



The HOD's motto of "love thy neighbour as thyself" was very important to Asher Teper; to him it meant doing all he could to support those around him - whether it be his family, friends, HOD brethren, work colleagues or those in the wider community. He did not view this as a chore or an obligation but rather his pleasure which he readily and happily performed right up to his untimely death in 2005 aged 58.

Asher was born into a modest, first generation immigrant family in Cape Town, South Africa. He was an unexceptional student who through hard work and determination got into University (the first in his family to ever do so) and then into Onderstepoort, the South African Veterinary training school.

Having established a successful veterinary practise in Cape Town, in 1986 he and his family, which included at the time, 2 of his 4 children under the age of 3, emigrated to the UK where he established the Medivet Veterinary Group. He was instrumental in developing Medivet into a fast growing and successful veterinary partnership.

Having been a founding member of the Hebrew Order of David, 'Lodge Haifa' in Cape Town, on arrival in London Asher was keen to replicate that success in the UK. He therefore set about establishing the UK branch of the HOD. Asher was elected as the first President of Lodge London Number 1 and later became the first UK Governing Lodge President. Together with a group of like-minded brethren and friends he grew the organisation creating the foundations upon which the current Order now exists, with 4 vibrant Lodges and over 175 members. Asher was always passionate about charitable fundraising and community projects and often headed committees which ran events very much like the 'Asher Teper Golf Day' so aptly named in his memory.

A few months before passing away in September 2005, Asher celebrated his 58th birthday where he told all friends and family gathered that in his view happiness and success in life was not due to luck or fate, but rather was mostly down to making the right choices - his view being that it was a few key good/bad choices that determined ones course in life. Asher Teper undoubtedly made some good key choices, one of which he would have certainly pointed to as deciding to become involved with the HOD.

Asher loved the fraternity of the HOD, he loved its values and the way that it support the communities in which it operated. He saw the HOD as a champion for good and was a passionate supporter. His legacy is today carried on by his son Anton, who is the current Governing Lodge President of the HOD in the UK.

Asher would have been extremely proud of the over £120,000 raised by the ATMGD over the past 7 years. His vision of helping those less fortunate is still continued today in the work and efforts of all those associated with the Hebrew Order of David.

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