

## WALKING FOR AWARENESS, HOPE AND SUPPORT

In August, jLiving Electrician Jamie and his son, James, climbed Scafell Pike in the Lake District, England's highest mountain, to raise money for CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably), a charity dedicated to preventing suicide and supporting those who are struggling by helping people end their misery, not their lives.

This challenge was deeply personal. Some years ago, Jamie lost his brother, and James his uncle, to suicide. Jamie says: "Coming to terms with such a loss has been a long journey of learning to live with the emotions that followed and finding ways to honour those we lost. Taking on this challenge gave us an opportunity to remember my brother while supporting a cause that means so much to us."

Sadly, suicide continues to affect thousands of families every year. According to the Samaritans, 5,717 deaths were attributed to suicide in 2024 - 61 more than the previous year. Behind every one of those statistics is a person, a family and a community whose lives are changed forever.

Jamie added: "Thanks to the incredible generosity of everyone who supported us, we were able to raise funds for CALM to help continue its vital work raising awareness of mental health and suicide prevention, while providing support to those that need it."



*jLiving Electrician Jamie and his son James planning their walk in support of mental health.*

"More than just completing the climb, we hoped our challenge would remind people that no one must face their struggles alone. Support is available, and reaching out for help is a sign of strength."

"Thank you to everyone who supported us. Together we have helped raise awareness of an issue that touches far too many lives."

You can donate to their JustGiving page by scanning the QR code.



## CELEBRATING SHAVUOT AT HARMONY CLOSE

Tenants at Harmony Close and Meta Worms Court came together to celebrate Shavuot 2026 with a delicious afternoon tea, organised by Senior Housing Manager Gabriela and Housing Manager Adriana. The event was enjoyed by everyone, as they celebrated the festival together.



# RUTH - PA TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

As jLiving celebrates its 60th anniversary, we're catching up with one of our colleagues who shares a special connection with this milestone. Ruth, Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive, was also born in 1966, making her exactly the same age as jLiving. Based at Head Office, Ruth answers some fun questions.

## Where were you born

I was born in the Bearsted Memorial Hospital in Stoke Newington, Hackney.

## What brought you to NW London?

I was brought up in Stoke Newington and later Barkingside, but by my mid-20s most of my social life was centred around NW London. It felt like the natural place to move to, and I've never looked back.

## Any funny stories from when you were younger?

When I was little, if I didn't get my own way, I'd sit under the dining table and dramatically sing (or shriek!) "*Without You*." I was convinced the line, "*I can't live, I can't live anymore*," would make my parents feel so guilty that they'd give in. It never worked! Years later, my parents admitted they actually found it hilarious but tried not to laugh because they knew it would only encourage me.

## Have you ever performed in public? What did you do?

I used to be a stand-up comedian on the open mic circuit in Camden and Crouch End. I honestly think stand-up must be one of the toughest performing arts because your success on the night depends entirely on your own writing, delivery and timing. If a joke doesn't land, there's no one else to blame – the audience knows it's all down to you! Thankfully, I did get plenty of laughs along the way.

## Do you like a night in or a night out?

Definitely a night in! I much prefer going out during the day for lunch or afternoon tea. I think I've been this way since my 30s, but thankfully my friends have finally caught up with me!

## If you could only listen to one song for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?

It would have to be Sting's "*Spread a Little Happiness*." I have such lovely memories of my mum and me singing along to it together. I love all genres of music, but my favourite is reggae.

## Favourite word?

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia – it's wonderfully ironic because, despite being such a long word, it means the fear of long words!

## What is your ultimate guilty pleasure?

Watching nonsense on TV with sushi for dinner!

## Cats or dogs?

I adore dogs – they're like babies throughout their whole lives and deserve so much love and care.

## Summer or winter?

Summer, although my favourite season is actually autumn. I love that it's not too hot or too cold, and the colours and scenery are so beautiful.

## Do you collect anything, if so, what?

I used to collect shoes, but then the pandemic happened and, like many people, I started dressing for comfort. I haven't been able to go back – especially when it comes to wearing heels – so I've now given them all away!

