



MACCABI GB
For an *active* Jewish Community

In collaboration with:



Dancing Strictly London



Head Judge
Vanessa Feltz



Host
Rachel Creeger

Sunday 2nd November 2025

Participating Charities:





A Welcome from the Maccabi GB Chair

On behalf of everyone at Maccabi GB, I'm delighted to welcome you to the first Maccabi GB Dancing Strictly London event!

It's wonderful to bring our community together for an evening of fun and fundraising. My thanks go to our affiliate, Manchester Maccabi, who have run this event nine times so successfully for the Manchester Jewish community and supported us in bringing it to London. Although tonight we come together for joy, we also have sadness as we remember those brutally murdered in the act of terrorism at Heaton Park Synagogue on Yom Kippur, a mere stone's throw from the Manchester Maccabi centre.

Tonight we are delighted to have 12 dancers representing 12 Jewish charities and we celebrate both performance and generosity. Dancing Strictly London reflects Maccabi GB's values of health, wellbeing, inclusivity and community, encouraging people to challenge themselves while supporting causes that make a real difference.

Thank you to all our charity dancers, professional dancers, host, judges, sponsors and guests for making this evening possible. Let's enjoy the dancing, the energy, and the shared spirit that brings our community together.

Enjoy the evening,

Jonathan Prevezer
Chair, Maccabi GB



Meet the Dancers

Debbie Marks



Debbie Marks, a North West London-based personal trainer and sports massage therapist, has always used fitness to boost her mental health and cope with challenges. Before major bowel surgery and while experiencing discrimination, she turned to Jami, part of Jewish Care, for support. Passionate about giving back, Debbie is thrilled to represent Jami and plans to volunteer with Jewish Care. Active and energetic, Debbie sees dancing and exercise as therapy, a way to rebuild confidence while raising awareness of invisible mental health struggles.

Deborah Lack



"I am really excited and honoured to be taking part and representing ORT UK. My son took part in the ORT JUMP International Careers Challenge and the mentoring programme. I would love to give back to ORT and to enable other children to benefit from these amazing opportunities that they offer."

Eve Gee



Eve is a volunteer leader with JLGB and is very proud to support their outstanding team in encouraging thousands of young people to 'Be Your Best Self'. When she isn't giggling in the top bunk she can be found in the Merchandise world, creating product ranges and retail experiences across the Entertainment industry. As a HUGE 'Strictly' fan, she is very excited to be stepping into some Cuban Heels and being part of this spectacular show!

Joanna Leviton



"In 2011, I was diagnosed with DCIS in my right breast. I underwent a double mastectomy and reconstructive surgeries. Throughout this challenging time, I frequented Chai Cancer Care for counselling and lymphatic drainage massages. Chai is the most wonderful place that makes you feel totally at ease and comfortable, providing these essential treatments for free! It feels incredible to be able to give back to such a supportive community. This event is not just a dance; it's a celebration of resilience and hope."

Meet the Dancers

Karin Zamek



JEWISH WOMEN'S AID

"I decided to join this dancing competition not just to challenge myself and step out of my comfort zone, but to support a cause close to my heart. For me this is closing a circle as my first interaction with JWA was when I went through a difficult time and needed their support. Dancing in this competition is my way of showing other women that healing is possible and that no one should ever feel alone. If I can do a Rumba in a sequins dress and raise awareness for JWA at the same time, then I've already won."

Laura Swabe



"'Keep moving and don't fall over' is my mantra. I have no plans to retire and am passionate about keeping active, mainly through dance and fitness classes, with the occasional run thrown in - though I'm convinced the Great South Run gets longer every year. As an antidote to all this ridiculous activity, I'm equally happy spending many hours working in our greenhouse and garden. My favourite pastime of all - spending time with our 5 lively grandsons."

Laurel Ingram



Laurel is very excited to represent JVN in Maccabi GB Dancing Strictly. Laurel has appeared in and helped choreograph events for the Young Variety Club GB and choreographed shows for Brady Maccabi and various charity fashion shows. In the late 90's Laurel became a Line Dance instructor. She currently runs four Zumba Gold classes per week (lower intensity than regular Zumba).

Contact Laurel for details: <https://www.facebook.com/zumbadancewithlaurel/>
Keeeeeep dancing!!

