

Explanation about the Alyth Contribution

The kindergarten fees are determined by the Board of Trustees at the beginning of each academic year. You will have received a letter setting the fees out for this academic year, together with a consent slip, which you are asked to sign before starting at the kindergarten.

In the term after your child turns three, you are eligible for funding from Barnet Council for a maximum of 15 hours a week, 38 weeks of the year. The current rate (since 01/04/24) is just £6.23 per hour, contributing approximately £93 per week towards your fees.

Unfortunately, the funds received from Barnet are insufficient to cover all our running costs and to ensure that we continue to provide an outstanding provision for your child. Without your Alyth contribution, we would not be able to offer many of the enriching activities that make our setting so special including: Hebrew lessons; celebrating Jewish festivals; Coach Curtis; KangaRoo Ruth; outings; animal visits; drumming workshops; Grandparents Day and many more.

“We are very grateful that all of our parents recognise the true cost of running our kindergarten and to-date we have had 100% participation of the Alyth Contribution.

In order to spread the cost out, we offer a payment plan for those who wish to pay monthly instead of termly and Alyth Synagogue members also benefit from a discount on the fees. Additionally, if you are an Alyth member, we can offer financial support should you not be able to afford the full fees.

Your Alyth contribution can be gift aided:

Our OFSTED registration number is 2604757

Our Charity registration number is 1186738

If you click on this link, the interactive video gives you a much better understanding of the difficulties we face and illustrates how common it is for a kindergarten to close due to financial constraints when solely relying on Barnet funding.

[The problem with 'free childcare': an interactive explainer for parents and carers | early years alliance \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](https://www.earlyyearsalliance.org.uk/the-problem-with-free-childcare-an-interactive-explainer-for-parents-and-carers)

Please feel free to call me on 0208 457 8792 or email tor@alyth.org.uk to discuss this further. I hope this brief explanation gives you the clarification needed.