years 7 - 10

THE ZONE

connect ✡ inspire ✡ explore

the zone is an exciting, innovative and expanding teenage programme designed for young people in years 7 - 10.

Through modern, experiential and interactive learning, participants join their peers to explore and debate Judaism and appreciate the relevance it has today.

Rather than passive learning, the participants will be invited to explore Jewish topics and traditions for themselves and be encouraged to ask, challenge and debate in a respectful and welcoming environment.

The formal programme, along with the informal learning and trips will provide essential Jewish knowledge through hands-on experiences in an engaging and fun environment. It will instil Jewish values and explore being a Jewish 'teen' in the modern world and also give the opportunity for participants to build a strong social group within their communities.

Our dynamic and inspirational Educators are there to provide informal education with a difference and engage participants in a welcoming environment, where they can build strong social connections with their peers.

Zone Director: Chayli Fehler
Co-Chairs: Jeremy Callman and Claire Leek
Education Committee: Rabbi Liss and Rebbetzin Kaplan

year 7 zone programme

Informal Learning, Guest Speakers and Trips

Hands-on Judaism: This session looks at major themes in Jewish life and explores the 'how' and 'why' of each topic, whilst offering active participation. Hands-on Judaism aims to ensure that participants explore key issues in their Jewish life as well as acquire the skills and practical aspects of Jewish ritual.

Speakers: Top speakers are regularly invited to challenge participants to think about the relevance of various topics to Jewish life. These have included CEOs, Holocaust Survivors, international peace makers, doctors, scientists, historians, educators, barristers, soldiers, leaders of industry and innovators in social media.

Trips: Participants will enjoy various trips connected to the topics they are learning. Trips have included a visit to the Old Operating Theatre Museum to discuss medical ethics and a trip to Bevis Marks Synagogue, the oldest synagogue in the UK followed by a tour of the Jewish East End. Participants also visited the Maccabi HQ to learn about the Jewish contribution to sports, a trip to Kenwood House to discuss the topic of slavery. Social trips have included Mega Jump and bowling.

Workshops: Various hands-on workshops have included a CST Streetwise course learning Krav Maga skills, a workshop understanding about shechita and kashrut, and a Jewish Interactive technology session.

Zone Time: Participants can relax during 'Zone time', strengthening friendships with other participants while enjoying ping pong, and other games as well as refreshments.

Zone Shabbat*: This event will be a central part of the Zone. Participants will enjoy an exciting and fun sleep-over event with their peers.

*Social trips are charged separately from the rest of the programme. All trips subject to change.

year 8 zone programme

Social Action and Volunteering programme

The Year 8 Zone programme involves social action and hands-on volunteering directly within the community. Participants will be working with a variety of charities including those supporting the elderly, the homeless and those with special needs. They will also learn about the importance of volunteering and what goes on behind the scenes in various charities.

This 14 week programme will augment their Bar/Bat mitzvah journey and will imbue the youth with an understanding of the importance of social action and help them start to develop the skills and interest to take an active part in community life.

> *"My twin sons have experienced a great programme where they have been introduced to the concepts of giving and community and learnt different ways they can give to their communities and other organisations. They have been exposed to new environments and learnt the skills of empathy, patience and compassion. For two hours on a Sunday morning this has been truly valuable experience and they have taken away lessons which they will reflect on and appreciate."*
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> **Adam**

year 9-10 zone programme

Religious Studies GCSE class

Our Years 9-10 Zone Programme is a two year course of study in preparation for the Religious Studies GCSE examination. This programme is run in partnership with James Howard Education who will provide the classes on a weekday evening at Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue and Highgate Synagogue. The course focuses on Jewish Studies and also includes the study of Islam as a comparative religion.

Lessons will be taught in an informal and inspiring way, enabling students to learn about their Jewish heritage and Jewish practice whilst also making and maintaining friendships with other Jewish students. There is also an additional benefit of experiencing a 'real' GCSE early, and gaining useful tools for study and exam preparation that apply across all subjects.

In addition to the weekly, term-time classes, there will also be optional special **Zone trips** for all participants together. The trips will be directly related to what the pupils are studying in order to give them the opportunity to reinforce their learning through hands-on experiences.

programme details

Year 7 Zone Programme - 25 weeks
Time: 10:00am - 12:30pm
(September - May)
At Kinloss

Year 8 Zone Social Action Programme - 14 weeks
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
(October - May)
At various locations

Year 9-10 Zone GCSE Programme - 29 weeks + trips
(September – June over 2 years)

Email **thezone@hgss.org.uk** for more details

To apply for a place please email:

thezone@hgss.org.uk

Places subject to availability.

parents quotes

The Zone has proved to be a fabulous course for kids post-Cheder and pre-bar mitzvah. Jewish education is delivered in an age appropriate manner and the kids have been lucky enough to be visited by weekly wide-ranging inspirational speakers. I highly recommend this fantastic course which has been so well planned. Truly amazing, with dynamic learning in a fun social environment.

Katherine and Marc

This programme provides the students with a mature and thought provoking look at their community, culture and place within Anglo Jewry. It's a well-designed programme and a sociable way of continuing their Jewish learning in a stimulating and informal way. The staff are fantastic, we are lucky to have outstanding young people in our community who can inspire and set examples of modern Jewry.

Victoria

I was reluctant for my son's Jewish education to stop with the end of cheder, particularly as he is at a non-Jewish school, and am delighted that he has attended the Zone, where he has been exposed to a wide range of stimulating speakers and experiences and come across a wider group of Jewish kids.

Clare

The Zone has been an excellent initiative in combining both formal and informal education on a range of interesting and challenging issues. It has provided a much needed role for continued Jewish education for boys and girls pre bar & bat mitzvah.

Craig

In conjunction with Kinloss Synagogue, Golders Green Synagogue and Woodside Park Synagogue.