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... can still run my life,
... go shopping, and join in
with others when I want to," she
said.

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... building has 57 self-
... ined flats which can accom-
... modate up to 100 people includ-
... ing a partner or family member.

Rabbi Alan Lewis of neigh-
bouring Wanstead and Woodford
Synagogue, who conducted the
ceremony, welcomed the new resi-
dents to the community.

JEWISH CHRONICLE 16/2/96 Roadworks put brake on London eruv progress

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London's first eruv may not be
completed until 1997 as a result of
roadworks on the North Circular at
Finchley, it was revealed this week.

The roadworks are taking longer
than originally planned and are the
main cause of the hold-up, explained
Edward Black, spokesman for the
United Synagogue eruv committee.

Part of the proposed eruv is
formed by boundaries such as roads,
but these are to be supplemented by
85 poles and 942 metres of nylon line
to fill in the gaps in the perimeter.

Delays have also arisen as a result
of underground work in the past
year, making it necessary to recheck
the placing of every pole, said Mr
Black. "We have written to public
utility companies such as water, tele-
phone and electricity, to see what
subterranean work has been carried

out since the layout of the eruv was
last detailed. Unfortunately they
have not been as quick to reply as we
hoped," Mr Black explained.

The planning application for the
eruv — a notional boundary enabling
observant Jews to push prams, use
wheelchairs and carry certain items
on Shabbat — was submitted in 1991,
but approval was granted only in
September, 1994, after an appeal to
the Environment Secretary.

Sober replaces Lord Young

A former Norwood president is to
succeed Lord Young as chairman of
the Central Council for Jewish Com-
munity Services.

Subject to full council approval
next month, Philip Sober, 64,
Norwood Child Care's president
from 1990-94, will head the umbrella
body for over 80 Jewish welfare and
housing organisations.

He was among those who gave
cautious approval to Lord Young's
1993 proposals to widen the council's
membership and remit.

A chartered accountant, Mr Sober
is a trustee of Haifa University and
the Royal Opera House.

In addition, he has also held a vari-
ety of executive roles with Rav-
enswood, and has been involved with
the Joint Israel Appeal and Jewish
Care.

... d Talmudist,
... Steinsaltz, who
... December's Lim-
... ation conference at
... nment, is to address
... ng of the organisation
... ednesday.

Limmud participants will
ave their chance to hear him
at a breakfast meeting at the
Jewish Continuity offices.

"He's on a whistlestop tour
here. We're delighted he can
fit us in," Limmud chairman
Andrew Gilbert said. While
here, Rabbi Steinsaltz will also
participate in debates organ-
ised by the L'Chaim Society
and the newly formed British
Jewish Union.

Limmud's conference was
plunged into controversy when
the London Beth Din urged
Orthodox rabbis not to attend
due to the participation of
non-Orthodox rabbis.

Rabbi Steinsaltz withdrew,
his office said at the time,
because of new commitments.
Last month he became spiritu-
al leader of Russian Jewry.



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been retained, while the former
executive has been absorbed into
Norwood as a youth and commu-
nity services committee. The search
is now on for a director to head the
relaunched youth agency.

Norwood chief executive Sam
Brier envisages the AJY expanding
its work in areas of special concern
to young people, such as eating dis-

orders, drugs, Jewish identity and
adolescence. "In these areas, the
AJY would be helped by its associ-
ation with the community's two big
welfare agencies for families and
children," Mr Brier said, alluding
to the planned merger with Rav-
enswood announced last week.

Full report next week

Tikvah disability helpline: 0181-455 9655.
Jewish Social Services volunteer line: 0181-458 3282.
Chabad drugs support line: 0181 518 6470
Cancare Essex Cancer Helpline: 0181 551 4646
Chai-Lifeline Cancer Support Helpline: 0181-202 4567.

Jewish Aids Trust support line: 0181-200 0369.
Jewish Community Action volunteer line 0171-3887767.
LJW Care Concern: 0181 446 5418
JAMI Jewish Association for Mentally Ill 0181 343 1111
Ravenswood Family Information Line 0181 203 3382