brazil  
MJLF  
Netzer South Africa

Noam Maayane Or  
North Shore Teen Initiative  
Now What (in New York)  
Onechild Ghana  
Temple Avodah  
Temple Israel Cape Town  
Ulus Jewish School  
Union of Jewish Women Durban  
Union of Jewish Women East London  
Union of Jewish Women Johannesburg  
Union of Jewish Women National Executive  
Council  
Union of Jewish Women Port Elizabeth  
WRJCC The Waterloo Region Jewish  
Community Council  
Zvi Perez Chajes Schule (ZPC School)

## Mitzvah Day Australia (68 communities)

## Mitzvah Day Germany (100 communities)

**Jewish Organisations**  
Community Security Trust (CST)  
Embassy of Israel  
Friendship Circle  
Jewish Agency  
Jewish Baby Directory and The  
Toy Drop  
Jewish Museum London  
Liberal Judaism  
Reform Judaism  
Tag International Development  
The League of Jewish Women  
The UK Kabbalah Centre  
The United Synagogue  
UJIA  
UJS  
WJZO UK  
World Jewish Relief  
The Board of Deputies of British Jews  
**Jsocs**  
Birmingham Jsoc/Vscheme  
Bristol Jsoc  
Glasgow  
Leeds Jsoc  
London Jsoc  
Manchester Jsoc  
Nottingham Jsoc  
Oxford Jsoc  
Reading Jsoc  
Sheffield Jsoc  
Sussex Jsoc  
**Mitzvah Day Active**  
Aviva and friends  
Charlotte's Dental Project  
Daniel & friends  
Daniel Eder's Active Group  
Gabriella & Friends  
J Friends  
Jamie & Friends  
JLE Young Professionals  
Jonny & Friends  
Josh & Friends  
Miriam & Friends  
Moishe House Feed the homeless  
project  
Moo's Stanmore Conservation Crew  
Olivia and housemates  
Rachel's Dementia Café Team  
Rebecca & Nat's Homeless Project  
Simon, Sally and friends  
Simon's Survivor Centre Tea Party  
Sophie & Friends  
Stacey & Friends

Team Charles  
Toby & Friends  
Young Whitefield  
Lillie & Friends  
Eitan's Barmitzva Project  
**Mitzvah Day Active Interfaith**  
Alex Dwek & Yousef Hussain  
Celine Choukroun & Friends  
Elana Wall Anthony Nolan Spit Kit  
Social  
Jodie & friends  
Olly Marks & friends  
Ryan Monis & Farris S  
Sara Renshaw & Dawn Savidge  
**Mitzvah Day Active Global**  
Alex & Friends Shanghai  
Alexandra's Interpid Tour India  
Ashley & Friends Atlanta  
Benji's Interfaith Power and Light  
Washington  
Brody & Friends Texas  
Cassie's Global Autism Project, USA  
Daniel & Friends LA  
Danni & Friends Melbourne  
David & Friends Paris  
ELUS Austria  
ELUS Belgium  
ELUS France  
ELUS Italy  
ELUS Lietuva  
ELUS Netherlands  
ELUS UK  
Eva & Friends Atlanta  
Gideon & Friends Jerusalem  
Hadassa & Friends Jerusalem  
Jasmine & Friends New York  
Jewish Youth of Athens  
Josh's Himalayas Project  
Judische Osterreichische  
HochschulerInnen  
Julie & Friends Greece  
Kara & Friends Georgia  
Kelli's LA Amistad Project  
Leora & Friends Jerusalem  
Midreshet Tehilla, Israel  
MTA South Africa & Australia  
Naomi's Yoga Project Chicago  
Nevatim, France  
NY Connect  
Pauline & Friends New York  
Sarah's Dolphin Project Nepal  
Shappells, Israel  
Taylor & Friends Atlanta  
Team Alex USA!  
Terima & Friends Jerusalem  
Torani, Israel  
Venice & Friends San Francisco  
Yszl & Friends Canada  
**Mitzvah Mummies**  
Babes in the Wood St Johns Wood  
United Synagogue  
Babies & Bagels Manchester  
Borehamwood and Elstree  
Synagogue  
Brondesbury Park  
Chabad Buckhurst Hill  
Chabad Elstree and Borehamwood  
Ilana Banana at Rosetrees  
Liverpool Jewish Community Mother  
& Toddler Group  
Maidenhead Synagogue  
Stanmore United Synagogue  
Young Whitefield (Manchester)  
New North London Synagogue  
**Non-Jewish Schools**  
Aldenham School  
Aylward Primary School  
Haberdashers' Aske's School for  
Boys

