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WELCOME PACK

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Welcome to EL-Squared - our Cheder here at East London and Essex Liberal Synagogue.

We're getting ready for a brand new year with lots of fun, learning and parties throughout the coming years. The schedule of the day will stay the same as last year so please remember that assembly begins every week at 10:20am.

Once you've had a look through the topics and schedule of the year in the Welcome Pack, please 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 mornings 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.

I started with EL-Squared last year and it's been a fantastic year to say the least. We put lots of things into place to improve the structure of the day and the children's learning.

Each morning we start our day with an assembly to get everyone together, talk about what we learnt last week and discuss what the theme of the day is. We also ensure to finish the day together in the break room so that each child has the chance to share with the group something that they learnt from the day.

Last year we structured our syllabus around the important characters in the Torah and Tanakh, what they did and all that we can learn from their stories. This year we will be talking more about Jewish life – from lifecycle to ethics, community and home to help the children understand what it means to grow up in the Liberal Jewish community.

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 seeing 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

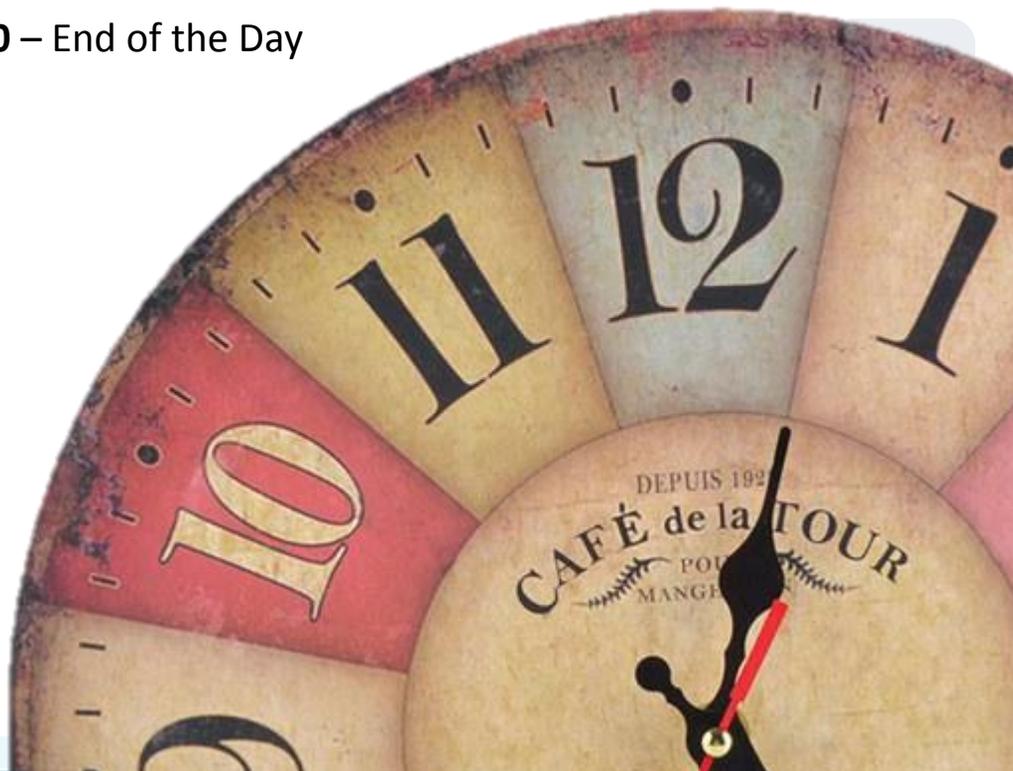
10:35 – Jewish Studies

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 five age groups:

- Bereishit: 3-6 years
- Shmot: 7-9 years
- Vayikra: 10-11 years
- Bamidbar: 11-13 years
- Yachdav and Kabbalat Torah (post BM)

STAV – AUTUMN TERM – The Jewish Lifecycle	
07/09/2019	<p>After some introductory lessons setting us up as a team for the year ahead, it's time for the high holy days 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.</p> <p>Our Autumn term will continue learning all about the Jewish lifecycle, from baby blessings and bnei mitzvah to weddings. We'll still of course be learning all about the festivals leading up to the winter months.</p>
14/09/2019	
21/09/2019	
28/09/2019	
05/10/2019	
12/10/2019	
19/10/2019	
26/10/2019	
02/11/2019	
09/11/2019	
16/11/2019	
23/11/2019	
30/11/2019	
07/12/2019	
14/12/2019	
21/12/2019	
28/12/2019	
WINTER BREAK	

AVIV – SPRING TERM – Ethics and Halakha	
11/01/2020	<p>Spring will be focused on Jewish morals and ethics, as well as mitzvot and traditions of Halakha.</p> <p>We'll be learning the importance of Tikkun Olam (healing the world), Loving thy neighbour, Kashrut and other concepts that are important to living as a Liberal Jew.</p> <p>The end of the term will be our Model Seder, getting us all ready for Pesach.</p>
18/01/2020	
25/01/2020	
01/02/2020	
08/02/2020	
15/02/2020	
22/02/2020	
29/02/2020	
07/03/2020	
14/03/2020	
21/03/2020	SPRING BREAK
28/03/2020	
04/04/2020	
11/01/2020	
18/01/2020	
25/01/2020	

KAYITZ - SUMMER	
25/04/2020	<p>Our final Summer term we'll be learning all about the importance of community and home. What does the Rabbi actually do? Why are family important to us? Is Tzedakah an important part of being Jewish.</p>
02/05/2020	
09/05/2020	
16/05/2020	
23/05/2020	
30/05/2020	
06/06/2020	
13/06/2020	
20/06/2020	
27/06/2020	
04/07/2020	
11/07/2020	
18/07/2020	
END OF YEAR	

Dates for the diary:

- 21 September - FAMILY SERVICE
- 23 November –FAMILY SERVICE
- 22 December – Chanukah Party
- 8 February – FAMILY SERVICE: Tu B'Shvat
- 21 March – FAMILY SERVICE
- 4 April – Model Seder
- 2 May – FAMILY SERVICE
- 18 July: FAMILY SERVICE – End of year presentations

Dates are subject to change

The logo features a large blue 'E' with a white '2' inside a blue square, and a large yellow 'L' with a white '2' inside a yellow square. The text 'FOR THE NEW GENERATION' is written in bold black capital letters to the right of the logo.

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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 the administrators at 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 or contact the office either by telephoning 020 8989 7619 or by email on 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 before **Thursday 29th August 2019**.

If you do not submit dates before **Thursday 5th September 2019** your dates will be randomly allocated.

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