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# **WELCOME PACK**

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**Welcome** to EL-Squared, the brand new name for our Cheder here at East London and Essex Liberal Synagogue.

It's a brand new year with lots of new and exciting things happening and some changes to the schedule and structure of previous years. We would therefore advise that you read the entire Welcome Pack to ensure you have all the information needed for the year ahead. Please then complete the registration form on the final page and send it back to secure your child's place.

Included in the pack are:

- Head Teacher's greeting
- Structure of the day
- Syllabus of the year and term dates
- Contribution and fees
- Security details
- Registration form

We're looking forward to welcoming all the children back on Saturday morning and learning together.

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Hello,

It's my pleasure to introduce myself as the Head Teacher at EL-Squared - ELELS's Cheder.

We have some exciting plans for the year ahead; interesting projects, engaging services and a firm structure to support the children's Jewish learning, with lots of fun activities to introduce them to our faith and culture

To let you know a little more about me: over the past ten years I have gained teaching experience in various settings - from the classroom to private tuition, language teaching to humanities. I taught languages for many years, first English as a Second Language, whilst I was living in Russia and Germany, and later teaching German, French and Spanish in the classroom. I taught Jewish Studies

to the Kabbalat Torah and Pre-Bnei Mitzvah classes at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue for over a year and am on the Management Team of my family business, Little Green Man Nursery in Leytonstone, which has been open since 1996.

I grew up in Redbridge – Gants Hill - attending Ilford Jewish Primary School as a young child, which is where my passion for Jewish learning and culture, and Judaism developed. When I left to go to Ilford County High School I continued to have Shiurim with the Rabbi from school until I was 14 years old. I'm looking forward to using this knowledge and helping your children get the best Jewish education we can provide.

With the help of Rabbi Jacobi, the teaching staff and the New Generation Committee, we have put together a solid syllabus for the year, which structures learning around festivals, Torah stories and other important topics. If you have any ideas or would like to make suggestions, please feel free to contact me to discuss. I would like to assure everyone that my proverbial door is always open for any concerns, ideas or feedback, so please don't hesitate to get in touch with me whenever you need.

I look forward to meeting you and your children and welcoming them to EL-Squared for a fantastic Cheder year



*Paul*



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## STRUCTURE OF THE DAY

During our Saturday lessons the children will learn through games, activities and fun, subjects including Jewish Studies, Hebrew and some extra time for a special termly project.

The schedule for the morning is:

