



Indian - Jewish Association UK

Uniting the Indian and Jewish
Communities in Britain

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**IJA Summer Reception with The Indian High Commissioner
and The Israeli Deputy Ambassador
at Bank Leumi (UK), 24 July 2014**

The Indian Jewish Association's 2014 annual reception was hosted by Bank Leumi (UK) in London last night.

The Bank's Chief Corporate Finance Officer, Jonathan Watson, and fellow senior executives welcomed over 80 guests to their London offices off Oxford Street.

The guest speakers were HE Mr Ranjan Mathai, Indian High Commissioner and former Foreign Minister, Mr Eitan Na'eh, Israeli Deputy Ambassador, who stood in at the last moment for the Ambassador, HE Mr Daniel Taub, who was accompanying the newly appointed British Foreign Secretary, Mr Philip Hammond on a short trip to Israel.

Having served as India's ambassador to Israel at an earlier stage in his career, Mr Mathai spoke of his experiences there, including playing cricket against the Israel national team, of which one third were former Indian Test cricketers who had migrated to Israel. He went on to discuss the growing strategic and commercial links between the two countries, a theme that was taken up by Mr Na'eh, who spoke about new advanced Israel bio technology engineering schemes in India.

The IJA's Co-Chairman, Mr John Levy, explained the 20 year history of the association which seeks to bring leading members of the Indian and Jewish communities in Britain together to share experiences, and to work together on political and social issues which confront both migrant faith communities.

Members of the association include some of Britain's leading entrepreneurs, bankers, lawyers, medical scientists and journalists as well as leaders of The Hindu Forum, Indian Journalists Association, National Sikh Consultative Association, National Congress of Gujarati Organisations, Confederation of Indian Industry, National Asian Business Association and the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

The current President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and two of his predecessors attended the reception.



Left to right:

Aubrey Rose, IJA Founding Co-Chairman; Mike Whine MBE, IJA Founding Trustee; Mr Eitan Na'eh, Israeli Deputy Ambassador; Peter Chadha, IJA Executive member; HE Mr Ranjan Mathai, Indian High Commissioner; John Levy, IJA Co-Chairman; Ajay Aggarwal, IJA Executive member

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Notes to editors

About The Indian-Jewish Association UK:

The Indian Jewish Association aims to draw together the most creative personalities in our two immigrant communities, to share thoughts and ideas on our contrasting cultural and historic experiences, and jointly forge new prescriptions for helping our communities maintain their vibrancy, whilst contributing positively to mainstream life in the UK.

Since 1980 members of the Indian and Jewish communities in Britain have developed close relations and an interest in each other's cultural heritage. Subsequently the two communities realised that both can benefit from sharing their experiences as important minorities permanently settled in this country.

By 1995 it was felt that the links between the Indians and Jews should be put on a more permanent basis. On 28 April 1996, at a meeting at the Hillel House Jewish Centre, attended by over fifty representatives from both communities, the Indian Jewish Association UK was established, and since then we have held a variety of events involving distinguished and renowned speakers.

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