



Record numbers attend series of events at Borehamwood and Elstree Synagogue over Shavuot

Borehamwood and Elstree United Synagogue (BES) attracted record numbers over Shavuot, with over 700 people of all ages attending multiple activities over the two day festival.

Offering something for everyone, these activities included talks from two world-renowned scholars in residence, Rabbi Dr Marc Shapiro and Talia Molotsky, events for men, women and youth, and a sold-out community lunch, attended by 275 people, with all tickets snapped up in just four days.

The highlight, however, was the selection of smoked meats never previously served in the UK at an event of this type. Attendees at the lunch were treated to 45 chickens cooked in a giant rotisserie smoker, 55 kilo of brisket smoked for 18 hours, 360 sausages, and much more. Children also enjoyed giant garden games and 45 litres of ice cream over the two day period.



The Shavuot activities follow a wave of successful events hosted by BES, including a sold-out community lunch in honour of new rabbi, Rabbi Alex Chapper, which was attended by over 250 people.

Rabbi Chapper, who was appointed to the role in October, moved into the area with his wife Rebbetzen Eva, and their five children ahead of his inaugural Shabbat on 29th April, and a special celebratory community lunch



on 6th May, both held at BES@Yavneh [1] on the Southside of Borehamwood. He has since enjoyed a series of events to welcome him, including one he hosted himself at his new home.

BES Chair, Simon Mitchel said: “In true BES style we saw Rabbi Chapper’s arrival and Shavuot as an opportunity to raise the bar when it comes to innovation, both in terms of Jewish education and social activities. We succeeded in creating a real feeling of excitement and engagement for young and old alike, helping to cement this community’s reputation as a major centre for Jewish life in Borehamwood.”

Further information

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