

# Hale Community Cheder

The Hale Community Cheder's objective is to provide the children and youth of the Hale Community the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills they will need throughout their life as Jews, in an enjoyable and stimulating environment. In order to achieve this, the emphasis at Cheder is on Hebrew reading and writing, practical participation in festivals and Shule services, Mitzvot in general, an understanding of the basis of Zionism, and the instillation of Jewish values.

The education team is ably headed by Louise Weinberg BA (Hons.) QTS, a qualified, experienced, and dedicated teacher and mentor, who is fully supported by the Cheder Management Team.



# General Information



The Cheder caters for Jewish children between the ages of 4 and 13 years.

## **TEACHING SESSIONS**

We operate two weekly sessions.

1. Sunday from 10am to 12 noon for all classes
2. Additional midweek sessions for our Barmitzvah and Bat Chayil classes.

The Sunday session is set out as below:

Session1      10am - 10.55am  
Break            10.55am - 11.05am

Session 2      11.05am - 12noon

Children should arrive at 9.55am prompt, as classes start at 10am with registration. Any child not at registration will be recorded as late and this will be discussed with parents as appropriate.

## **AUTHORISED ABSENCES**

The Cheder must be notified by telephone between 9.30am and 9.55am on the day of the absence, or in advance, if appropriate, with a reason for the absence.

The Cheder contact number to be used is 07842 112269

Unauthorised absences

Unauthorised absences will be noted in the child's records and will be discussed with the parents as appropriate.

## **BREAK TIME**

All children will be provided with a drink and a snack at break time.

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**

All parents must complete and return an emergency contact.

## **DRESS CODE**

Boys are expected to wear a kippah and will be encouraged to wear tzitzit.

Girls are expected to dress modestly.

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## **SECURITY**

Parents are expected to partake in a security rota, details of which are sent out to parents before the start of every Cheder term. Security is essential to ensure our children's safety at all times during the morning.

## **BEHAVIOUR AND DISCIPLINE**

Hale Cheder welcomes and, indeed, always encourages good behaviour. Showing respect for one another is a quality which we consider to be of paramount importance. In order to recognise this, together with politeness and good manners, we have a reward system in place throughout the Cheder to which each pupil is able to contribute and each teacher monitors.

Just as good behaviour is merited, rude and inappropriate behaviour, including bullying, will not be tolerated. Teachers will remove pupils from their class, and may be asked to be withdrawn from Cheder, if deemed necessary. Any pupil who has an issue regarding another pupil is strongly advised and also encouraged to speak to their teacher about it in the first instance

Mobile phones must be switched OFF during lessons. If any child is found using a mobile telephone for any use it will be immediately confiscated.

## **PARENTS' LIAISON TEAM**

The Cheder chairman and Parent Liaison Representative are collectively responsible for the Parents' Liaison Group. Their role is to forge better links between the Cheder and parents, ensuring the smooth running of the Cheder. Suggestions and comments regarding the Cheder can be discussed with either of them.

# Curriculum



There are 6 key areas to the Cheder Curriculum, which apply to the 4-13 age group. These are as follows:

1. Hebrew reading, writing and translation
2. Jewish History
3. Jewish Laws and Customs
4. The Synagogue Service
5. Translation of Jewish Scriptures
6. Jewish Character and Values

Pupils will study each of these areas in some detail over the course of their education at Cheder. They will be covered using a variety of teaching methods, to include interactive sessions, role play, outings, discussions and debates, computer programs, as well as visits from inspiring and dynamic speakers appropriate for their age.

## **ASSESSMENT**

- Each teacher continually assesses their pupils to ensure that their work is set at an appropriate level for them. They will be informally assessed throughout the academic year, and parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher at various times during the year to discuss their progress. However, parents are actively encouraged to keep in touch with their child's teacher, and therefore do not have to wait for a Parents' Evening before getting any feedback.
- Parents will receive a written report detailing the progress and achievements of the child.
- At the end of the Summer Term there will be an award ceremony to which parents are cordially invited, where each child's contribution to the Cheder will be recognised and rewarded.

## **FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

We actively encourage family involvement in the Cheder by offering a number of regular features including:-

- Breakfast Minyan and discussion group
- Annual Children's Shabbaton
- Outings and visits of Jewish interest

# Bat Chayil and Barmitzvah



Children in School Year 6, 7 and 8 take part in the innovative and exciting programme 'Challenge'. This is an engaging programme combining experiential and classroom learning to provide a year full of challenges, covering Shabbat; kashrut; Israel; classic Jewish texts; community; Jewish history; festivals; prayer; honouring parents; Holocaust and chesed. An extra component to this course is the morality television (MTV) class - a tool for discussing Jewish ideas and moral issues.

Additionally, in the Spring and Summer terms, Rabbi & Ruthie Portnoy hold regular weekly workshops with the Barmitzvah boys and Bat Chayil girls respectively. This programme is designed to relate Jewish values to aspects of contemporary society developing life skills, using film and IT resources to stimulate group discussion and lively interaction.

Every year the group also enjoys a residential Shabbaton together.

## **POST BAT CHAYIL AND BARMITZVAH PROGRAMMES**

Teenagers are encouraged to continue learning via Partners in Torah (PIT), under the auspices of the Hale Adult Hebrew Education Trust (HAHET).

**For further information please call the Shule office on 0161 980 8846 or email [admin@hale-community.org.uk](mailto:admin@hale-community.org.uk)**

# Application Form

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Forenames: \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail : \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Which Shule do you attend?  
\_\_\_\_\_

(If members of Hale synagogue, or the applicant has attended its Nursery School, please omit the following section)

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Synagogue Of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any medical conditions or allergies that we should be made aware of?

Please give details:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please note:-

1. One term's notice to be given before termination of Cheder place.
2. Fees to be paid within two weeks of billing at the beginning of term.
3. Parents are asked to follow the Cheder's rules and "team objectives", as outlined in our mini-prospectus. Attendance is deemed to be acceptance of the rules.

I wish the above-named child to attend the Cheder and undertake to abide by the rules as mentioned above.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_