



A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WOODSIDE PARK COMMUNITY 2020 AND BEYOND

as at September 2018

Vision:

"That our Synagogue should be the centre of a thriving Orthodox Jewish community in Woodside Park and the surrounding areas and that we may be a "Kiddush Hashem" / beacon of light, representing the Jewish faith positively in all that we do as individuals and as a community."

Mission:

1. To create a strong communal and religious identity which will carry our community forward to the next generation.
2. To provide engaging programmes and services catering for the next generation of our community so our children have a strong sense of belonging and pride.
3. To move the communal services, programmes and facilities into the 21st century, building on the best of our traditions while ensuring the Shul is relevant to our current and future membership and provides the right spaces to accommodate all that we strive to do.
4. To continue to care for those within and outside of our community through Woodside Park Cares and other charitable endeavours.

To achieve our mission, please see below a number of practical objectives that we hope to deliver with the commitment of our expanded Rabbinic, Youth & Professional team and the support of our many volunteers.

Our team:

Senior Rabbi - Rabbi Pinchas & Gila Hackenbroch

Assistant Rabbi – Rabbi Akiva & Batya Rosenblatt

Youth Directors – Jacob & Lior Cohen Goldstein

Bar & Bat Mitzvah Programme Leader – Eli Gaventa

Office Team – Zila Golbert & Ruth Starr

Events / Woodside Park Cares Co-ordinator – To be appointed Autumn 18

Facilities team – Paulo Kohut & Chris De Rosa

Volunteers – Too many to name!

1. Create a Strong Communal and Religious Identity

- Publicise the services members benefit from in return for their membership fees and the value this offers them
- Provide vibrant programmes for members at each of the key life milestones at which members are most likely to engage with the shul including – Births, CRP/Primary School, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Young Adults, Marriage, Family Transitions, Senior Years
- Provide religious and educational programmes that speak to the interests of key groups eg: Men, Women, Young Adults, Young Families, Senior Members etc, as well as events in the year, festivals and a love for Israel
- Provide religious and educational programmes that engage both the religious and less religious members of our Community
- Focus educational programmes on delivering educational opportunities that members cannot access from the wider London Jewish Communal Institutions
- Review the opportunities for women in our Community and their wider participation in services

2. Engage the Next Generation

- Provide vibrant programmes that are engaging for children, youth, young adults and young families
- Invest in high quality, consistently delivered children's and youth services and Shabbat programmes (eg: Squads) that are attractive to our children, youth and young families
- To provide a variety of professionally delivered activities for children and youth including: Young Families Events, Cheder, Youth Club, Bar & Bat Mitzvah Programme, Post Bar & Bat Mitzvah Programme, Friday Night Meals for Youth, Youth Social Events and more
- Signpost to our young adults what the US has to offer their cohort

3. Modernise our Community

- Recognise that the needs of current core membership ('regulars') and the wider Community are not always the same and that our services must be attractive to both groups
- Develop services to be more inclusive, with regular guidance & explanations throughout all main services and review service times / running order
- Create a programme of regular Shabbatot throughout the year when there will be a choice of services on offer to the Community
- Provide a Kiddush format that may be more attractive to a wider audience
- Develop the Synagogue as the Community hub so that those who do not necessarily wish to attend services can embrace other aspects of the Synagogue and what it has to offer

4. To Care for our own and the wider community

- Continue and support the amazing work done by Woodside Park cares in its informal care and help for all members by members.
- Expand the support for everyone in the Community with innovative projects such as the Work Experience and Mentoring project
- Embrace the wider local Community and interact with other organisations hoping to build a better society
- Actively participate in Mitzvah Day