## Beach or mountains?

People who climb mountains are incredibly admirable, but I think I'd rather admire them from the comfort of the beach!

## What was your very first paying job and how old were you?

My first paying job was as a shampoo girl for a hairdresser in Stamford Hill, working weekends. I was 12 years old and earned £5 a day, plus tips. It certainly taught me the value of money and helped instil a strong work ethic that has stayed with me ever since.

## If you could master any skill overnight without having to practice, what would it be?

It would have to be playing the piano. I have a friend who can play pieces by Rachmaninoff perfectly and effortlessly, and I would love to have that kind of musical talent.

## If you had a time machine, what event would you love to witness in person?

I'd choose to witness the beginning of time. It would answer so many of the questions I have, although I'm sure it would create a million more questions!

## Do you play any musical instruments?

No, I don't – but I do love a good singsong. Does that count?



## CELEBRATING AT SHINE HOUSE

Tenants at Shine House came together to celebrate Jon and Jeff's birthdays in May with a gorgeous afternoon tea in the garden, organised by Housing Manager Tanja. It was a lovely afternoon of delicious treats, good company and birthday celebrations.



## JEWISH WAY OF LIVING

Most staff who joined jLiving before May 2026 have now completed our Jewish Way of Living course. In June, Rabbi Denderowicz generously gave his time to deliver his second training session this year, providing members of the Property Team with a valuable insight into Judaism and Jewish traditions.

The session also included an introduction to traditional Jewish food, giving colleagues the opportunity to learn more about the customs and culture of the communities we serve. Both training sessions were thoroughly enjoyed by staff and sparked plenty of thoughtful discussion and lively debate.

A huge thank you to Rabbi Denderowicz for generously sharing his time, knowledge and enthusiasm to help our teams better understand the communities we serve.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Welcome to the 2026 Rosh Hashana newsletter.

I hope you enjoy reading about the busy year the organisation has had so far - and it's not over yet! I am delighted that we have been able to facilitate events chosen by our tenants to

mark our 60th anniversary. I know that everyone who has participated has enjoyed the festivities and celebrations to mark this important milestone.

The last few months have seen us achieve further significant milestones, most notably our merger with Orchard Housing Society, located in Hampstead Garden Suburb. The Orchard has always been our closest neighbour, and we are proud that we have enjoyed a long-standing relationship with them, even before we began considering the possibility of a merger. A significant amount of work takes place behind the scenes to make a partnership such as this a reality, and I would like to personally thank everyone who has been involved in bringing it to fruition.

I am also delighted to report that plans for the redevelopment of Gordon Court continue to progress, now at pace. Following a lengthy procurement process, we expect to appoint a contractor within the next few weeks, with the intention of being on site by November. Our anticipated completion date remains mid-2028, and we look forward to seeing this exciting project take shape.

As we approach the anniversary of the attack in Manchester, I know that those affected will be in all our thoughts and prayers during the Yom Tovim. May the year ahead, however, be one of peace, good health and happiness, and may it be free from further sadness for us all.

On behalf of everyone at the organisation, I wish you and your families a Shana Tova - a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Jane Goodman

CEO

# CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF JLiving



At the end of June, staff, Board members, volunteers, friends of the Association and community partners came together to celebrate a significant milestone - jLiving's 60th anniversary - at a special drinks' reception.

The evening was honoured by the presence of the Chief Rabbi, Sir Ephraim Mirvis, who addressed guests alongside Kate Henderson, Chief Executive of the National Housing Federation; Eric Shapiro, Honorary Life President of jLiving; Adam Gamsu, Chair of jLiving; and Jane Goodman, CEO.

Reflecting on the anniversary, Jane said: "For sixty years jLiving has remained one of the UK's largest housing associations serving primarily the Jewish community, providing homes that offer security, dignity and a strong sense of belonging.

"From its earliest days to today, our mission has remained clear: to respond to the housing needs of the community with care, responsibility and foresight."

Looking to the future, Adam spoke about the important role housing will continue to play within the community.

