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# Solihull & District Hebrew Congregation

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## Visit us

Solihull Shul is an independent Orthodox Synagogue situated in a quiet, leafy district of Solihull. We boast a small but ever-growing, friendly and enthusiastic Community.

We regularly welcome guests from near and far, ranging from local school children studying Judaism as part of the national curriculum to visitors from all over the world. We are delighted to offer local school children the opportunity to visit our Synagogue, and to learn more about how we practice our faith and help develop respect and tolerance for all citizens of the United Kingdom.

## Prior To Your Visit

1. We are open for visits year round Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. On Thursday we can only host groups of up to 40 pupils and on Friday we are only open during the morning. We are not open on Jewish Religious Holidays.
2. We can host up to 90 pupils in one group.
3. The visits usually last about an hour.
4. As we are entirely funded by donations we do ask for a donation of £1.50 per pupil (for groups of less than 30 pupils there is a minimum charge of £45.00).
5. There is car park access for small coaches and mini buses. Large Coaches usually park on Monastery Drive adjacent to our entrance gates.
6. We have facilities for children to eat packed lunches, and a safe play area for young children outside the building. There will be a charge of £10 per group to cover our cleaning costs.
7. The Synagogue is on one level and there is easy access for pupils in a wheelchair.
8. You are welcome to take photos or videos during your visit although for security reasons we would prefer it if you did not post these on any websites or social media.

## The Tour

We will do our best to match the visit to the age and expectations of our visitors. A typical visit includes:

- A general introduction to the synagogue, Jewish traditions, customs and festivals.
- An explanation of the various religious items within the synagogue.
- A look inside the Ark, and an opportunity to see a real handwritten Torah scroll up close.



A visit to the Synagogue helps children absorb the lessons that they have learn in school as part of their introduction to Judaism When pupils have been fully prepared for the visit, they derive the maximum benefit.

The following link gives a brief overview of what you can expect to see during your visit.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/z834wmn>

Should you wish to visit the Synagogue prior to bringing your pupils we would be delighted to help you work out a mutually convenient time.

## Resources

We have a Judaica resource shop on the premises, which can supply you with artefacts for teaching RE. You are welcome to make an advance visit to browse our stock or email us with a request for a specific item which we can have available for you to pick up on the day of your visit.

We also have a library with a large number of books, dvd's and teaching aids that you are welcome to browse through.

We look forward to welcoming you to our synagogue.  
For more information please contact our Visits Co-ordinator:  
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## Educational Visit Booking Form

Name of School/Organisation

Head Teacher

Head of RE

Address

Telephone

Email

Person in charge of Visit

Preferred Date and Time of Visit

2nd Preference

No. of Students

Year Group

Any special requests

As we are entirely funded by donations we do ask for a minimum donation of £1.50 per pupil (for groups of less than 30 pupils there is a minimum charge of £45.00) which will go towards the upkeep of the Synagogue.

We are able to provide a room for your pupils to eat lunch, there will be an additional £10 charge per group to cover our cleaning costs.

Payment can be made by BACS to:

SDHC  
30 65 49  
38156760  
Ref. School Visit

Or by cheque payable to Solihull & District Hebrew Congregation

**For confirmation of the date and time of your visit please complete and return this form together with your payment to:**

Marina Kaplan  
Solihull Synagogue School Visits Co-ordinator  
Solihull Hebrew Congregation  
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The form may also be emailed to [marina.kaplan@mac.com](mailto:marina.kaplan@mac.com)

**No visit can be confirmed until payment has been received in full.**

For any further information please contact Marina Kaplan on 07825 611 562