

## JLE Minyan Joins the Federation

The community shul of the Jewish Learning Exchange (JLE) has announced that it will be joining the Federation as an affiliate member. The shul is comprised of two *minyanim*. A vibrant and welcoming shul, based at the JLE, it is regularly attended by some 150 men, women and children over Shabbos and has a steady flow of attendees during the week. Additionally, a satellite Shabbos *minyan* is based in the home of Rabbi Akiva Tatz in Golders Green. The *davening* is enjoyed by 50 regular participants, including the many children who attend the on-site children's service and creche.

The shul is ably led by Rabbi Danny Kirsch, chairman of the JLE. Rabbi Kirsch received *semichah* from Rabbi Naftali Reich and from Rabbi Kolitz, *zt"l*, a former Chief Rabbi of Yerushalayim. He has many years of experience in *kiruv* and *chinuch*.

Rabbi Kirsch commented, "Over the past 30 years the JLE has been a pioneering force in Jewish education and outreach. Now, as a growing community and shul, we are excited to be joining the Federation."

As a result of their affiliate status, members of the JLE shul will now be offered burial society membership as well as marriage authorisation services by the Federation.

The shul has a strong focus on *kiruv* but is also attended by many local *mispallelim* attracted by the inclusive and inspirational atmosphere. It is bolstered by the hub of surrounding activity in the JLE and its branches, where over 80 classes and events are hosted every week, reaching some 1,500 people. The strong team of JLE Rabbanim is on hand to speak and teach at the shul. Additionally, the shul functions as a busy *beis medrash*.

The Federation welcomes this new partnership with enthusiasm.

Mr. Andrew Cohen, president of the Federation, explained, "The JLE *kehillah* is a very welcome addition to the Federation family, and their decision to join us is testament to the revitalisation of our organisation over the past few years. We are delighted to have them on board."



Rabbi Danny Kirsch, chairman of JLE, learning with *talmidim* in the JLE.

## One of the Biggest Avos Ubanim



One of the world's biggest Avos Ubanim programmes resumed last Sunday when term began at Hasmonian High School, Hendon, with nearly 300 fathers and sons learning together.

## New Report Offers Positive News on Anti-Semitism in Great Britain

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of key religious and political subgroups, the survey finds that Christians, irrespective of the denomination

or religious behaviour investigated, show levels of anti-Semitism and anti-Israelism that are indistinguishable from the levels found across the population of Great Britain in general. However, other groups stand out. Levels of anti-Semitism are higher than average among those on the far right of the political spectrum and among the Muslim population, and levels of anti-Israelism are higher than average across the left wing of the political spectrum and again, among the Muslim population. Yet, owing to the relatively small size of these religious and political subgroups, most anti-Semitic sentiment, whether measured at very low levels of intensity or at high levels,

is to be found elsewhere.

Commenting on the findings, JPR Executive Director Dr. Jonathan Boyd said, "Anti-Semitism needs to be researched and analysed soberly and objectively, with proper rigour and empiricism. It's a highly emotive topic, and in the midst of all the anxiety that exists about it within parts of the Jewish community, we need serious assessments of what is going on."

"This report is far from the final word on the topic, but it establishes multiple benchmarks against which to measure anti-Semitism going forward, in order to help demonstrate whether it is becoming a more serious problem over time or not, and to help policymakers

to make sound judgements based on robust evidence."

CST Chief Executive David Delew commented, "CST is proud to have played a key role in helping to bring about the largest and most detailed survey of British anti-Semitism to date. We did this in order to better understand, discuss and tackle anti-Semitism in society as a whole, and, more specifically, within the key political and religious groupings that are analysed in the survey. We believe the new findings, data and nuance in this study will help us to work even more effectively with partners inside and outside the Jewish community to tackle this problem."

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