"jLiving has achieved so much as an independent, self-sufficient organisation," he said. "Now is the time for housing to be at the forefront of communal conversations.

"The Jewish community is not immune to the national housing crisis. We are exploring solutions, including a rent-to-buy model that would allow young people to rent at affordable

rates while saving towards a deposit, helping them take their first steps onto the property ladder."

Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis praised jLiving's impact over the past six decades.

"Ultimately, our future relies on what happens within our homes," he said. "Unless people have a place of dignity, warmth and somewhere they are proud to call home, they will not have the confidence to make a meaningful contribution to their community and society.

"This is not just a celebration for jLiving, but for the wider Jewish community. Thank you for 60 marvellous years of support, for being an outstanding example to us all and for making us proud."

Kate Henderson also congratulated jLiving on reaching the milestone.

"What you do is incredibly important," she said. "Your unique role is something very special. Sixty years is a remarkable achievement. Throughout enormous changes in society,



jLiving has not only endured but continued to grow, innovate and look to the future.”

The reception provided an opportunity to celebrate six decades of achievement, strengthen relationships with partners and supporters, and look ahead with confidence as jLiving continues its mission of providing high-quality homes and building stronger communities for generations to come.



## NEW FACES

Since our last newsletter in April, we have welcomed four new members to the jLiving Property Team.

In February, we welcomed Michael J, who joined us as our new Compliance Officer. Michael F joined the team in April as a Plumber. They both bring valuable skills and experience to support our properties.

In May, we were delighted to welcome two new Decorators, Summer and Nicky. They have joined us on a long-term contract to help refresh and improve communal areas across all our Schemes, ensuring our shared spaces continue to be welcoming places for tenants.



Michael J



Nicky



Summer



Michael F

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE AT THE MARTINS

Ian Williamson from LLPA visited tenants in Wembley to give an informative talk on making a Will and setting up a Lasting Power of Attorney.

The session was well attended, with several tenants booking follow-up appointments to discuss their plans further.

# CELEBRATING JLiving's DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY ACROSS OUR SCHEMES

Tenants and leaseholders across jLiving have been celebrating our 60th anniversary with a fantastic programme of events, bringing communities together to enjoy delicious food, entertainment and memorable days out.

The celebrations began at **South Lodge**, where around 15 tenants gathered in June for a wonderful kosher barbecue organised by Housing Manager Jocelyn, with support from Housing Manager Joseph U and Senior Housing Manager Biljana.



Tenants enjoyed a delicious kosher menu with vegetarian options. Reflecting on the day, Biljana said: *"Tenants really enjoyed themselves and were very happy with the event. They enjoyed a relaxed afternoon of delicious food, conversation and sunshine, making the most of the wonderful outdoor setting."*



Guests enjoyed burgers, skewers and a selection of fresh salads before cooling off later in the day with ice cream and fresh fruit in the garden. A fun raffle rounded off the afternoon, adding to the festive atmosphere.

At **Maitland Joseph House**, Housing Manager Manoj, assisted by Senior Housing Manager Biljana and Allocations and Lettings Officer Barbara, welcomed around 20 tenants to a delightful barbecue in the Scheme's beautiful gardens. Maintenance Technician Ricky and Plumber Sean helped prepare the barbecue, ensuring everything was ready for the event.

Meanwhile, tenants from **Lionel Leighton Court** and **Wolfson Court** came together to celebrate jLiving's Diamond Anniversary. Housing Managers Joseph and Liz, supported by Senior Housing Manager Gabriela, hosted a lively afternoon where plentiful food and live musical entertainment created a joyful celebration enjoyed by everyone.





At **Daniel Court**, around 30 tenants attended a wonderful kosher barbecue organised by Senior Housing Manager Biljana and Housing Managers Reah and Maria. A marquee provided welcome shade during the hot weather, allowing everyone to relax and socialise while enjoying a delicious spread of food.



A group of 20 tenants from **Young Court** and **Ellis Franklin Court** travelled to the magnificent **Waddesdon Manor** in Buckinghamshire. They explored the stunning house and beautifully landscaped gardens, admired the picturesque surroundings and spent quality time together before enjoying a delicious lunch in the café.

