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AJR plaque to honour The Cosmo

The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) is delighted to announce it will be unveiling a special commemorative plaque in memory of The Cosmo restaurant, a famous meeting place for Jewish émigrés from Nazi oppression. The Cosmo plaque will be unveiled at 2pm on Tuesday 19 November at INDIA Per Se (its former site), 4-6 Northways Parade on the Finchley Road, Swiss Cottage, London NW3.

The Cosmo was a popular meeting place for many of the German and Austrian Jewish refugees who settled in the Swiss Cottage / Belsize Square area of North West London. As well as gathering there to be in each other's company and discuss current affairs (and no doubt compare life in London to Berlin and Vienna), the émigrés enjoyed heimische continental cuisine.

Frank Harding, a Trustee of the AJR, said: "It gives us great pleasure to commemorate The Cosmo restaurant and, as a result, its owners for the comfort and friendships it created for the many immigrants to North West London over many years."

Through our plaque scheme, the AJR is establishing permanent memorials to some of the most prominent Jewish émigrés who fled Nazi oppression and found refuge in Britain as well as places and buildings with a strong connection to the Jewish refugees. The first AJR plaque, to honour the life of Sir Hans Krebs, was unveiled at the Department of Biochemistry in Oxford in May 2013 and the second, unveiled in October 2013, commemorates the life of the neurologist and founder of the Paralympics, Sir Ludwig Guttmann.

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Notes on the AJR for Editors:

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

The AJR supports Holocaust education and research projects and initiatives to commemorate the Holocaust.

The AJR has produced the ground-breaking audio-visual testimony archive, *Refugee Voices*. This collection of 150 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 450 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 of Refugee Voices are at www.refugeevoices.co.uk

The AJR is part of the UK delegation to the [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance \(IHRA\)](#), which brings together governments and non-governmental organisations to raise awareness of the Holocaust and places political and social leaders' support behind the need for Holocaust education, remembrance, and research both nationally and internationally.