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AJR CONGRATULATES HERMANN HIRSCHBERGER

The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) is delighted to congratulate Hermann Hirschberger on receiving an MBE in the New Year's Honours list in recognition of his services to the Jewish community and the Kindertransport.

As well as being a long-standing AJR member Hermann is a former Chairman of the Kindertransport committee, a Special Interest Group of the AJR. Hermann was instrumental in securing a change in the pension law, which enabled several hundred Kinder to receive improved annuities from the German government.

In 2009 he also oversaw the Kindertransport Questionnaire project that broke new ground to record the experiences and personal information of some 1,400 Kinder who fled to Britain.

Hermann was born in Karlsruhe, Germany in 1926 and escaped to Britain on a Kindertransport.

AJR Chairman, Andrew Kaufman, said, "Everyone at AJR joins me in congratulating Hermann on his wonderful award, which is rightful recognition of his dedication and determination to help others and to fight for justice. His efforts have improved the lives of so many people and like other refugees who fled from Nazi oppression he has made an invaluable contribution to life in Britain."

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The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) provides an extensive range of social and welfare services and grants financial assistance to victims of Nazi persecution living in Great Britain.