Tenants from **Shine House** also enjoyed a memorable day out organised by Housing Manager Tanja, with assistance from Housing Manager Sally. Travelling by coach to Westminster Pier, the group boarded



a riverboat for a scenic cruise to Greenwich while enjoying a kosher packed lunch and taking in London's famous riverside landmarks. After relaxing with refreshments in Greenwich, they returned by boat before finishing the day with a delicious afternoon tea at the Scheme.

At **Harmony Close** and **Meta Worms Court**, Senior Housing Manager Gabriela and Housing Manager Adriana organised a fantastic anniversary party featuring a delicious lunch and live entertainment that had many tenants up dancing.

Gabriela said: *"It is always a pleasure to organise a party for our tenants. It's wonderful to see them enjoying themselves, and the positive atmosphere really lifts everyone's spirits. Seeing so many happy, smiling faces is what makes these events so rewarding."*



The celebrations continued into August, when leaseholders at **The Martins** enjoyed a day trip to the seaside town of Bournemouth. Organised by Senior Housing Manager Biljana and Housing Manager Rakesh, the group spent the day strolling along the beach, dipping their toes in the sea and sharing lunch together in the popular coastal resort.

These celebrations were a fitting way to mark jLiving's 60th anniversary. Thank you to all the Housing Managers, staff, and tenants and leaseholders whose hard work, support and enthusiasm made these events such a success.

# 1966: A YEAR TO REMEMBER

As jLiving celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, we're taking a trip back to where it all began. Founded in 1966, jLiving has spent six decades providing homes, building communities and supporting generations of tenants and leaseholders.

Coincidentally, 1966 was also a landmark year for several tenants at Shine House in Finchley. From weddings, births, bar mitzvahs and more memorable milestones and life-changing moments, their stories remind us that while history is made on a national scale, it's our personal memories that often mean the most.

Join us as some of our Shine House tenants look back on what made 1966 such a special year in their lives and share the memories they still treasure today.

## A 1966 ARRIVAL TO REMEMBER



*Jon enjoying the sunshine on the lawn*

For Shine House tenant Jon, 1966 marked the very beginning of his story.

Jon was born to Sandra and Basil at The Bearsted Memorial Hospital in Stoke Newington, originally known as the Jewish Maternity Hospital.

Arriving as a healthy 9lb 6oz baby, he was welcomed into the family by his two older brothers. A younger brother would join the family a few years later.

The family lived in Southgate, where Jon spent his childhood growing up with his brothers.

Although Jon can't remember the day he was born - understandably! - there is one family story that has been told many times over the years.

As the tale goes, while Sandra was in labour, Basil decided to leave the hospital to grab some lunch... only to miss the birth of his son altogether!

He was quite surprised when he returned to the hospital to find he was meeting the newest member of the family.

Nearly 60 years later, it's still a story that brings a smile and proves that things don't always go quite to plan.



## A MEMORABLE MILESTONE FOR JEFFREY

For Shine House tenant Jeffrey, 1966 was a landmark year.

Living in Southend-on-Sea at the time, 13-year-old Jeffrey celebrated his bar mitzvah at Alexander Road Synagogue, where he was known for his beautiful singing voice.

As a member of the synagogue choir, Jeffrey remembers the building having wonderful acoustics, making it the perfect place to sing on such an important occasion. "I remember being very nervous," he recalls.

Family and friends gathered for the service, many returning to Jeffrey's family home to continue the celebrations.

The festivities carried on the following day with a special party at the Banqueting Hall of the Cumberland Hotel in Southend, to mark this important milestone.

Jeffrey was dressed for the occasion. He received two new suits - one for the synagogue service and a smart dinner suit to wear at the party the next day - which made the weekend feel quite memorable.

Sixty years later, Jeffrey still looks back fondly on his bar mitzvah. It's a treasured memory from a landmark year that remains close to his heart.



