**Children and Youth**

This area has been well managed by Samantha Blendis and Yeva Robinson. Sam is Josh’s line manager and works with the Cheder. Yeva looks after children’s activities such as Children’s Services and festival events.

**2018/19 Provision**

**Rishon Cheder (Year 1 – Year 6)**

Our Cheder is just coming to the end of its second year as ‘Rishon’. With 45 pupils and 6 teachers the Cheder has had a successful year. The children have enjoyed regular lessons from a new curriculum with a focus on Jewish Community, Jewish Tradition and Jewish Values as well as special activities around Jewish festivals. Our Year 3 children visited a Kosher bakery to see the process by which food is prepared in a Kosher environment. Our Year 1s and 2s will be performing a short show all about the Siddur and they will be given their first Siddur as well. Our Year 4s will be putting on a special charity fair for the whole Cheder to raise money for their chosen charity. Year 5 have spent time learning all about Sephardi Jewry and Year 6 spent time learning about the Holocaust. In the coming year we will look to build on the strong foundations we have laid to ensure that there is provision for children and families focussed on Jewish education for those who want.

**Bnei Mitzvah (Year 7)**

Eli Gaventa has continued to teach our Year 7s this year from a curriculum focussed in Term 1 on key Jewish ideas and figures, in Term 2 on contemporary issues facing Judaism and in Term 3 on Israel and our relationship with it. With 23 pupils this has been our largest Bnei Mitzvah class in many years. We are very proud of our Bnei Mitzvah program and would like to extend our thanks to Eli who is leaving us at the end of this year. His dedication over the last three years has ensured that our children learn about their heritage in a supportive and fun environment. Josh Gaventa will be stepping in to teach the program next year with a developed curriculum and February half-term trip.

**Bnei Mitzvah (Year 8)**

Eli Gaventa has continued to teach our Year 8s throughout the year. There will be 9 classes in total and they have been led by the interests of the students. Next year Josh Gaventa will be teaching the Year 8s and there will be 15 sessions across the year.

**GCSE World Religions (Year 9 & 10)**

We have a GCSE World Religions class taught by Adam Levine every Thursday for Year 9. This will continue next year as they move up to Year 10 and Adam will also teach a new group of Year 9s.

**R-Club (Year 7 – 9)**

R-Club has been running successfully this year and will continue to run next year. A weekly social club for children in Year 7 – Year 9 is a valuable time for our young people to socialise, relax and unwind at the end of their busy weeks. Over the last year Ella Blendis, Jodie Darsa, Lily Sheinfield, Joe Geller, Gabe Cook, Ella Shindler, Tamar Pelmont, Noa Taylor, Theo Freeman and Eden Swimer have acted as Youth Leaders and role models to steer R-Club towards its success.

**Calendar Events**

This year we have run fun events around the Jewish festivals for children in our community. There was our London themed Chanukah Fair, our communal Purim and children’s arts and crafts activity as well as Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Simchat Torah children’s services. Next year we will look to cement these as events in the Muswell Hill Synagogue calendar and improve provision for children of all ages in the Synagogue.

**2019/20 Provision**

Next year we will look at developing our current provision as well as adding new programmes and events. We will be piloting a mentoring programme for Year 8-10 girls to mentor Year 6 & 7 girls about to have their Bat Mitzvah. There will be a Youth ‘Speaker on the Hill’ program. There will be a number of Shabbat events across the year and we are exploring a Youth Harmony & Humour event. Josh will be working additional hours to ensure the success and development of our youth provision.

**Outline of Youth Provision 2019 – 2020**

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|  | **Programme** |
| 1 | **BM 7** |
| 2 | **BM8**  |
| 3 | **GCSE 9**  |
| 4 | **GCSE 10**  |
| 5 | **R-Club 7** |
| 6 | **R-Club 8 &9** |
| 7 | **Leadership 12 & 13** |
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|  | **New Programme** |
| 8 | **Year 6 & 7 Mentoring** |
| 9 | **Youth Speaker on the Hill** |

**Data (2018/19 and predicted 2019/20)**

**2018/19 – Number of Young People Involved in Regular Programming**

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| **Age Range** | **Number of Children** | **Involved (Members)** | **%** |
| Year 7 | 27 | 24 | 89% |
| Year 8 | 28 | 9 | 32% |
| Year 9 | 27 | 11 | 41% |
| Year 10 | 24 | 5 | 21% |
| Year 11 | 20 | 5 | 25% |
| Year 12 | 21 | 6 | 29% |
| Year 13 | 17 | 7 | 41% |
| **Total** | 164 | 67 | 41% |

**2019/20 – Predicted Number of Young People Involved in Regular Programming**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Age Range** | **Number of Children** | **Involved (Members)** | **%** |
| Year 7 | 22 | 15 | 68% |
| Year 8 | 27 | 24 | 89% |
| Year 9 | 28 | 9 | 32% |
| Year 10 | 27 | 11 | 41% |
| Year 11 | 24 | 5 | 21% |
| Year 12 | 20 | 4 | 20% |
| Year 13 | 21 | 6 | 29% |
| **Total** | 169 | 74 | 44% |