

CHABAD LUBAVITCH CENTRES OF NORTH EAST LONDON & ESSEX

# BUCKHURST HILL CENTRE

## Synagogue Membership Information Pack

Chabad Lubavitch of Buckhurst Hill

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Dear Friends,



Since our Centre was established in 2005, Chabad has experienced an astonishing level of exciting activity and growth in our many varied programs and services that we have started to develop to benefit the local community. During the past year alone, we have implemented many new programs, revamped the classic ones, and expanded our current list of services & special events.

Chabad offers a wide range of opportunities both religious and social. We stress the importance of Jewish education, but more importantly, we offer the opportunity to experience, first hand, the vitality and relevance of Torah true Judaism as it is lived today. Participants in our programs, classes & activities experience the joy and celebration, the intimacy and compassion, the wisdom and knowledge that is inherent in Jewish life, tradition and learning.

Chabad is a full service organization responding to both the material and spiritual needs of the community in and around Buckhurst Hill and West Essex. Through our warm, welcoming and inclusive services, classes, celebrations, holiday events and youth programs, Chabad will use whatever means necessary to bring the message of our rich heritage to the children, teens, adults and elderly of the Community.

Our Centre is part of a network of thousand of Chabad Centres that span the globe. We have been set up as a branch of Chabad Lubavitch Centers of NE London and Essex, directed by Rabbi Aryeh Sufrin whose vision and dedication brought about in the founding of Chabad of Buckhurst Hill, responding to the change in demographics happening in our community and to help service their needs.

Our Buckhurst Hill Centre is now entirely financially independent. We receive no grants from New York, Stamford Hill or Ilford. Our full budget has to be raised locally and we depend on our friends and supporters to help. This guide is an outline of our contribution to the community and also offers you ways to become our partners and help us. Feel free to stop by our center at any time to participate in any of our multitude of ongoing services or programs.

Our beloved Rebbe, The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, would often urge us not to be satisfied with our previous achievements. Instead, he expected us to constantly raise our standards, and to strive to go from strength to strength with ever-increasing vigor. It is our hope and prayer that we will succeed in living up to that tall order and continue to build and develop a community centre that all Jews in the West Essex area can make use of and be proud to be affiliated with.

Enjoy all we have to offer!

Rabbi Odom & Henny Brandman  
Chabad House Branch Directors

# CHABAD - SERVICING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

## Chabad Lubavitch Centre of Buckhurst Hill

Our Centre in Buckhurst Hill was established in 2005 in response to an increasing migration of Jewish people to the West Essex regions of Buckhurst Hill and beyond. We already have a warm and welcoming Synagogue where every person is welcomed and made to feel comfortable. We also offer a wide range of programs and activities, there is something for everyone regardless of any previous experience, commitment or level of knowledge. Our aim is develop a larger community centre which is open to all, offering a wide range of programs with something to suit everyone.

## Chabad Lubavitch Centre Ilford

Our regional Head Office in Gants Hill has been serving the local Jewish Community for over 30 years. Housing a Community Centre, Synagogue, Judaica Shop, Nursery and Drugline offices, Chabad of Ilford is a real hub of activity.

## Hebrew School - Sunday Cheder

Chabad has a fantastic Hebrew School on Sunday mornings based at our Gants Hill Centre. The classes offer a stimulating yet friendly environment where children embrace their Jewish roots and gain a true sense of Jewish pride, no matter their level of observance or affiliation. Children, ages 5—12 acquire a broad knowledge of Judaism through a motivating and challenging curriculum. Our goal is simple: We want our students to view Judaism in an intelligent, relevant and upbeat light. We offer a special course as Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation as part of the Cheder and can arrange private tuition for boys or girls to prepare for their ceremonies.

## Chabad Play and Learn Nursery

The Chaya Mushka Nursery, housed at our Gants Hill Centre provides top quality nursery care for children aged 2 - 5. Children, supervised by our team of qualified staff enjoy a rich variety of play experiences in a warm and nurturing environment. Offering full day care up to 3pm from Monday to Thursday and a morning session on Friday, children are well catered for and have a wide choice of play and learning experiences.

## Gan Israel - Summer & Winter Day & Overnight Camps

Our holiday schemes have earned a great reputation as a trendsetter for many Summer and Winter Camps. As part of the largest & fastest growing network of Jewish day camps in the world, campers at Chabad enjoy a range of innovative activities, sports, games, trips & more in a warm, caring and fun environment. Over the Summer holiday we have various divisions catering for nursery children, primary school ages and teenage boys and girls programs. A Winter Day Camp and a boys Winter Skiing trip are among the highlights of the year for many children.

## Drugline

A non-denominational service providing counseling, school education and crisis management to thousands who seek help and support each year. Operations are run from an office suit within the Gants Hill Centre which also serves as a drop-in centre and base for meetings and training. The educational team supply tailor made educational programmes to schools, youth groups and parents. They travel up and down the country visiting schools and running their educational workshops.

For more information call: 020 8554 3220 or see [www.drugline.org](http://www.drugline.org)

# OUR SYNAGOGUE

Our Chabad Synagogues are truly unique, special, warm and welcoming. Just by walking through the front doors and being warmly greeted, you will already feel and hear the special atmosphere within.

The friendly welcome given to all who attend, from the first visit and thereafter, helps everyone to relax, feel at home and become part of the "Family of Chabad". There is no need to worry or be uncomfortable if you or your fellow guests feel that Hebrew reading and knowledge is not yet at the level that you would like it to be, at Chabad, we will greet you with open arms and assist you along the experience.

The prayers and reading from the Torah are made easy to follow as they are helped along by explanations, both written and verbal in English and page numbers are announced throughout to help you follow along and feel part of the service.

