**Background to the Role of Rabbinic Couple (or Educators)**

**for Youth and Young Families**

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Woodside Park United Synagogue is a large and growing Jewish Community situated within our own Eruv in the heart of the North London suburbs and within easy reach of Jewish Schools, restaurants, bakeries and kosher shops, with in excess of 1350 adult members and over 400 children. Over recent years the proportion of young families within the community has increased, as have provision and activities for Youth and Young Families.

Today the shul has a vibrant mix of activities for these groups including:

* On-site day nursery
* Weekly Cheder lessons
* 3 Children’s Services and a Youth service on every Shabbat and Chag
* Regular Shabbat learning ‘Squads’ for boys and girls
* Regular youth clubs, B’nei Akiva, guide and scout groups
* Bar / Bat Mitzvah Courses
* Regular social activities for Youth
* An active Young Families group with a full calendar of events throughout the year
* Shabbatonim for young families
* Friday morning parent and toddler group
* and many more one-off or annual events (such as baby blessings etc)

In recent years these activities have been supported in turn by couples employed by the community in the roles of Youth Directors or Rabbinic Youth Couple. Most recently Youth Directors, who will be leaving the community to return to Israel in September 2018.

Following a recent review of provision for this cohort of our community, it has been decided that the community would benefit once again from the appointment of a Rabbinic Couple (or Educators with equivalent experience / skills) to lead provision for Youth and Young Families and contribute to wider communal activities.

These will be hands on roles in which the successful couple will be deeply involved in the organisation and delivery of many activities / programmes and will have overall responsibility for the wider provision for Youth and Young families (reporting to the community’s Chair / Vice Chair and under the mentorship of the Senior Rabbi & Rebbetzen).