**10:20** – Assembly

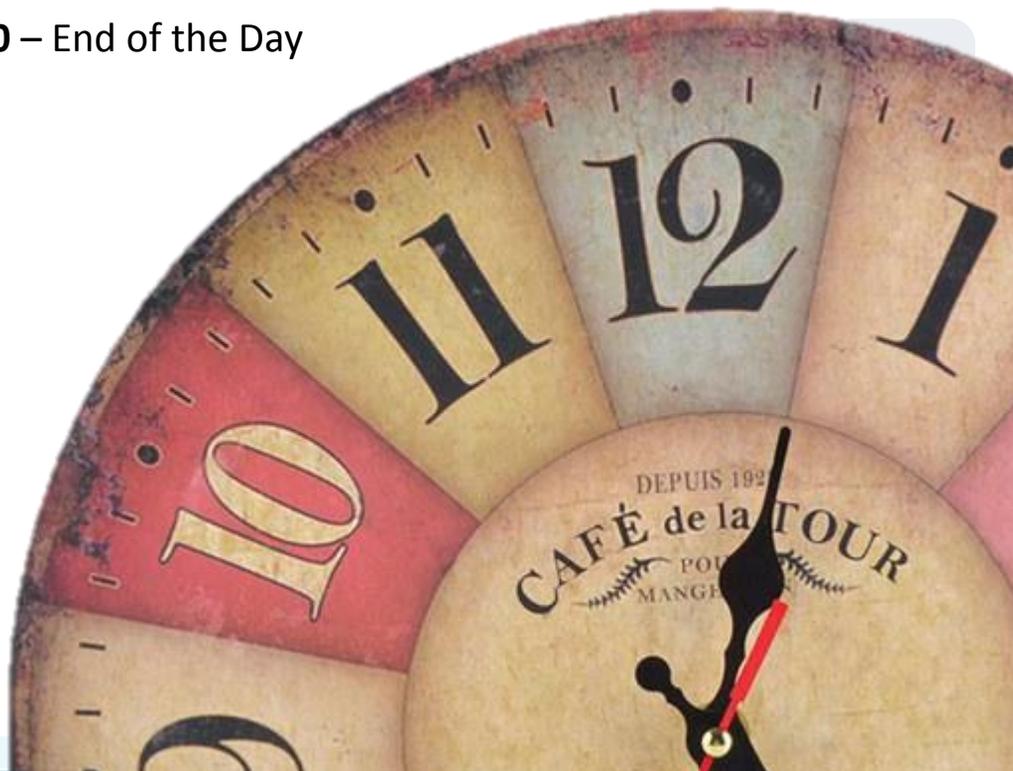
**10:35** – Jewish Studies

**11:15** – Break

**11:30** – Hebrew

**12:10** – Project time

**12:30** – End of the Day





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## SYLLABUS

Our classes are split into four age groups:

- Bereishit: 3-6 years
- Shmot: 7-10 years
- Vayikra: 10+ years
- Yachdav and Kabbalat Torah

STAV – AUTUMN TERM		
08/09/2018	It's high holy days as soon as we kick off the year and we'll be learning all about the festivals, their traditions, cultural significance and what they mean to us in both ancient and modern times. We will also start to learn about stories in the Torah starting with the creation story and moving through to Adam and Eve, and Noah and the Flood.	
15/09/2018		
22/09/2018		
29/09/2018		
06/10/2018		
13/10/2018		
20/10/2018		HALF TERM
27/10/2018		
03/11/2018		
10/11/2018	The matriarchs and patriarchs will be the focus of the second part of our term, learning about the intrepid discoveries, heartaches, love stories and journeys made by our ancestors. Tying in with Chanukah, we will also be learning about the Maccabees and of course having a party. Included in this half term will be our Family Service for Mitzvah Day and an end of term presentation for our parents.	
17/11/2018		
24/11/2018		
01/12/2018		
08/12/2018		
15/12/2018		
22/12/2018		WINTER BREAK
29/12/2018		

AVIV – SPRING TERM		
05/01/2019	We will start the spring term by finishing the stories of Bereishit, learning about Jacob's children and the descent to Egypt following Joseph. Later we will focus on some of the Mitzvot including the importance of Tzedakah and the significance of the 10 commandments. Our fun filled Tu B'Shvat Family Service will take place this half term.	
12/01/2019		
19/01/2019		
26/01/2019		
02/02/2019		
09/02/2019		HALF TERM
16/02/2019		
23/02/2019	The story continues as the Bnei Israel journey across the desert and settle into the promised land. We will learn about the judges, kings and prophets of the ancient world, from Joshua and Deborah, to Samuel and Saul, David and Solomon. Later is Purim - Oh no it isn't! - Oh yes it is, so get ready for some Purim fun and learning, before we approach Pesach and turn to Moses and the Exodus. We will be holding a Model Seder on the last day of term.	
02/03/2019		
09/03/2019		
16/03/2019		
23/03/2019		
30/03/2019		
06/04/2019		SPRING BREAK
13/04/2019		
20/04/2019		

KAYITZ - SUMMER	
27/04/2019	In our final term we will learn all about Jewish people in modern times - from new traditions, to the impact of the Second World War and all about Israel. We will also start working towards our end of year project.
04/05/2019	
11/05/2019	
18/05/2019	
25/05/2019	HALF TERM
01/06/2019	
08/06/2019	We finish our year just before Shavuot and begin by learning about the festival, as well as discovering the story of Ruth. Tying in with the parashot we will also be talking about some other Torah stories including the twelve spies and the lives and deaths of Miriam and Aaron, and their significance. Don't forget about our end of year projects with our final presentations taking place on the last day of the year.
15/06/2019	
22/06/2019	
29/06/2019	
06/07/2019	
13/07/2019	
20/07/2019	
END OF YEAR	

### Dates for the diary:

- 17 November - FAMILY SERVICE: Mitzvah Day
- 15 December – End of term presentation
- 19 January – FAMILY SERVICE: Tu B'Shvat
- 30 March – Model Seder
- 20 July: FAMILY SERVICE – End of year presentations

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## CONTRIBUTIONS AND FEES

To keep EL-Squared running smoothly, we ask for a contribution of £80 per child.

