

■ 'PASSION WILL NOT WAIVER' SAYS CHIEF

More challenges facing LJWB

BY JOHN FISHER

LEEDS Jewish Welfare Board's work has become more challenging, chief executive Liz Bradbury said at the annual review.

"But our love and passion for our community does not and will not waiver," she pledged.

In the next 12 months the Board will continue to develop new services, activities, use technology better and look for new funding from grants and trust-making bodies to supplement the income it receives from donations and contracts.

"We will not stop until everyone in our community has the care they need," Ms Bradbury said.

In the past year, LJWB has restructured the Board of Trustees, now having seven serving trustees and members who oversee and govern the work of LJWB in line with the increasing amounts of legislation.

New president Russell Manning said the pressure of ever-increasing demands on the board's services and facilities, and "at the same time competing for the same amount of funding whether statutory or



FLORAL TREAT: Past president Edward Ziff presents a bouquet to Elaine Scholnik, second right, watched by Petra Scholnik, second left, and chief executive Liz Bradbury

from our own fundraising, will become a huge challenge in the years ahead".

He added: "We are going to have to find ways of becoming even better and more creative at what we do and the way we do it in order to maintain services.

"We will be focusing all our efforts to ensuring the board meets the challenges ahead, acutely conscious of the trust

placed upon us and the legacy we inherit."

Past president Edward Ziff praised the work of Elaine Scholnick, who recently retired from the board.

Together with her husband Martin, she was in charge of the former Manny Cussins House until its closure in 2005 and continued to run part of the Rainbow services.



UJIA IN FASHION: A fashion show, organised by Jane Clynes, raised more than £15,000 for UJIA. Richard Manning, chairman of UJIA UK programmes, appealed for the community to become associated with the UJIA Bar/Bat Mitzvah campaign which offers help to underprivileged Ethiopian children in the Galil. Above, young models Eleanor Shenderay, Maya Pullan, Grace Levison and Amy Fletcher. Below, Alex Stanley, Ben Ullman and Ben Ruhan



YOUNG POSES: Some of the younger male models try out their poses



STUNNING: Georgia Graham and, left, Sherry Feldman

Michael trained for RAF with Minder star George

MICHAEL Dacre, who died last month, had trained as an RAF navigator alongside *Minder* actor George Cole.

The only child of Dolly and Harry Cohen, Michael volunteered for fire watching at a rag factory on Buslingthorpe Lane, Leeds, when war broke out in 1939, before joining the RAF.

After his demob, Michael prepared for a career as a maths and science teacher in Lancaster.

While training, he landed a job as a freelance sports reporter for several local papers.

He loved botany, teaching daughters Rosalind and Ruth how to collect and press wild flowers.

He was a keen cyclist and knew the Yorkshire Dales like the back of his hand.

When he left teaching to work for a pharma-



LOVE: Michael Dacre and Selma Herman in 1944

ceutical company, he drove the length and breadth of the country.

His teaching career later resumed as a lecturer at Leeds' Thomas Danby College until his retirement.

Michael supported AJEX and wore his medals with pride.

His wife, Selma (nee Herman), who died in June 2005, was born in Hamburg.

She arrived in Britain from Poland with her younger sister on the last boat out, days before war was declared.

She and her sister

Yetta were meant to join family in America, but went to Leeds instead, where Selma met Michael at a Jubilee Hall dance. They married in 1945.

Both she and Michael travelled widely, enjoying holidays and cruises.

They were also expert dancers.

The pair loved music, both modern and classical, and were regular attendees at Leeds Town Hall's winter concerts.

Michael, who had a wonderful singing voice, had an extensive knowledge of music which won him a stereo on the very first Classic FM quiz.

Family was important to both of them, adoring their four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, with Michael blessed to be able to enjoy three more great grandchildren after Selma's death.