Rabbi Singer (*centre*) with Andrew Cohen and Dayan Yisroel Lichtenstein

Singer is in tune with needs of Ilford shul

BY JC REPORTER

▶ RABBI DAVID Singer was inducted as minister of Ilford Federation Synagogue in the presence of leaders of the movement.

He joined the congregation after Pesach, having previously served the Belfast community. He is also a trained scribe, shochet and mohel who has taught at many yeshivot in Israel.

The shul holds a wide range of weekly classes and shiurim, in addition to regular minyanim.

Federation president Andrew Cohen said Rabbi Singer and his wife Judith had already made "a tremendous impression, both within the local community and throughout the wider Federation family".

Shul president Melvyn Zeff said it was "wonderful to officially welcome our new rabbi, who has so quickly become very popular with our community".

Rabbi Singer told the *JC* that the 400-family congregation was "warm, vibrant and friendly. And the shul committee, and indeed all our members, are keen to strengthen the status quo and take things forward."

Good citizens reap their reward

BY ELLIE JACOBS

▶ GRADUATION CERTIFICATES signed by Theresa May have been presented to 65 young ambassadors from different faiths who have completed the JLGB-administered National Citizen Service programme.

A London ceremony celebrated the work of four teams of 16-17-year-olds which collaborated on tackling societal issues.

One of the teams, named Stir Fried Rice, endeavoured to raise awareness of the nutritional challenges facing families living below the poverty line.

Members worked on a "budget banquet" project, geared towards helping low income families.

They collected affordable recipes for a book the Gift charity will help to distribute.

The team also made more than £450 for Gift by selling food made from the recipes in Borough Market.

Stir Fried Rice project manager Eliana Levy, a 16-year-old Hasmonean High pupil, said NCS was important for allowing participants "to find out more about themselves and others from all faiths".

It has encouraged her to continue her charitable work. She volunteers at Gift's packathon, helping to pack bags of food essentials for UK Jews in need.

She also hopes to take the Duke of Edinburgh gold award with JLGB.

A warm welcome on campus

▶ Freshers at Aberdeen University were among more than 1,600 students across the UK hosted at start-of-term events by University Jewish Chalpaincy