This amount has remained the same for the past decade and allows us to provide books, resources and equipment for the children.

The payment can be paid to the synagogue via BACS using the below details including the reference "EL2 Fees":

Account Name: East London & Essex Liberal Synagogue

Sort Code: 30-94-51

Account Number: 52734368

If you need any help with the above, please contact either Donna or Anne at [eastlondonandessexliberal@gmail.com](mailto:eastlondonandessexliberal@gmail.com).

Whatever your financial circumstances, we want you and your child/ren to be able to enjoy EL-Squared and participate with the community. If there is any reason you find the aforementioned contribution restrictive, please do not hesitate to contact our Head Teacher, Paul by emailing [cheder.elels@gmail.com](mailto:cheder.elels@gmail.com) or contact the office either by telephoning 020 8989 7619 or by email on [eastlondonandessexliberal@gmail.com](mailto:eastlondonandessexliberal@gmail.com) with "EL2 Contribution" as the subject line.

All calls will of course remain completely confidential.

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## SECURITY

The security and safeguarding of your children is our top priority at EL-Squared.

We organise a parents' security rota each week, to ensure that we can provide a safe environment for the children to learn and be comfortable in, and guarantee a friendly and welcoming face on the door.

We would ask all parents of children at EL-Squared to contribute a small amount of time to do a security shift during the year. This involves the following:

- Arriving at synagogue **no later than 10.05am** to greet families and visitors
- Connecting to the CST radio - instructions for which are on display at the synagogue.
- Keeping an eye on the monitor and being vigilant by the front door - **if you are unsure of anyone arriving do not let them in.**
- Welcoming late comers and ensuring that they are comfortable
- At the end of Cheder, ensuring that no children leave the building without a parent
- Finally, to remain on security until at least 12.40pm, or when all the children are safely with their parents.

This is organised digitally by a doodle poll, which will be sent out to all parents. If you would prefer us to email you the link, please contact Paul on [cheder.elels@gmail.com](mailto:cheder.elels@gmail.com) before **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018**.

If you do not submit dates before **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018** your dates will be randomly allocated. Each week we will have two parent security members.

A reminder will be sent in the weekly update at least one week before but please communicate back with us if you are unable to commit to any sessions that you have been assigned.

If you have any questions regarding security, please email us as soon as possible as we are in discussions with the security team at ELELS and with CST who are willing to run a security evening if necessary.



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CHILD'S DETAILS	
First Name:	Surname:
DOB:	Age:
Address:	
School:	School year:
Best contact number	
Best contact email:	
PARENT/CARERS' DETAILS	
1. Full Name:	Contact Number
Relationship to Child	
2. Full Name	Contact Number
Relationship to Child	
CONSENT FOR PHOTOGRAPHY	
I hereby give consent for photography and video footage to be taken by EL-Squared and used for the following (please tick):	
a) Within the synagogue	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) For marketing materials including by not exclusive to flyers, posters and leaflets	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) For marketing activity including but not exclusive to media relations, social media, website	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Promotion within the Liberal Jewish community (e.g. Bimah, LJ Today, ELELS publications)	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONSENT FOR FIRST AID	
I hereby give consent for basic first aid to be administered to my child, if necessary during lessons.	
Does your child have any allergies we should be aware of?	
Is there anything else the we should be made aware of such as additional learning needs or illnesses so that we can support your child's learning and wellbeing?	

Print name:

Signature:

Date:

If you would like to discuss anything on the form, please don't hesitate to contact Paul on [chederelels@gmail.com](mailto:chederelels@gmail.com)