*Jeffrey aged 13, pictured with his father and his father's hairdressing colleagues*

# HARVEY'S UNFORGETTABLE WORLD CUP FINAL

For many football fans, watching England lift the World Cup is a dream. For Shine House tenant Harvey, it's a memory he'll treasure forever.

In the summer of 1966, 16-year-old Harvey, who was living in Manchester, received an incredible surprise from his grandfather that would become one of the most memorable experiences of his life.

His grandfather took him on his very first trip to London, where they stayed at the famous Regent Palace Hotel in Piccadilly. For a teenager who had never visited the capital before, it was an exciting adventure in itself.

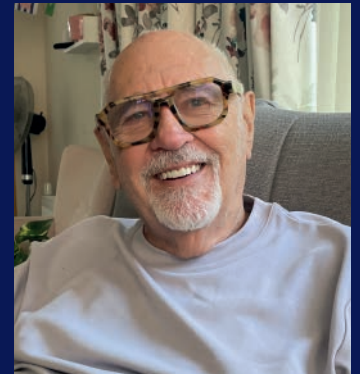
But the biggest surprise was yet to come.

After enjoying a meal at Reubens restaurant, Harvey's grandfather presented him with an England shirt bearing the name of his footballing hero, Charlton, on the back. Then came the news that left him speechless - they were going to Wembley Stadium to watch the 1966 FIFA World Cup Final.

On 30 July 1966, Harvey was among the crowd as England faced West Germany in one of the most famous matches in football history. After extra time, England emerged victorious with a 4-2 win, lifting the FIFA World Cup for the first - and so far, only - time.

Sixty years later, Harvey still remembers that first visit to London, the excitement of receiving his England shirt, and the thrill of being there as football history was made.

Some memories never fade - and for Harvey, the summer of 1966 will always be one of them.



*Harvey was there to witness football history at the 1966 World Cup Final*

## FROM A RELUCTANT FIRST DATE TO 52 HAPPY YEARS TOGETHER



*Celebrating the start of a lifetime together*

**How one determined young man, a second-hand wedding dress and a two-day honeymoon led to a lifetime of love.**

For Shine House tenant Anita, 1966 will always be a year to remember.

That was the year she married her late husband, Jeffrey, in an intimate ceremony at Finchley Federation Synagogue. Their wedding was small - just 15 people in total, but it marked the

beginning of a wonderful marriage of more than five decades.

But their love story almost never happened.

The couple met at a dance at the famous Café de Paris around 1964. At first, Anita wasn't interested. When asked on a date, she politely declined. Undeterred, Jeffrey kept asking, and eventually his persistence paid off.

Their first date was at an Italian restaurant, and soon Anita realised she had met someone special. "He was such a kind, loving person," she recalls.

At the time, Jeffrey was a Maths Teacher at a school in Ruislip, while Anita was a Secretary at EMI. Looking back, Anita says, "I was young and very happy."

Anita grew up in Dalston with her parents, aunt and uncle. Life was modest. "It wasn't luxurious. We weren't well off. We had no fridge, just an outdoor safe," she remembers. Sadly, her father passed away in 1964, two years before her wedding.

Jeffrey's proposal came as a complete surprise, but Anita didn't hesitate to say yes.

For the big day, Anita wore a second-hand wedding dress with a full skirt. The dress belonged to a friend who was a dressmaker and had worn it for her own wedding just a month earlier. Anita was proudly given away by her uncle.

After the ceremony, the newlyweds enjoyed a two-day honeymoon in Brighton. "All our money went on the deposit for a house," Anita says.

The newlyweds settled in Kenton, where they built a happy life together. Their marriage lasted 52 years until Jeffrey's passing in 2019.

In 2024, Anita moved to jLiving's Scheme in Finchley, bringing with her a lifetime of treasured memories.

# LOOKING BACK: SERVING IN THE ISRAELI ARMY

In 1966, Shine House tenant Jackie was 22 years old when life took an unexpected turn. After moving to Israel for what was meant to be just one year, she found herself called up for compulsory military service. Here, she shares her memories of serving as a Dental Nurse during the Six-Day War in 1967.

