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AJR CONGRATULATES CHAIRMAN ANDREW KAUFMAN ON MBE

The Association of Jewish Refugees is delighted to congratulate its Chairman, Andrew Kaufman, on his nomination to receive an MBE in the New Year's Honours list for services to Holocaust education.

Andrew, 71, has been at the forefront in the development of the AJR's charitable institutional grant-making such that the AJR is now proud to be the biggest benefactor of Holocaust education and remembrance programmes and projects working with the leading specialists in the UK.

Alongside his backing for awards to partner organisations, Andrew has been a leading advocate of the creation and development of the AJR's ground-breaking Refugee Voices testimony archive, a collection of 225 transcribed interviews with refugees and survivors that have been recorded for study and posterity.

Andrew has also overseen the transformation of the AJR into the organisation it proudly is today, extending and delivering its social welfare and care services, and activities throughout the country, so members in remote and isolated areas can be equally supported.

Above all, Andrew takes a strong personal interest in the lives of the AJR's members, ensuring the organisation is in the best possible shape to help those in need while also intervening to speak out on issues that are close to the AJR's work and the interests of the former refugees.

Andrew, who studied law at St John's College, Oxford, has been a solicitor for nearly 50 years, including almost 40 years as a partner, specialising in representing companies from Germany, Austria and Switzerland investing in the UK. He is now a Consultant at Fladgate LLP.

Leading the congratulations are two fellow AJR trustees, Eleanor Angel and David Rothenberg, who said: "We are thrilled and excited for Andrew who deserves our huge thanks and many congratulations on his richly-deserved nomination in recognition of his years of tireless service and dedication to the culture and welfare of the Refugee community."

Andrew said: "As the son of two refugees who fled Nazi oppression and rebuilt their lives in Britain, I feel hugely honoured and enormously proud to have been nominated and to

accept this wonderful award, which I shall deeply treasure, on behalf of everyone at the AJR.”

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Notes on the AJR for Editors:

The AJR is the leading national charitable organisation exclusively delivering social, welfare and volunteer services to Jewish victims of Nazi oppression living in Great Britain.

The AJR is also the largest supporter of Holocaust educational programmes, projects and initiatives to commemorate the Holocaust in the UK.

The AJR has produced the ground-breaking audio-visual testimony archive, Refugee Voices. This collection of filmed interviews creates a legacy of the experiences of the refugees and will advance and enhance Holocaust research for future generations. Refugee Voices enables Holocaust researchers and scholars to watch up to 500 hours of film and read fully edited and transcribed accounts. For the first time, researchers will also be assisted by time-codes that, together with a summary sheet and key words section, direct users to specific sections of the films. Details are at www.refugeevoices.co.uk

AJR Chief Executive, Michael Newman, is a member of the UK delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), which brings together governments and nongovernmental organisations to raise awareness of the Holocaust and places political and social leaders' support behind the need for Holocaust education, remembrance, and research.