



VOLUNTEER AT THE LJS



**We have so many exciting ways for
you to engage with your community!**

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Volunteering Opportunities

- **Archives** – assisting and cataloguing a wealth of historical papers and photo preservation in the LJS archives
- **Asylum Seekers Drop-In** – assisting at the monthly Drop-In for Asylum Seeker families
- **Board of Deputies** – representing the LJS as a Deputy to the voice of the British Jewish community
- **Community Care** – volunteers are key to many activities from making visit and calls to individuals needing our support, to running group activities such as our Lunch Club and Singing for the Mind
- **Flowers for the Sanctuary** – rota for buying (and being reimbursed) and arranging flowers
- **Gardening** – planting and caring for the plants and flowers in the Sukkah and front garden of the synagogue
- **High Holy Day stewarding** – assisting and guiding members to their seats on the HHDs
- **Judaica Kiosk** – re-stocking the little shop with Judaica in our synagogue
- **Kiddush Group** – co-ordinating the Kiddushim
- **Liberal Judaism** – becoming involved in the umbrella organisation of LJ
- **Israel Abrahams Library** – caring for and adding to the 6,000+ books, videos and CDs available for loan to members; volunteering to help members find books on Shabbat
- **Keep In Touch Group** – visiting and phoning members



- **Livestream Camera Operators and Sound Engineers** – operating the cameras for the livestreaming on Shabbat and festivals
- **LJ Inter-Synagogue Quiz Team** – organising or participating in the Liberal Judaism annual quiz
- **Medical Team on High Holy Days** – being on standby during the festivals in case of illness
- **Members' Musical Ensemble** – singing with the members' choir
- **Mitzvah Day** – volunteering to participate in social justice activities once a year
- **Mitzvot** – participating in the services
- **Out and About Bus Escorts** – assisting frail elderly members of the LJS friendship club on the bus to the Tuesday evening Out and About Club
- **Phone-a-Member (PAM) group** – regular phone calls to all over 85s



- **Restaurant Tuesday** – monthly lunch club
- **Rimon Parent Representatives** – class reps' group
- **Security Team** – rota for Shabbat mornings and

festivals: full training will be given

- **Scrolls, Silver, and Mantle Care** – caring for the scroll covers and appurtenances
- **Shabbat Morning Coffee** – rota
- **Shammashim** – rota for wardens for Friday evening, Shabbat morning and festival services
- **Singing for the Mind** – volunteering to assist with a weekly event for people with memory problems
- **Teaching Assistants** – helping at Rimon Religion School
- **Welcoming Visitors** – rota for Shabbat morning greeters

Activities for volunteers to attend and assist with

- **B'nai Brith Heritage Day** – opening the synagogue for visitors once a year
- **Bridge Club** – Monday afternoon club
- **Decorating the Sukkah** – helping to provide foliage and decorating the Sukkah before Sukkot
- **Interfaith Events** – participation and organisation
- **Film Club** – bi-monthly showing of films
- **Keep in Touch Tea Party** – the annual party for older members
- **Koleinu** – alternative services
- **Kulanu** – young professionals' group
- **LJS travel** – organising or participating in group travel to places of Jewish interest
- **LJY Netzer** – Liberal Judaism's national youth movement
- **London Society of Christians and Jews** – interfaith activity
- **Nosh 'n' Drosh** – monthly Shabbat lunch and talk
- **Out and About Club** – friendship club for elderly and disabled people from the local area
- **Tiny Tots** – Shabbat morning activities for children ages 0-4
- **The Learning Circle** – adult education programme for term-time classes, discussions and short lecture series
- **Video and Tea** – monthly event for members and local residents of Westminster
- **Walking Group** – local monthly walking group



Committees

- **Asylum Seekers' Drop-In Steering Committee**
- **Avodah (services) Committee** – overseeing the services
- **Bereavement Support Team** – befrienders who keep in touch with people recently bereaved
- **Buildings and Facilities Committee** – overseeing care of the building
- **Communications and Marketing Committee** – covering all media and marketing of the LJS
- **Cemetery Committee** – caring for the LJS's cemetery in Willesden
- **Community Care Committee** – Community Care Co-ordinating Committee
- **Council**
- **Education Committee** – overseeing children and adult education provision
- **Family Support Group** – small group that supports rabbis and head teachers with pastoral care issues
- **Finance Committee**
- **Heritage Committee** – overseeing the Archives and Library, and care of scrolls and mantles etc.
- **Investments Committee**
- **Membership Committee** – attracting and supporting new and existing members
- **Nursery Committee** – overseeing and supporting the work of the LJS Nursery
- **Security Committee**
- **Social Action Committee** – campaigns, educates and organises activities

We know that your time is valuable to you and we appreciate your commitment however big or small it would be. Whether on a regular basis, or for a one-off event, or for a limited amount of time, we would be delighted to welcome you.

If you are able to help, please get in touch with **Gaby Lazarus:**
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