

Hertfordshire group plans New Jewish Primary

J-PESH (Jewish Primary Education in South Hertfordshire), a working group of the Hertfordshire Education Forum has recently been formed with the aim of establishing a further Jewish voluntary aided primary school in Hertsmere.

Aiming to encourage Jewish families from Hertfordshire to consider a Jewish primary school for their children, the group, working together with the United Synagogue, is looking at a range of options and sites. The group has already held very positive preliminary meetings with elected leaders and professionals from both Hertfordshire County Council and Hertsmere Borough Council and has also had a very warm response from local MP James Clappison.

The Chief Rabbi, Lord Sacks, fully supports J-PESH and its ambition to create a Jewish primary school. All orthodox communities are represented on J-PESH which is enthusiastically pressing forward with the project, supported by all the orthodox rabbis in the area. Commenting on the project, Mr Benjamin Perl of the Huntingdon Foundation and President of Yavneh College, said: "I know that the demand for Jewish primary school places in South Hertfordshire far outstrips supply and I am delighted that J-PESH is taking the first steps to respond to the demand. I am fully behind this project and will endeavour to pull together all financial resources in order to bring this exciting new school to fruition as soon as possible."

If you are interested in helping this project, or know anyone else who might, please indicate how you may be able to help by emailing: jpesh.school@gmail.com.