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Torah 4 Teens



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A passage near the start of our Siddur (green siddur p.16) teaches that Torah study is one of the best mitzvot that we can do, equivalent in significance to honouring parents, doing kindness, going to places of Torah learning, offering hospitality to travellers, caring for the sick, helping needy people to marry, helping to bury the dead, focus on prayer and making peace between people – all rolled into one!

Clearly, Torah study is where the action is. And that's why we're so excited to tell everyone about a group of fantastic young people in

Edgware United Synagogue.

Over the last five years, a group of young people have been meeting twice a month for 'Torah 4 Teens', discovering the inspiring stories of Esther, Jonah and Ruth.

Soon after this began, the parents wanted to get involved as well, so a parallel monthly programme began with parents and children sitting together and learning. This became 'Food for Thought'.

Most recently, the learning has focused on the Biblical Book of Samuel. Together, and with the help of the classic commentaries on the Tanach, participants have learned about Samuel's incredible faith and courage, and the amazing epic of David as he struggled with the responsibilities of the leadership which God chose for him.

Numbers have continued to grow, and there are currently 30 regular attendees at 'Torah 4 Teens' and over 50 at 'Food for Thought'.

Perhaps some of the success of these programmes is down to the fact that after half an hour of learning, dinner is served!

No expense is spared in providing a top-quality, varied menu, with wholesome, tasty food that will satisfy the most ravenous teenager while appealing also to foodie parents.

These people are fantastic. They have taken time out to learn Torah because it's important. The beautiful lessons from our holy books will always be with them, setting a high bar for their aspirations and values, and fashioning them into inspirational role models for the future.

Parasha Anagrams

1. The Jewish people start building the Tabernacle, in Hebrew the **HIM KANS**.
2. Inside the inner chamber, called the **HASHEM HOOK A KADDISH**, the Luchot (tablets) were kept.
3. Other items that could be found in the Tabernacle were the **EARN OHM**, which was lit every day, and the **HUNCH SLA**, upon which the showbreads were displayed throughout the week.
4. All in all, this parasha is one full of very detailed **INSTINCT OURS**

Answers: 1. Mishkan 2. Kodesh Hakodashim, 3. Menorah, Shulchan 4. Instructions