Malcolm Factor 1938 to 2026

An Appreciation



Born in 1938, Malcolm had many vivid memories of surviving the Second World war Blitz, including seeing V1 bombers landing in his street and then fighting for the Jewish Community in the 1950s. He was always an activist in community matters and never afraid of “putting his head above the parapet”. In his successful career he worked as an insurance agent and as a financial adviser.

He moved from east London to Enfield and had three sons. The eldest Aharon who lives in Melbourne, Australia. His other two sons are Baruch and Yoav who both live in America. He also had a daughter, Aviva, who lives in Israel. Malcolm and his partner, Maxine Cohen were together for 28 years.

Malcolm was one of life’s great enthusiasts, and his infectious passion was inspirational.

In 1967 he went to fight for Israel in the 6-Day War and lived there for some time.

He was a member of the B’nai B’rith Abraham Lewin Lodge and over the years, held most Council positions including President. During this time Malcolm became involved in the BBUK Israel Committee, the International Relations Committee and the Inter Lodge Committee. He served on the BBUK Executive in various capacities.

One of the outstanding causes that was close to Malcolm’s heart was the Concerts for Shoes Programme which he founded, both because of his love of music and for the plight of the orphaned children in the Tikva Home in Odesa. Over the years he was responsible for raising large sums of money for this cause until it became unviable to run the concerts’ programme. However, he continued to encourage BB members to keep supporting the cause.

Malcolm took over the running of the Medicines Programme when the late Alex Faiman was no longer able to do this. As holder of the BBUK Ukraine Portfolio he liaised with Svitlana and her parents Irina and Feliks Levitas in Kyiv. When Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, he was a major player in the organisation of BBUK major fundraising appeal

Together with the late Walter Breindel, Malcolm worked to raise funds for our food programme in Qiryat Gat, Israel. They organised “See the Real Israel” tours.

Malcolm decided to stand down from the BBUK Executive at the AGM in June 2025 due to his declining health, which meant this was the last AGM he attended.

Malcolm enjoyed travelling and with his long-term partner Maxine Cohen, they visited his family and many other countries, often going on a cruise. When he was 80, he made a point of going away to celebrate in ‘around the world in 80 days+ style’. He was delighted when his football team, Arsenal, won the Premiership title in 2026.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and were inspired by his actions.



Malcom receiving a special award for outstanding service at the BBUK AGM 2025

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