

Kisharon Langdon

The Jewish Learning Disability
& Autism Community

OUR UPDATE FOR YOU

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People completed our
Barista Training Programme,
gaining valuable skills and confidence
to take their next steps towards
employment.



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People have moved into
Supported Living since 2024,
building more independent lives with
the support of our dedicated
Social Work team.



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People we support volunteered
at our fundraising dinner,
welcoming guests, stewarding
the event and sharing their
stories from the stage.



100s

Of **healthcare professionals**
are learning directly from people
with lived experience through the
NHS Oliver McGowan Mandatory
Training Programme.



Impact at a *glance*

Your incredible generosity is helping to change lives. We're delighted to share some of the difference your support is already making.

Every achievement in this update represents someone growing in confidence, developing new skills or taking another step towards independence. Whether it's securing meaningful employment, moving into a home of their own, taking on leadership roles or fulfilling Jewish life, your support is helping people achieve things that once felt out of reach. *Thank you for believing in every person's potential.*

Let's catch up with...*Shammai*

In January, Shammai joined our Toastmaster Trio at our Fundraising Dinner of over 700 guests. Since then, he has been busier than ever! Shammai recently completed our Barista Training Programme, gaining valuable hospitality skills. He now has three jobs: working in Kisharon Langdon's Enterprise Team, preparing food at Royal Cuisine, and delivering the NHS Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training Programme, where he helps healthcare professionals better understand how to support people with learning disabilities and autistic people. Reflecting on his journey, Shammai says,

"I like being busy and I like knowing that my work matters. Being a trainer gives me confidence and makes me feel proud. I am so proud to have a job... or three!"



Living rich *Jewish lives*

Over recent months, people we support have celebrated festivals together, baked challah alongside older members of the community, prepared meals for people experiencing homelessness, welcomed Hatzola volunteers and proudly **shared Jewish customs and traditions** through our Jewish Way of Life exhibition. These experiences strengthen identity, build friendships and ensure everyone can participate fully in Jewish life.

At Pesach, the people we support celebrated together with a joyful mock Seder, using our co-created accessible Haggadah to help everyone take an active part. **Designed alongside the people we support**, the Haggadah makes the traditions of Pesach more accessible, ensuring everyone can participate and enjoy a meaningful celebration.



Jack, supported by Kisharon Langdon said

"The Haggadah is easy to read. I like the pictures of people I know."

Leading *Change*

Seven members have become accredited co-trainers for the NHS Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training Programme, sharing their lived experience with healthcare professionals to improve understanding of learning disabilities and autism.

Chaim Dovid said: **"They tell me they learn more from me than from books. It makes me feel proud and useful."** His story is a powerful reminder that people with lived experience are not only receiving support, they are leading change.

Every opportunity, every achievement and every success story in this update has been made possible because of your support.

Thank you for believing in a future where people with learning disabilities and autistic people can live independently, find meaningful employment, enjoy rich Jewish lives and contribute confidently to their communities.

Together, we are creating opportunities, building confidence and *changing lives*.