Haberdashers' Aske's School  
for Girls  
Hartsbourne Primary School  
Lady Nafisa School  
Watford Grammar School For  
Boys Jsoc  
City of London Girls School  
Highgate  
Aldenham School  
South Hampstead High School  
**Nurseries**  
Active Learning JW3  
Alonim Kindergarten  
Apples and Honey Nursery  
Brondesbury Park Synagogue  
Nursery  
Bushey Gan  
Danescroft Nursery  
EAVC Nursery  
FRS Kindergarten  
Gad Yachad  
Gan Alon Nursery  
Gilah Nursery  
Kerem School Early Years Unit  
Kindergarten in the Wood- St Johns  
Wood Synagogue  
Little Bicks Gan Katan  
Little Bicks Gan Orre  
Little Bicks Gan Shani  
Little Bicks Gan Yisrael  
Nagila Nursery- EDRS  
Norwood Nursery  
Tracy Lewis Childcare  
Yavneh Nursery (Woodside Park)  
**Office Interfaith**  
AAK  
Alzheimer's Society  
Angst Productions  
Arram Berlyn Gardner  
Berwin Leighton Paisner  
Breakthrough Media  
Claire Randall Consulting Ltd  
Creative and Commercial  
Dropbox  
Ernst & Young  
Facebook  
Hamilton Leigh Insurance Brokers  
Idea Couture  
Investec  
J2  
Kuit Steinar Levy LLP  
Linklaters LLP  
Manuel Swaden Solicitors  
PWC Jewish & Christian Society  
QS Quacquarelli Symonds  
Seddons  
Telereal Trillium  
Uptown Events  
**Political Groups**  
Barnet Councillors  
Camden Councillors  
Department of Communities and  
Local Government  
Enfield Council  
Harrow Councillors  
Hendon Conservative Association  
Jnet (Jewish Network for Civil  
Servants)  
**Primary Schools**  
Akiva Primary School  
Beit Shvidler Primary School  
Broughton Jewish Primary school  
Bury and Whitefield Jewish Primary  
School  
Clore Shalom Primary School  
Clore Tikva School  
Eden Primary School  
Ezra Chaim Jewish Primary School  
Immanuel College Preparatory  
School  
Independent Jewish Day School  
Kerem School  
Moriah Jewish Day School

Mosaic Jewish Primary School  
Naima Jewish Primary School  
North Cheshire Jewish Primary  
School  
North West London Jewish Day  
School  
Rimon School  
Rosh Pinah Primary School  
Sacks Morasha Jewish Primary  
School  
Simon Marks Jewish Primary School  
Sinai Jewish Primary School  
Wohl Iford Jewish Primary School  
Wolfson Hill Primary School  
**Scouts & Guides**  
13th Altrincham Brownies  
20th Finchley Scouts  
22nd Hampstead Sea Scout Group  
4th Borehamwood Guides & Senior  
Section  
5th North Finchley Brownies  
6th Edgware Rainbows  
Girl Guiding Elstree & Borehamwood  
District  
The Warriors Trefoil Guild  
**Secondary Schools**  
Hasmonean High School Girls  
Immanuel College  
JCoSS  
JFS School  
King David High School Liverpool  
Yavneh College  
**Synagogues**  
Aberdeen Hebrew Congregation  
Alel Tzion Synagogue  
Alyth (NWRS)  
Barnet Synagogue  
Bedfordshire Progressive  
Synagogue (Rodef Shalom)  
Belmont United Synagogue  
Belsize Square Synagogue  
Bet Klal Yisrael  
Bet Tikvah Synagogue  
Beth Shalom Reform Synagogue  
Cambridge  
Borehamwood and Elstree  
Synagogue  
Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation  
Brighton and Hove Progressive  
Synagogue  
Bromley Reform Synagogue  
Brondesbury Park Synagogue  
Buckhurst Hill Masorti Synagogue  
Bury Hebrew Congregation  
Bushey Shul  
Cattford Synagogue  
Central Synagogue  
Chatham Memorial Synagogue  
Chigwell and Hainault Synagogue  
Cockfosters and North Southgate  
Synagogue  
Ealing Liberal Synagogue  
Ealing United Synagogue  
Edgware District Reform Synagogue  
Edgware Masorti  
Edgware United Synagogue  
Edgware Yeshuran  
Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation  
Finchley Progressive Synagogue  
Finchley Reform Synagogue  
Finchley United Synagogue-  
Giffnock and Newlands Hebrew  
Congregation  
Golders Green Synagogue  
Hampstead Garden Suburb  
Synagogue  
Hampstead Synagogue  
Hatch End Masorti Synagogue  
Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation  
Hendon Reform Synagogue