The weekly sermon always gives over a deeper message, about how the Torah portion is applicable to our everyday lives so that as well as the spiritual experience and prayers, you will always leave with some food for thought.

Our weekly Kiddush is the talk of town. Every week the service concludes with a hot cholent Kiddush, sweet & savoury delicacies and our famous and renowned selection of Malt whiskies from our Whiskey Bar. The Kiddush is undoubtedly a great time for all to socialise and catch up with the other members of the Chabad Family and to develop and strengthen friendships.

Specially catered events like Shabbat Lunches, Friday Night Dinners and other activities take place throughout the year, comprising all the traditional foods together with singing, words of wisdom and entertainment. We can also arrange hospitality and meals for guests visiting the area for Shabbos and whether you're a guest or a local, Rabbi & Mrs Brandman entertain in their home all the time and will look forward to welcoming you as well.

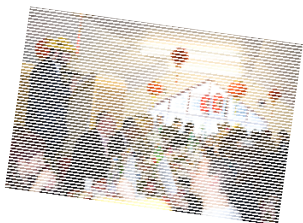
All those that have come through our doors will attest to the special atmosphere and warmth at Chabad, so why not come along, bring your family and friends and feel part of this dynamic and growing community.

# PROGRAMS, SERVICES & EVENTS



## SERVICES

- Full Service Synagogue
- Kitchen Koshering
- Mezuzah & Tefillin checking and sales
- Crisis Counseling
- Bar / Bat Mitzvah Lessons
- Life-cycle services
- Donor Dedication Opportunities



## THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

- State-of-the-art website
- Holiday Guides
- Judaica Store at Gants Hill Centre
- Rabbi on call 24/7 for advice, support and assistance
- Educational opportunities
- Weekly Mum's & Tots group



## SOCIAL EVENTS

- Women's Circle
- Family Shabbatons
- Family Communal Friday Night Dinners
- Café Chabad
- Monthly Ladies Lunch & Learn
- Weekly Kiddush in Shul



## FAMILY HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

- Sukkah celebrations
- Chanukah parties
- Public Menorah Lightings
- Purim Bash & package distribution & Megillah readings
- Lag B'omer festivities
- Shavuot Family Tea
- Shavuot all night Torah learning
- Communal Seder
- Sale of Chametz & Shmura Matza distribution



# MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

At Chabad, every Jew is always welcome and we never turn anybody away from any of our programmes or events. Our Synagogue is open to all whether you are affiliated to any other synagogue or organization of unaffiliated. At Chabad, we consider every Jew a member, so whether you have supported us in the past, are thinking of doing so in the future or just want to come along, Chabad is for you.

All of our activities are made possible by donations from the local community, our friends and supporters. Becoming a supporter of Chabad is to become partners with us in all of the good work that we do for the wider community. We are dedicated to reach out to all with a caring approach to ensure that the physical and spiritual needs of all within the wider community are met.

Due to popular demand we are now establishing a full service membership through which we can offer burial through the Western Charitable Foundation at their Cemetery in Enfield. All other life cycle events like Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and Weddings can all be catered for by us. Should you wish to join Chabad and support our activities without the requirement of a burial plan, you are still more than welcome to support us through our membership and sponsorship programmes, all commitments of support are greatly appreciated and are our lifeline to grow.

Together with this booklet you will find a full application form to fill out. The information provided is used to compile various mailings, Yahrzeit lists, Aliyah information and birthday and anniversary congratulations and announcements. Celebrating with and acknowledging our friends and members special milestones is what helps to bring us closer together as a "family" at Chabad.

Please see over the page for prices. Family membership includes all children under the age of 21, older children are required by the burial society to have their own membership. Membership can be transferred from other Synagogue's. If you are over 45 years of age the burial society has a joining fee depending on exact age, please contact us for details.

If you would like to become a member, but true financial hardship is a factor, please don't let that stand in your way. Confidential arrangements can be made based on individual situations. Please, contact us and we will be happy to discuss this with you.

# MEMBERSHIP PRICES

These figures are suggested as minimum donation amounts, if you would like to donate more than these amounts each month, we would greatly appreciate your support and commitment.

Family Membership with burial	£600 annually or £50 monthly
Young Couples Membership with burial	£504 annually £42 monthly
Single Membership with burial	£360 annually or £30 monthly
Single Membership without burial	£300 annually or £25 monthly
Family Membership without burial	£360 annually or £30 monthly
Friend & Supporter	£18 per month or more

For other prices, permutations or options we will be happy to discuss details with you.

Membership fees and other donations are structured independently of each other. Donations can be given during the year for appeals, building fund, sponsorship or one-off donations. If a donation is not earmarked for a specific area, it will be applied wherever it is needed most.

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## **Ongoing Activities**

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### **Friday evening services**

Every Friday through the winter months at 6.30pm and 7.30pm through the summer months, followed by a Kiddush and L'chaim

### **Shabbos morning services**

Every Shabbos services begin at 10am followed by a hot cholent Kiddush and a L'chaim

### **Weekly Mummy & Me**

Thursday mornings at 10.30am for all Mums and children, from birth until nursery age. Free play, circle time and lots of toys for the children

### **Roving Rabbi Torah classes & private tuition**

Call for details or to arrange a class

### **Monthly Ladies Lunch & Learn**

See website for dates and times

### **Monthly Youth Zone**

For primary school age children, one Sunday afternoon a month the group enjoys arts and crafts, games and fun.

Unless advertised otherwise, all services, events and programs are held at our Community Centre  
Located at 191b Princes Road, Buckhurst Hill

**For more information about lots of upcoming  
special events see our website**

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**Chabad – “Spreading the warmth of Judaism to the community”**