Leah Malkinson



Leah works as a Project Coordinator for Streetwise and in her spare time enjoys dancing. She started ballet classes when she was four years old and has been going to classes ever since. "To me, dancing is the best sport, it combines stamina, strength and skill with innovation and creativity. I am very grateful to be taking on a new challenge and put my skills to the test. Keep dancing!!"

Meet the Dancers



Michelle Rosenberg

Wife to Jez and proud mum to Lola, Madison and two overweight Spaniels. Superhero-movie fanatic, bookworm, history nut. Writer and journalist by day, Netflix couch potato by night. Strongest woman at her boxing gym, allergic to stairs. Raising money for Jewish Child's Day to support their efforts to rebuild the nursery garden at Kibbutz Be'eri. Most likely to say: "It seemed a really good idea at the time".



Natalie Grazin

"Three opportunities collide: Opportunity no.1: to raise money for Limmud, an organisation that has given me community, learning, connections - and a wife! Opportunity no.2: as a Strictly fan, to learn how to ballroom dance for the first time in my life. Opportunity no.3: to honour my Israeli friends and family by dancing to A New Day Will Rise, Israel's 2025 Eurovision entry, sung by Nova survivor Yuval Raphael."



Talia Aziz

"I was born with Down syndrome, but that has never stopped me from living life to the fullest. I completed an Art Degree, Math, English and an Employability Certificate at Kisharon Langdon College. I earned awards volunteering at various charities as my way to give back. I've worked at Kisharon Langdon Enterprises for three years and recently started a paid admin role. I enjoy yoga, music and especially dancing, which brings me joy and happiness. I chose to use my passion for dancing so Kisharon Langdon can support more people with learning disabilities to live fulfilling lives."



MALKI FOUNDATION UK



Wendy Pater

"It is a privilege to be taking part in this event to raise funds for the Malki Foundation, a charity that is close to my heart. We were in Israel when the Sbarro Restaurant bomb shattered so many lives. I am dancing in memory of my dear Husband Andy z"l who loved being on the dance floor and I know would be so proud of me today."

The Charities

Chai Cancer Care

Chai Cancer Care is the Jewish Community's dedicated cancer support organisation operating from 11 centres across the UK. We are currently supporting over 4,000 cancer patients and their loved ones. Our clients are aged between 3-99. Clients can also benefit from Chai's expertise and care through the Home Support Service and via telephone and Zoom. We do not charge for any of our services and receive no statutory funding and rely on the generous support of the community.



Jewish Care

Jewish Care, the largest health and social care organisation serving the Jewish community in London and the South East, touches the lives of 12,000 people each week. Jami, part of Jewish Care, provides vital mental health support services to those 11 years-old upwards, whose mental illness and distress make everyday life a struggle. Jami's community hubs and social enterprise café, Head Room in Golders Green, supported by The Maurice Wohl Charitable Foundation, provide vital social connection, hope and life-saving support for people who may have become isolated because of their mental health.



Jewish Child's Day

Jewish Child's Day's mission is to support Jewish children aged 18 and under who are living in difficult circumstances due to poverty, mental health difficulties, physical and learning disabilities and those directly affected by the war in Israel. We work closely with organisations to identify funding requirements and to ensure the grants we award go to support the children and young people who need it most.



JLGB

For 130 years, JLGB has given Jewish young people the chance to achieve more than they ever thought possible. Today, more than ever, they need our support.

With your help, we can build a brighter future – through life-changing camps, vibrant weekly groups & pioneering leadership programmes including the Kosher Duke of Edinburgh's Award in every Jewish secondary school – ensuring every young person can grow, belong & thrive. Join us in our mission to uplift the next generation!



JVN

The Jewish Volunteering Network helps the community get involved in volunteering. There are hundreds of charities that rely on volunteers and many that simply wouldn't exist without them. Volunteering helps everybody – the charity, the recipient and most importantly, you. It has proven health benefits, is fun and sociable and can also help increase your skills and experience for future jobs. We truly believe that everyone can volunteer and we have made it our mission to try to make that happen.



JWA

Jewish Women's Aid is the only specialist organisation in the UK supporting Jewish women and children affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence. We provide confidential, culturally sensitive services including a helpline, counselling, refuge, advocacy, and prevention education. Through frontline support and community engagement, we empower women, protect children, and work to create lasting change so that every woman and child can live in safety and dignity.



