

PINNER UNITED SYNAGOGUE - COMMUNITY PROFILE 2018

INTRODUCTION

Pinner is a quiet, garden suburb halfway between Harrow and Watford and only 22 minutes from Baker Street on the Metropolitan Line, with the City and Canary Wharf only slightly farther.

The Community was established in 1940, operating under the auspices of the United Synagogue since 1948. Our present Shul building was consecrated in 1981 and is a multi-purpose hall used for services and communal events. The Henry Jackson Centre next door to the Shul is our Community Centre building which is used for a variety of events.

OUR COMMUNITY

We comprise a variety of people drawn from those born and brought up locally to those who have relocated here from all over London and other parts of the UK, including NW England and Scotland. We also have several members born in Israel, South Africa and other countries.

The community comprises a wide demographic from families with young children and teenagers, to a thriving group of active 65-80 year olds.

As a community we focus on an inclusive attitude to encourage participation in both religious and secular activities from as wide a group of our members as possible.

The Pinner community is supportive towards Israel, with many members visiting regularly. We also aim to fund raise for specific charities as part of our communal activities and have a specific group (The Pinner Israel Committee) that raises money currently for Habayit shel Benji, a home for Israeli lone combat soldiers.

STATS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Pinner - 01/11/2017				Pinner - 01/11/2017			
				Age			
	Male	Female	Total	0 - 16			137
Adults	446	502	948	17 - 20			78
Children			215	21 - 30	41	29	70
TOTAL			1,163	31 - 40	26	22	48
				41 - 50	51	60	111
Households	--	--	537	51 - 60	66	79	145
				61 - 65	43	45	88
				66 - 70	70	86	156
				71 - 80	107	110	217
				81 - 90	37	51	88
				91 - 100	5	16	21
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COMMUNAL LIFE IN PINNER

- Services - Daily morning and evening minyanim., Shabbat including a Shabbat Hashkama Minyan on a monthly basis
- Chagim, Fast Days,
- Members have always supported davening, leynening and haftorah rotas in Pinner for all services.
- Weekly children's services for under 5s and 5 - 11s (with separate Kiddushim) run by members of our community.
- Summer Seudah Shlishit programme - regularly attended by 50+ of our community (and often their guests).
- Each Shabbat (after a communal Kiddush) Divrei Torah and Sedra commentaries are delivered by members of all ages from young professionals to young at heart.
- Youth activities - our youth directors run a weekly Shabbat service and a summer Seudah programme. In addition, they host our youth for lunches and run Ashrei and Anim Zemiroth learning groups for younger children to enlarge our pool of participants. They run programmes for all the Chagim to encourage participation. They support Tribe programmes and encourage attendance at cross-communal activities. They also run a successful Bar/Batmitzvah programme in conjunction with UJIA.
- Education programmes - various activities such as text-based learning, lecture series with external speakers, LSJS Outreach, community debates, visiting speakers rabbinic and secular.
- An annual 'scholar-in-residence' programme over Shavuot, from Tikun Leil to Neilat HaChag, which this year attracted 120 people.
- Annual Mitzvah Day participation - communal and inter-faith activities.
- Communal events both religious and fundraising including:
 - New Generation - our young families' group who run activities related to the Chagim as well as social and fundraising programmes.
 - Maturians - active over 60s social group. Activities are run monthly both in the shul and externally. This group also raises funds to support the shul.
 - We run activities for the whole community on all the Chagim.
 - Tisha B'Av - we run a varied programme during the day.
 - Shabbat UK - this has been a feature of the Pinner calendar since its inception.
 - Annual Yom Hashoah commemoration generally attended by 270+ people.

JEWISH FACILITIES IN AND AROUND PINNER

The village has many and varied local supermarkets, specialist shops and a variety of stores that are well stocked with supervised kosher products, including pre-packed meat.

Pinner is in easy distance of kosher restaurants, bakeries and delicatessens in nearby Borehamwood and Edgware.

Pinner is also well served as a convenient centre for Jewish nurseries and schools. Moriah Jewish Day School and Nursery, an orthodox state-funded Jewish school (ages 3 -11), is just outside the village. It is also close to various other Jewish primary schools a short drive away in Shenley, Radlett and Kingsbury. It is also

convenient for JFS, Yavneh College, and Immanuel College, a private Jewish orthodox secondary school.

Since April 2018, Pinner has had an eruv, which enhances the observance of Shabbat in our community.

Pinner is an active participant in the NW London Aleph Cheder based currently at Bushey shul.

Pinner has a keilim mikva and there are mikvaot at Edgware, Kingsbury and Borehamwood and Elstree United Synagogues; all within reasonable distance from Pinner.

OUR FUTURE ASPIRATION

- Maintain and grow our membership
- Enable spiritual growth and practice through inspired religious leadership
- Increase participation in communal religious, cultural and educational events and programmes
- Provide individual support to members experiencing lifecycle events and changes
- Attract new members across all demographics so that the community is sustained for the long term