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Children in Our Community

Creche (ages 0-5), 11am-12:30pm during all Shabbat morning services & **Cheder (ages 6-13)** meets regularly on all Shabbat morning service days during term time, 10:30am-12pm

We welcome children in our community and place provision for them at the heart of our activities. Our Cheder Programme engages young people of all ages in Jewish learning within the context of broader life and their positions in it. The lessons are dynamic and inclusive, and we aim to meet each young person's contributions with open-mindedness and curiosity. Cheder includes both Hebrew and Jewish studies components.

We have a lively **Cheder**, led by our Cheder Teacher Ruth Hart and volunteers. Please check with us about the current programme: <https://kehillah.org.uk/youth-education/>. The Cheder currently meets in person, **twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, when we also have our Shabbat morning services**. The Cheder provides a mixture of cultural and religious activities for children from a wide range of Jewish backgrounds, religious and secular, largely through arts, crafts, storytelling and drama, with discussions for older children as well. We learn about and celebrate all the major Jewish festivals, and have sessions on Jewish history, Jewish ethics and values and Jewish music.

If you are hoping that your child will have a bar/bat mitzvah in the Community, we would normally expect him/her to have attended Cheder at least from the age of 11, as well as arranging any other necessary preparation in consultation with the rabbi. If you would like more information about this, you can email Rabbi Leah Jordan on RabbiLeah@kehillah.org.uk.

We also have a **crèche** at all our Shabbat morning services, run by community member Anna McKone, for younger children. The crèche provides a creative curriculum that celebrates the cycle of the Jewish year. Parents are welcome to go into services once children are settled, but please check with volunteers in case help is needed. If parents stay in the room, either because their help has been requested or by choice, they are asked to work with the leaders in focussing on the children and their activities. **Children are also welcome in the services**, and we organise specific activities for them on festivals etc.

We offer Hebrew classes on Shabbat, again with community volunteer teachers, when we can, for those children who are ready and interested.

Periodically we consult parents formally, through meetings, questionnaires, etc but your views and suggestions are always welcome: just contact us. We always welcome new members and are more than happy for parents and children to drop in and meet us, or stay for a session to see if they like it. We do not make a charge for cheder, but we do typically make an annual materials charge per child attending the Cheder and Hebrew, to cover the cost of materials. For more information or for an informal chat about the children's activities, contact our Cheder Teacher Ruth Hart at Ruth@Kehillah.org.uk or our Education Officer Imogen Resnick at imogen@kehillah.org.uk.

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