# **Oxford Jewish Congregation**

#### **Contact for school visits:**

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## **Visits can be arranged to:**

Oxford Synagogue and Jewish Centre, 21 Richmond Road, Oxford, OX1 2JL

### **Restrictions:**

No visits on Jewish holidays (see <a href="https://www.bod.org.uk/wp-content/uploads2015/09Calendar-of-Jewish-Festivals-and-Fasts-2017-22.pdf">https://www.bod.org.uk/wp-content/uploads2015/09Calendar-of-Jewish-Festivals-and-Fasts-2017-22.pdf</a> for details)

We prefer morning visits not to be before 10.30 am.

Visits on Fridays, especially on Friday afternoons in winter, are better avoided if possible.

We normally set a limit of 60 children per visit. For groups larger than this, we would ask for two visits to be arranged.

#### **Visits information:**

We do not have a fixed charge for school visits, but we do welcome donations to cover the cost of opening the synagogue for the visit.

Speakers can cater for any age group and range of ability; there is disabled access. The speakers would normally give a general overview, but can focus on any specific area depending on the interests/ages of the group if notified in advance.

As the children are not attending a religious service, we do not have any expectations regarding dress. We do ask that they respect the fact that they are visiting a place of worship and therefore behave respectfully.

Photographs can be taken at any stage during the visit.

## Visits by speakers to schools:

We can provide speakers to visit schools, although it gives children a better experience if they can visit the synagogue.

We ask schools to cover the speaker's travelling expenses.

Speakers bring a range of artefacts and pictures to help illustrate Jewish life and what happens in the synagogue.