

Jack Petchey Awards Kiddush



On Friday, 17th April 2009 SDRS held a special Kiddush to mark the achievements of the five Jack Petchey award winners (pictured left to right) James Fairman, David Sears, Hannah Kinn, Adam Sears and Adam Miller. Also pictured are Rabbi Warren Elf and Chair, Lewis Miller.

James was nominated in March 2008 as our first JPA recipient because of his exceptional voluntary work in the local community, especially through the young people's committee he chairs.

Hannah received our second nomination in June 2008 because she has undertaken the two-year RSY-Netzer leadership course, is active in our youth movement and will be working to help set up youth activities for our children.

More recent winners, Adam Miller and Adam Sears have been awarded in recognition of their annual contributions during Yom Tovim services. Both Adam's share the Mitzvah of blowing the Shofar and Adam Sears also helps run the High Holyday crèche.

Each synagogue also nominated one adult leader who was granted £1000 by the Jack Petchey Foundation to spend on youth programming. This award was given to Cheder 'Deputy Head Teacher', David Sears.

The Movement for Reform Judaism and their youth movement, RSY Netzer, have secured funding from the Jack Petchey Foundation to grant Youth Achievement Awards to young people.

East London entrepreneur Jack Petchey established the Foundation in 1999. It is a young progressive grant making Trust based in Ilford Essex.

It is now among the largest and most influential London charitable foundations. It focuses on projects and programmes that benefit 11 to 25 year olds.

The main area of operation is the London boroughs and Essex, where it currently operates in 1600 secondary schools and youth clubs. There are smaller programmes elsewhere.



SDRS can nominate any of our young people we feel have made a significant contribution, whether it is within or outside the synagogue. Once the scheme is fully set up here at SDRS, past winners will have a say themselves in whom to choose.