## **Q: How did you end up joining the army?**

I moved to Israel intending to stay for a year. Before the year was over, I received a notice telling me I had to complete compulsory military service. I had three choices: leave the country, get married, or serve in the army for a year and a half. I chose to serve.

## **Q: When did you serve?**

I was an army Dental Nurse during the 1967 Six-Day War.

## **Q: Where were you based?**

I was based in Hadera, between Tel Aviv and Haifa.

## **Q: Did you enjoy your time in the army?**

At first, it was very difficult because I didn't speak the language very well. As my Hebrew improved, I became much more confident and started to enjoy the experience. Looking back, I think it really helped shape me as a person.

## **Q: Do you have any funny memories?**

One day we were standing on parade during an inspection when the Officer spotted that I had something in my mouth. I'd completely forgotten I was chewing gum!

We were all known by our numbers rather than our names, and when my number was called, I had to step forward and show the Officer what was in my mouth. She pointed to a hill about a 30-minute march away and ordered me to take the chewing gum there, dig a hole, bury it and then report back to her office.

So off I went with my rifle, heavy boots and rucksack, marched for half an hour, dug a hole, buried the chewing gum, marched all the way back, received a stern lecture...

and finally returned to my tent, where all my friends were waiting for me—laughing!

## **Q: What are your happiest memories?**

Making friends and learning to respect one another was the best part. I was proud to be part of the Dental Nursing team. The Soldiers appreciated the work we did, and it felt rewarding to know we were helping people.

One of my proudest moments came in the final week of my service when I was promoted to Sergeant and awarded my three stripes.

## **Q: What did you find most challenging?**

The inspections! They were incredibly strict and thorough. Sleeping in a tent wasn't easy either.

## **Q: Did you ever find ways to make army life easier?**

We were often woken between 2 and 3 a.m. for guard duty, so one night I suggested that we all sleep wearing our uniforms underneath our pyjamas. That way we'd be ready much more quickly when we were called out.

Everyone thought it was a brilliant idea, and before long we were all doing it every night!



*Jackie proudly serving in uniform*

## JLIVING RECOGNISED AS ONE OF THE UK'S BEST WORKPLACES

We are delighted to announce that jLiving has been recognised as one of the UK's Best Workplaces for Women™ 2026 and UK's Best Workplaces for Wellbeing™ 2026, earning a place in the Top 100 small businesses in both categories by Great Place to Work® UK.

These prestigious awards recognise organisations that are committed to creating inclusive, supportive workplaces where

everyone has the opportunity to thrive. The accolades reflect jLiving's ongoing commitment to promoting equality, supporting employee wellbeing and fostering a positive workplace culture.

Chief Executive Jane Goodman said:

*"We are incredibly proud of this recognition and remain committed to nurturing, supporting and celebrating the invaluable contribution of our staff, Board members and Subcommittee members, whose dedication helps make jLiving such a great place to work."*

*Thank you to everyone across the Association whose commitment and passion have contributed to this achievement."*



# JLIVING AND ORCHARD HOUSING SOCIETY UNITE TO SECURE A STRONG FUTURE



As jLiving celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Association is also marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter. At the end of April 2026, jLiving merged with Hampstead Garden Suburb-based Orchard Housing Society, welcoming more than 60 new homes into its portfolio, strengthening its commitment to providing high-quality, safe, affordable housing for older people.

The merger brings together two organisations with closely aligned values, shared histories, and a common purpose: supporting older people to live independently in secure, welcoming communities. It also ensures that Orchard Housing Society's proud legacy will continue.

Orchard Housing Society has been at the heart of the Hampstead Garden Suburb community for more than 50 years, providing sheltered accommodation for older residents of the Suburb and for parents of residents with housing needs. Its roots, however, stretch back even further to the vision of Dame Henrietta Barnett, founder of Hampstead Garden Suburb, who believed people should be able to remain within their community as they grew older. In 1909, the first homes for older residents were built as part of that pioneering vision.