Hendon United Synagogue  
Highgate Synagogue  
Ilford Federation Synagogue  
Jersey Jewish Congregation  
Kingston Liberal Synagogue  
Kol Chai Hatch End Reform Jewish  
Community  
Kol Nefesh Masorti Synagogue  
Leicester Progressive Jewish  
Congregation  
Magen Avot  
Maidenhead Synagogue  
Manchester Reform Synagogue  
Menorah Synagogue  
Mill Hill Synagogue  
Muswell Hill Synagogue  
Ner Yisrael  
New North London Synagogue  
New West End Synagogue  
Newcastle Hebrew Congregation  
Newcastle Reform Synagogue  
Northwood and Pinner Liberal  
Synagogue  
Northwood United Synagogue  
Nottingham Liberal Synagogue  
Ohr Yisrael Synagogue  
Pinner United Synagogue  
Radlett Reform  
Redbridge United Synagogue  
Redbridge United Synagogue  
Sha'are Hayim Synagogue  
Sha'are Tzedek North London  
Reform Synagogue  
Sheffield Jewish Congregation  
Sinai Hayim  
Sinai Synagogue  
South Bucks Jewish Community  
(SBJC)  
South Hampstead Synagogue  
South London Liberal Synagogue  
South Manchester Synagogue  
Southgate Progressive Synagogue  
St Albans United Synagogue  
St John Wood Synagogue  
Stanmore and Canon's Park  
Synagogue  
Stevenage Liberal Synagogue  
Sukkat Shalom (Edinburgh Liberal  
Jewish Community)  
The Hampstead Village Shul &  
Cheder  
Watford And District Synagogue  
Welwyn Garden City Hebrew  
Congregation  
Wembley United Synagogue  
Wessex Liberal Jewish Community  
West Central Liberal Synagogue  
West London Synagogue of British  
Jews  
Western Marble Arch Synagogue  
Westminster Synagogue  
Wimbledon Synagogue  
Woodford Forest United Synagogue  
Woodford Liberal Synagogue  
Woodside Park Synagogue  
Yeshurun Synagogue  
**Youth Movements**  
BBYO  
Bnei Akiva  
Bnei Akiva Manchester  
Ezra Boys  
Ezra Girls  
Ezra Girls Manchester  
FZY  
FZY North  
Habonim Dror Youth Movement  
JLGB  
JLGB North  
LJY-Netzer  
Noam Masorti Youth  
RSY Netzer  
Sinai Youth  
Tzofim London - Shevet Halutz

# What they said

In 2015, Mitzvah Day has continued to engage with political leaders at all levels from across the political spectrum. We were particularly proud to welcome the Home Secretary, the Rt Hon Theresa May MP, to an interfaith cooking event, and the newly-elected Mayor of London Sadiq Khan to several projects on Mitzvah Day itself.

Last year a wonderful thing happened to us here at Dashwood House. We received a massive food bank donation arranged by Mitzvah Day. We are a hostel for vulnerable young women near Notting Hill Gate. The donation helped keep many of our clients safe. It may have saved a life. But certainly, just knowing that someone cares can make a difference.”

**Jonathan**  
Dashwood House

“Philanthropy and support for the wider community have always been core Jewish values, as has our commitment to social action. Mitzvah Day is a wonderful expression of these values as well as an expression of our duties as European citizens.”

**Dr Moshe Kantor**  
President of the European Jewish Congress

“I have an enormous amount of pride in the generosity, selflessness and community engagement shown on Mitzvah Day. In this challenged world, we must strengthen links and build bridges for tolerance and harmony.”

**Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis**

“I was delighted to recently see, first-hand, some of the important work that Mitzvah Day and Sadaqa Day are doing. It is all too easy for voluntary work to go unsung, but it is exactly initiatives like this that help to build the social fabric of our country.”

**Home Secretary Theresa May**

“Mitzvah Day is an impressive example of how barriers between faith communities can be overcome through good will and social action.”

**Stephen Timms** Chair of the APPG on Faith and Society

“Mitzvah Day is a model for social action. It reflects the values that liberals hold dear, bringing people together to make a difference to their local communities. It’s about empowerment, responsibility and integration.”

**Liberal Democrat leader Tim Farron**

“Mitzvah Day has become a powerful movement for change, harnessing the enthusiasm of thousands of people who want to give their time to make a difference in their communities.”

**Prime Minister David Cameron**

“I am proud to have taken part in many Mitzvah Day events. Mitzvah Day is a brilliant initiative which brings people from different backgrounds together with one united goal.”

**Mayor of London Sadiq Khan**

“Mitzvah Day is an excellent example of how people from all walks of life come together, and it shows how easy it is to put Jewish values into action for the benefit of all communities.”

**Scotland’s First Minister Nicola Sturgeon**

“Mitzvah Day is a unique event in that it not only brings together our own individual Jewish communities to help others, but unites ALL branches of Judaism and ALL religions.”

**Rabbi Danny Rich**  
Senior Rabbi of Liberal Judaism

“Mitzvah Day has become a shining illustration of social action. It does everything that powerful and effective social action should do. It unites, it inspires, and it is creative. But above all it is hands on. It is effective and it makes things happen.”

**Ed Miliband**  
Former Labour Party leader

“As a Muslim, it was an honour and such a pleasure to work side by side with my Jewish brothers and sisters on Mitzvah Day, working towards one goal. New friends were made and thus new bridges created between our very similar worlds and faiths.

**Onjali Rauf** Founder and director of the women’s rights charity Making Herstory



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