The Charities

Kisharon Langdon

Kisharon Langdon offers education, opportunity and support for people within the Jewish learning disability and autism community throughout life's journey. Kisharon Langdon's supported living and education services, together with our community programming and employment support services, enable everyone we support to thrive. Our Jewish values lie at the heart of all our services. We are committed to meeting unique religious and cultural needs, fostering an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome and valued.

Kisharon Langdon

The Jewish Learning Disability
& Autism Community

Leket

Leket Israel, the nation's leading food rescue organisation, rescues surplus, nutritious food and delivers it each week to 415,000 people through more than 300 nonprofit partners. Recent initiatives include distributing High Holiday produce baskets to 65,000 families, serving daily hot meals to 1,000 at-risk students in last-chance high schools, and supporting 2,000 families with fresh produce and nutrition workshops.



Limmud

Limmud inspires and empowers people to learn, lead and build community, catalysing change that revitalises Jewish life in the UK. Its vision is an uplifting and dynamic Jewish world, powered by vibrant and accessible Jewish learning, bold and inclusive leadership, and deep relationships transcending differences. Its flagship event, Limmud Festival, brings together people of every age, denomination, identity and opinion to learn, sing, talk and dance. At a time of unprecedented polarisation, Limmud's role in creating connection, dialogue and learning across communal divisions has never been more important.



Maccabi GB

Maccabi GB is Britain's leading Jewish Sports, Health and Wellbeing Charity. Maccabi GB engages thousands of people across our community, creating inclusive sporting, community and educational experiences that strengthen Jewish identity, enhance wellbeing and inspire engagement in the Jewish community, Israel and beyond.



Malki Foundation

The Malki Foundation UK supports Keren Malki in Israel, helping families of children with severe disabilities raise them at home rather than in institutions. By funding essential therapies and equipment, the Foundation empowers parents to choose care tailored to their child's needs. This support enhances the child's development, independence, and confidence while easing emotional and financial burdens on families, ensuring these children thrive in the love and dignity of a family environment.



ORT UK

ORT UK empowers the next generation to reach their goals through mentoring, employability skills training and work experience opportunities. Our mission is to equip young people with the skills, knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions about their future careers, through our ORT JUMP programmes for secondary school students. Alongside our UK projects, we raise funds to support World ORT's global network of schools and training programmes in over 40 countries.



About Maccabi GB

'We use the power of sport to improve health, strengthen Jewish identity, and build a confident, inclusive community that proudly contributes to a more cohesive Britain.'



Championing youth sport

Engaging over 4,000 young people from 30 Jewish schools in 36 inter-school tournaments and weekly PE lessons.



Empowering student

Athletes



Supporting university students through inter-JSoc netball and football tournaments across 11 campuses, in partnership with UJS.

Cultivating Future Leaders

Developing sports leaders with the skills, knowledge and confidence to use the prism of sport to strengthen Jewish identity and connection to the community.

Uniting the Community through sport

Hosting the Community Fun Run, the UK's largest Jewish cross communal event, attracting over 7,500 people to fundraise for 100s of Jewish charities.



About Maccabi GB

A HEALTHY, ACTIVE AND PROUD JEWISH COMMUNITY INTEGRATED WITHIN BRITISH SOCIETY



Building Grassroots Communities

Enabling the development of grassroots clubs in all sports, for all abilities, across the country, with 10 clubs currently active.



Promoting Inclusive Sport

Providing young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) inclusive sports experiences such as the Access Games, the Elliott Simmons Israel Tour and partnerships with communal charities.



Tackling Antisemitism in Sport

Partnering with Lord Mann, Kick It Out, and the FA to deliver antisemitism training workshops in the world of professional sport, engaging 20 Premier League Clubs, 59 EFL clubs and 42 local FAs



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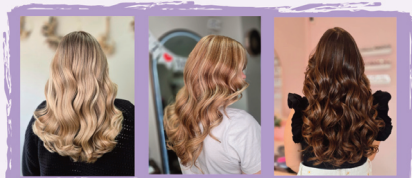
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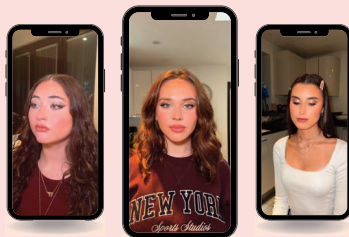
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The Judges:

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Joan Lee - Dream of Dance School Principle

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