By the 1960s, the original buildings no longer met the changing needs of modern sheltered housing. In response, local residents established Orchard Housing Society to develop purpose-built accommodation that would better serve older people. The new scheme opened in 1972, funded through generous

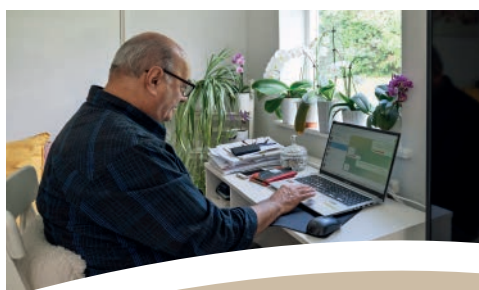
donations from local residents alongside a mortgage from the London Borough of Barnet.

Today, Orchard Housing Society provides 61 self-contained flats, home to 48 single residents and 13 couples. Two on-site Housing Managers oversee the day-to-day running of the Scheme, providing practical support while helping to maintain the warm, caring community for which The Orchard is renowned.

For Orchard tenants, the merger means continuity and security. There will be no changes to staffing or day-to-day services, and residents can be reassured that their homes, support, and community life will continue exactly as before.

Jane Goodman, Chief Executive of jLiving, said: "We are delighted that, after months of hard work by both organisations, the merger with Orchard Housing Society was completed at the end of April 2026. As we celebrate jLiving's diamond anniversary, it feels especially fitting to welcome Orchard's tenants into our community.

"Orchard Housing Society has an outstanding record of providing beautiful homes and exceptional support for more than 50 years. We are proud to build on that remarkable legacy while ensuring tenants continue to receive the high-quality service and sense of community they value so highly. There will be no staff changes, and residents can be confident that their homes and current living arrangements remain completely secure."



# FESTIVAL OPENING HOURS 2026

For the High Holy Days,  
**Head Office will be closed** as follows:

## **ROSH HASHANAH**

From 2pm Friday 11 September

## **YOM KIPPUR**

All day Monday 21 September

## **SUCCOT**

From 2pm Friday 25 September

## **SHEMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH**

From 2pm Friday 2 October

Chag Sameach!

# FESTIVAL TIMES 2026

## **ROSH HASHANAH**

Festival begins Friday 11 September at 7.10pm

Festival ends Sunday 13 September at 8.07pm

## **YOM KIPPUR**

Fast begins Sunday 20 September at 6.49pm

Fast ends Monday 21 September at 7.48pm

## **SUCCOT**

Festival begins Friday 25 September at 6.38pm

Festival ends Sunday 27 September at 7.34pm

## **SHEMINI ATZERET and SIMCHAT TORAH**

Festival begins Friday 2 October at 6.22pm

Festival ends Sunday 4 October at 7.18pm

# WINTER WORKING HOURS

From Friday 18 September to Friday 26 March inclusive winter working hours will apply. Head Office opening times will be Monday to Thursday 9am to 5.30pm and Friday hours will be 9am to 2pm.

# A SIXTIES FASHION QUEEN

One of our tenants has written a special poem. The author has chosen to remain anonymous. Continuing the theme of our diamond anniversary issue, the poem takes inspiration from the 1960s and the memories, moments and nostalgia of this special era.

Fashions may ebb and flow with a swish and a whirl, with some never to return.

Mini skirts with large bobble earrings. Mary Quant, thank you for changing my young life.

Biba, the art deco store, all gilt mirrors and billowing boas that made my Saturdays magical.

The MUST have Vidal Sassoon haircut (that didn't work with curly hair)

Never mind, I tried. The King's Road Chelsea, where anything and everything could happen, and often did.

London your streets shone brightly. We loved, laughed and lived life lightly.

And then came the seventies, and we grew up a little. Long flowing dresses with flowers in our hair. Make love not war Tee-shirts.

We believed we had found The Way, and it would last forever....

Sadly, there will never be another time when fashion and life had so much passion.

But my memories stay safely with me.

Zipped up in my bright, red-lipped velvet purse.

Along with this verse.

*jLiving – Leading the Jewish community in providing affordable, secure, welcoming accommodation, including associated services for those aspiring to live independently.*

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