

YES



Youth Encounter Seminars

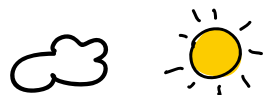


**FOR YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8
BAT AND BAR MITZVAH
2017/2018**



Stanmore &
Canonis Park
Synagogue

Dear Parents,



According to psychologists' research it takes us 7-9 seconds to form an opinion of someone. I'm not sure how long it takes children to form an opinion about Judaism, but it cannot be a long time. I have lost count of the number of times a teenager has responded to a class of mine with an incredulous "wow, really? If only they would have taught that to me when I was younger." Yet with the right framework, education and experience, increasingly positive and informed perceptions can be created.

A child's bar and batmitzvah is in ways the peak of their involvement in synagogue life. Hours are spent preparing the Torah reading, a dvar torah speech and planning the function. Yet sadly, having climbed this peak many children vanish off the other side of the mountain as far as interest and involvement goes. **YES is designed to make the bar and batmitzvah experience more wholesome and ultimately more lasting.** We have designed a curriculum to cover essential topics which will form the backdrop for the bar and batmitzvah. Whether that's Jewish history, social unit, leadership, analyses of certain mitzvot, relationships and classic Jewish philosophy - **the aim is to make this formative stage of a child's life more meaningful; something a child will look back on with pride and interest.**

The teachers are professional and warm, the syllabus is tailor-made to suit a contemporary Sunday morning school experience, and the atmosphere is a good balance between educational, experiential and social.

We believe that this is a key component of developing a child's Jewish knowledge and further educational development.

Thanks for your consideration and a mazal tov on your upcoming simcha,

Rabbi Fine and Mirele Mordecai

Booking form attached

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WHAT IS YES?

YES stands for Youth Encounter Seminars and is the dynamic pre-bar and batmitzvah Sunday morning programme. YES is the year 7-8 extension of Aleph Cheder, accepting children from Stanmore and the surrounding areas: Pinner, Bushey, Radlett, Northwood, etc.

AT YES YEAR 7 WILL COVER:

- The flow of Jewish tradition and transmission.
- Shabbat and the Jewish calendar in depth.
- Jewish relevance unit.
- Individual mitzvot: scope and reasons - tefilin, candles, prayer, shul life, chesed.

AT YES YEAR 8 WILL COVER:

- Essential Jewish questions: freewill, why do bad things happen to good people, why the Jews, Jewish impact
- Charity project
- Issues of Self: FOMO, self-esteem, social pressure and conformity
- Leadership and Relationship units
- Israel and Holocaust Units



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

9:30-9:45

OPTIONAL BREAKFAST

9:45-10:00

ASSEMBLY AND TEFILLAH

10:00-10:40

SESSION ONE

10:40-10:55

BREAK IN THE YOUTH LOUNGE

10:55-11:30

SESSION TWO

11:30-11:45

PROJECT TIME

YES HAS EXPERIENCED TEACHERS WHO ARE DOWN-TO-EARTH AND ADAPT THE MATERIAL FOR YOUR CHILD

YES RUNS FOR 30 WEEKS A YEAR, AND INCLUDES REGULAR EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

COST: £329 A YEAR EXCLUDING WEEKEND AWAY. CERTIFICATE UPON GRADUATION.



