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AJR Journal celebrates 70th anniversary edition

It is with great pride that the Association of Jewish Refugees will be publishing the 70th anniversary edition of its monthly AJR Journal in January with a series of articles from its extensive archive.

First published in January 1946 as AJR Information, the AJR Journal has chronicled the story of the Jewish refugees from Nazi oppression capturing their traditions and customs as well as their strong cultural identity.

Through a rich collection of articles, profiles and valuable biographical information, such as obituaries and search notices, the Journal has recounted the story of the refugees – from their perspective – in real time and covers in great detail historic post war developments such as the Nuremberg Trials and the introduction of restitution laws as well as seminal events, from the Declaration of the State of Israel to the collapse of Communism.

The Journal also documents the considerable contribution to Britain made by the refugees and reflects the social and cultural context of how they recreated their lives as well as the attitude and culture of the Jewish community. It also includes book, theatre and art reviews as well as reports from the AJR's considerable activities and successes over seven decades.

As one of the longest running publications in the Jewish community, the Journal continues to be of great interest to researchers and academics and with every back copy now available through the AJR website at www.ajr.org.uk/pdfjournals it is also readily accessible.

Speaking ahead of the 70th anniversary edition, AJR Chairman Andrew Kaufman, said: "It gives me enormous pleasure to congratulate all those involved in producing our much loved publication and to recall with great affection the tremendous contribution of so many brilliant, incisive and witty contributors over the past seventy years. Through our mouthpiece we are continuously connected to our members throughout the country. From erudite historical overviews to the round-up of our activities and – my personal favourite, the letters pages – there really is something for everyone."

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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 committed to perpetuating the legacy of the refugees and is a prominent supporter of several leading institutions engaged in Holocaust memorialisation in the UK.

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.