

Welcome To the Exeter Hebrew Congregation

Jews have lived and worshipped in Exeter for over 250 years. The synagogue dating from 1763 is small, beautiful, carefully restored and still in regular use, as it has been by successive generations – a centre for a widespread local Jewish community.

The synagogue, by its very existence and antiquity, forms a focal point for the Jewish identity of many Jews living in the South West of England, of a wide range of backgrounds and preferences. The congregation remains unaffiliated but we express our Judaism within broadly traditional or progressive services and observance; accordingly our services and visiting rabbis tend to alternate in style. Importantly though we are committed to being,

One Congregation.

A small management committee (of volunteers) is elected at an annual general meeting. We hold regular Shabbat services and for all the major Festivals; we run occasional courses for Judaism and Hebrew, social activities including Friday evening *chavurot*, a *Nitzanim* group for children and our second night communal Seder - all help a sense of belonging. Many groups of school children visit the synagogue each year; for most it is their first contact with Jews and Judaism. Our members are actively committed to interfaith dialogue. Also important for us is to be part of the wider Anglo-Jewish community; we maintain close contacts with the main movements, elect a Deputy to the Board of Deputies. There are many ways therefore in which a new member may become involved.

The Exeter Hebrew Congregation has a website at www.exetersynagogue.org. It also produces a Newsletter with a circulation of over 100 copies, mostly to Jews in the South West, but also to non-Jewish supporters of our endeavours. This will normally be sent to you via e-mail, but can be posted.

The congregation's historic and picturesque cemetery – sited characteristically just outside the city walls - is maintained at its expense but is now closed for burials. However we also have an area of Exeter City Council's Exwick cemetery for Jews and their non-Jewish partners to be buried alongside one another. We endeavour to provide the services of a *Chevra Kadisha* when needed.

We are a small community, welcoming all Jews settling in the area, from across the denominations of Judaism. Our services are taken by various members of the community and visiting rabbis, and depending on who is taking them are either traditional in style or progressive, using appropriate modern siddurim, with the objective of being accessible to all.

So we welcome you most warmly to your Jewish home in the South West and hope that you will make yourself known and actively join our small but thriving community.

We exist for you and because of you.

EXETER HEBREW CONGREGATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership of the Synagogue is open to all Jewish people. Members are eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting and stand for election to the management committee.

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I hereby apply to become a **Member** of the Exeter Hebrew Congregation.

NAME..... FORENAMES

Salutation (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms ...) DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS..... MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: []

(see Subscription details)

Home Tel. Work Tel.

..... Mobile Tel.

..... Email.

Post Code

FAMILY MEMBERS TO BE INCLUDED

PARTNER CHILDREN (Names and date of birth)

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I affirm that I am / we are Jewish

(please delete as appropriate)

Signature

Date

I enclose: [please tick]

- [] My cheque (for the current year's subscription including Board of Deputies voluntary levy) for £ .
- [] An additional contribution of £ .
- [] My Banker's order.
- [] Gift Aid form

Cheques should be made payable please to: *Exeter Hebrew Congregation* and returned with this application to the membership secretary:

"Bribern"
2b, Par Green,
Par
PL24 2 AF

Tel. 01392 251529

EXETER HEBREW CONGREGATION

Confidential Membership Information

NAME HEBREW NAME (if known)

ADDRESS DATE OF BIRTH

..... TEL NO:

..... EMAIL:

..... POST CODE

OCCUPATION (past or present) or special interests

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Personal and Family Information

(We should like to know a little about you and your family – but only whatever you care to impart).

Personal Jewish affiliation, incl. Bar/Batmitzvah, Synagogue memberships:

Family history:

Reason for wishing to join Exeter Hebrew Congregation

Yahrzeits you would like remembered during Services:

Name of Relative..... Relationship to you

Hebrew and/or English date.....

Any special interests or wishes:

Please forward this information with all your application and accompanying forms to:

**Membership Secretary
"Bribern" 2b, Par Green, Par PL24 2 AF**

[This information will be retained confidentially and only be available to the officers of the Congregation]

EXETER HEBREW CONGREGATION

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2017-18

Annual Subscription Rates

(Subscriptions are payable on 1st September for the year ahead or by bank standing order.)

In case of difficulty please contact the President in strict confidence.
We appreciate prompt payment of the annual subscription as soon as possible after 1st Sept (or a revised Standing Order). Thank you.

Membership

Category	Annual	Code
SINGLE	£110	A
COUPLE	£180	C
FAMILY (parents & children)	£180	E
STUDENT (at college or university)	£5	H

Please return this form with payment or revised Bank Standing Order to the Membership Secretary:

Brian Nathan
"Bribern"
2b, Par Green,
Par.
PL24 2 AF

I enclose my subscription for Synagogue membership for 2016/7 and/or
New Bank Standing Order for:

NAMES	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	CODE	MONTHLY BANK SO
	£		
Building Maintenance contribution	£20		
* Voluntary Board of Deputies levy	£30	J	
TOTAL	£		
Paid by cheque:	£		
and/or instruction to Bank to pay:		Monthly	£

* Board of Deputies Levy – we are bound to request this *voluntary* levy of £30 per family or single member; all contributions will be much appreciated.

(Please make cheques payable to *Exeter Hebrew Congregation*)

EXETER HEBREW CONGREGATION

STANDING ORDER FORM TO YOUR BANK

Please return the *whole* of this form with your subscription to:
Membership Secretary, "Bribern" 2b, Par Green, Par PL24 2AF

NAME (account holder)

ADDRESS

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.....POSTCODE.....

Please pay Exeter Hebrew Congregation:

£..... Now and on 1st September **annually** **or**

£ Now and on 1st of each **month** until further notice.

The above sum includes my additional voluntary contributions to the
Synagogue Building Fund and to the Board of Deputies

Please debit my Account no:

Signature.....

Date

To: The Manager (Bank name and address) [Sort Code: - -]

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..... Post Code:

Please pay to the credit of:

EXETER HEBREW CONGREGATION A/c No. 00717932

**National Westminster Bank PLC, [56-00-49] Exeter Branch,,
59 High Street
EXETER, Devon, EX4 3DP**

This cancels all existing Banker's Orders to Exeter Hebrew Congregation

* * Please return this form to the membership secretary as above – and **not** to your Bank **

Charity Gift Aid Declaration – multiple donation

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Name of Charity: Exeter Hebrew Congregation

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title _____ First name or initial(s) _____

Surname _____

Full Home address _____

Postcode _____ Date _____

Please notify Exeter Hebrew Congregation if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.