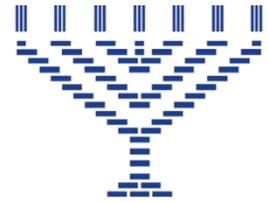
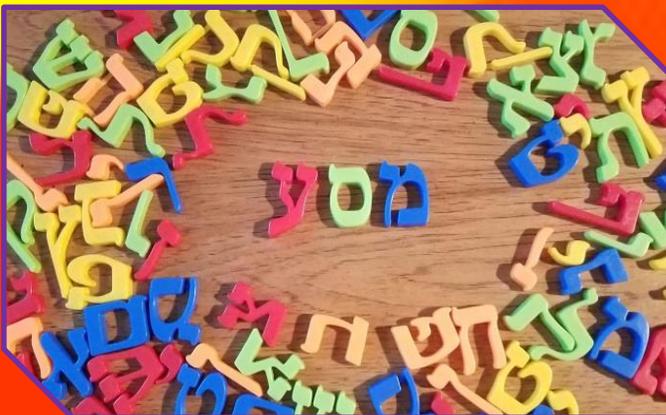


SPARK

Pinner Kids Jewish Fun & Learning
Programme
Nursery– Year 2
2020/2021



Pinner Synagogue



Having fun at SPARK



About SPARK

What is SPARK?

Spark is a new innovative Jewish fun and educational programme for children in our Pinner Community and surrounding areas.

All you need is a 'spark'. Every Jew has a spark inside of them waiting to be fanned and grown. In Yiddish this is famously called the 'pintele yid' (literally 'the tiny Jew') normally said while pointing with one's finger towards ones heart. No matter how distanced to Torah and Judaism we have become there is always the 'pintele yid', the 'spark' inside of us that is waiting to be ignited once the time is right. Spark is the name of our children's programme because literally a child is a 'pintele yid' a 'tiny jew' and they are full of potential and promise just waiting to be ignited with the beauty and power of our Torah.

Aims of SPARK

1. The programme's primary aim is to enthuse children through learning about their Jewish identity and heritage.
2. It is also designed to equip children with a broad range of knowledge, skills and experiences to help them to lead a fulfilling Jewish life, including Hebrew alphabet, basic Hebrew reading and knowledge of the Jewish calendar.

Location

SPARK is a project of Pinner Shul and, as a general rule, will take place in the Shul building.



Education at SPARK

Classes

We have 2 classes:

Spark ignite: Yr 1 and yr 2 (age 5-6) – This class focuses on understanding and learning about Tefillah, Brachot, Shabbat and Chagim with an emphasis in Hebrew reading. It will also look at Mitzvot and Jewish identity.

Mini Sparks: Nursery and reception (age 3-4 approx) This class is a play based group with Jewish songs, games and arts and crafts. Focus on introducing Hebrew, learning about the Jewish year, Tefillah and Israel.

Typical Morning Structure

Each week is different at SPARK but we try to keep a basic structure so that the children know what to expect. Below is a typical week when we would be in the Shul.

9:30 – 9.45	Children begin the morning with Tefillah and songs (Parents welcome to stay and join in)
9:45 – 10:30	Session 1
10:30 – 10:45	Break and snack
10:45 – 11:15	Session 2

Trips

Throughout the year we hope to do some trips as well such as:

- SPARK at the Kurzer's
- SPARK in the Park
- Kosher food hunt in local shops

SEN (Special Educational Needs)

Spark will be inclusive for children with SEN by working together with parents to come up with an appropriate plan to make the programme and activities accessible for their child.

Parents Welcome

Parents will be welcome to stay with their children in Mini Sparks for the duration of the morning. All parents are welcome to stay for morning Tefillah for both groups.



Term Dates 2020/21

We hope to be able to invite parents and their children to a meet and greet on **Simchat Torah, Sunday 11th October**. More information on this will be confirmed nearer the time.

Autumn Term

Term begins	18 th October
Term ends	13 th December (Chanukah)

Spring Term

Term begins	10 th January
Half term	14 th February (no SPARK)
Term ends	21 st March

Summer Term

Term begins	25 th April
Bank Holiday	2 nd May (no SPARK)
Half term	30 th May (no SPARK)
Term ends	11 th July

How will SPARK be different due to COVID-19?

The impact of COVID-19 will obviously influence how and where we deliver the programme, especially over the winter period. We will ensure that we follow all government and United Synagogue guidelines at all times. We have the flexibility to adapt our practices and will liaise with parents if changes are required.

Parents' Corner

Fees

SPARK costs £160 per term for Pinner shul members. For non-members it will cost £180. There will be a £10 discount for each additional sibling.

Where do we drop off and pick up?

SPARK takes place in Pinner Shul so please bring your children to the gate entrance on Cecil Park in time for the start.

Working together

We ask you to join us in making SPARK the great success it can be. This could include volunteering for security, helping on trips or other similar things.

Learning Together

SPARK is not just about children. In order to truly support our children's Torah education we must also be lifelong learners. Rabbi and Rebbetzen Kurzer are offering SPARK parents the chance to join them once a month for a discussion based study group on various interesting Jewish topics.

Any Questions?

For more information, please email us at spark@pinnershul.org



Who's Who at SPARK?



Rebbetzen Abi Kurzer

Rebbetzen Abi is the Rebbetzen of Pinner Shul and oversees SPARK and supports the teachers in creating fantastic and engaging classes and is on hand for special events.

Tamar Neville

Tamar teaches SPARK IGNITE and has years of experience working with youth and children. Tamar is also a 2nd year medical student and our resident first-aider.



Shira Lebrett

Shira teaches MINI SPARKS and is full of warmth, smiles and encouragement. She has a wealth of experience from teaching positions and Shira is currently also a teacher at Noam Primary School .

Zara Spilka

Zara is a member of the council at Pinner shul and an admin for SPARK. Zara has 30 years experience in early years education and supports the educational content and delivery.



Rabbi Kurzer

Rabbi Kurzer is the Rabbi of Pinner Shul and loves nothing more than to pop into SPARK on a Sunday morning to tell a story or present a prize. He is always available to answer the children questions on anything Jewish or Harry Potter related.