

# FRIENDS OF EDINBURGH HEBREW CONGREGATION

## WIDENING OUR COMMUNITY

We are delighted that many people want to be closer to EHC even though they are not able to be members. We wish to expand the wider EHC family by developing our Friends of EHC scheme both for the benefit of our well-wishers and for our members.

Many of those from near and far who have visited our Shul and attended services or received shabbat hospitality, participated at events such as the pop - up Diner or taken part in a Shul tour have expressed keen interest in our community.

We now wish to enable those people to feel more connected to EHC; forming a valued and valuable part of our community and becoming part of the 'EHC family' by becoming a 'Friend of EHC'.

We are also offering the opportunity to those with an interest in EHC, but not local, to become a Friend as a way of keeping in touch. This will create a virtual community of well-wishers with a sense of belonging and feeling part of a group or cause.

**We are therefore offering two categories of Friends of EHC, as follows:**

### **Active Friends**

Those who are NOT eligible for membership of EHC but who are:

- Partners of members or deceased members and Cheder parents who are not themselves halachically Jewish
- Regular Shabbat attendees whether or not considering or awaiting conversion

- Access to (for example) Shabbat meals at Members' rates (where such differential rates exist)

- Be invited to participate in 'non-religious' committees and groups. Board membership and voting at AGM, however, is reserved for members only

- Access to members only section of website (when created)

### **Benefits**

- Inclusion on mailing list in own right and receipt of weekly newsletter
- Be able to sponsor a Shabbat morning kiddush for a personal or family celebration (with the Rabbi's agreement)



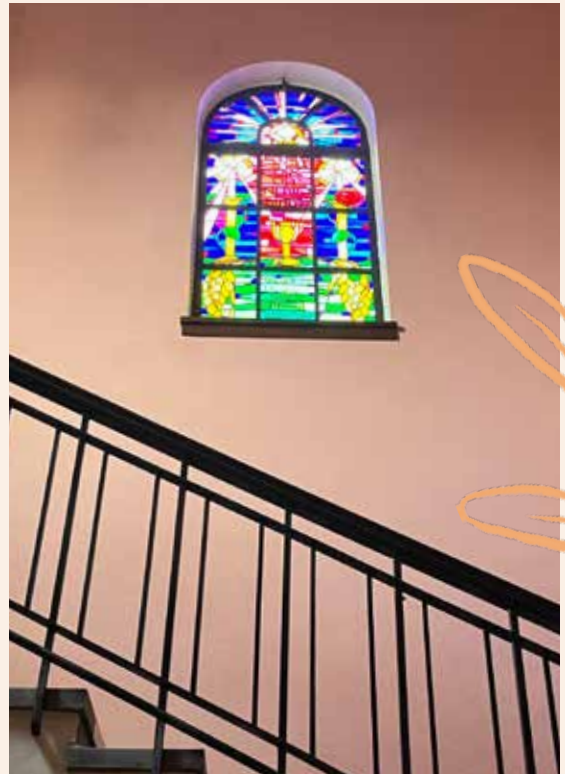
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## Supportive Friends

- Tourists and visitors who have provided contact details (including Jewish visitors from elsewhere in the UK and abroad, and local residents)

## Benefits

- Access to members only section of website (when created)
- Annual digital newsletter including highlighting what their donations have enabled us to do
- Access with borrowing rights to the Cosgrove Library



## Opportunity to support EHC financially

EHC needs more funds to be able to continue and to support our historic building. By becoming a Friend, we are asking those who can afford it to contribute to our future. We wish to encourage all to feel welcome, particularly young people, and would accept a reduced subscription where necessary, treating any such request in confidence.

## The full Friends subscription rates are:

£15 per month – to apply to individuals or couples  
£10 per month for under 30s.

For further details regarding eligibility, benefits or anything else please get in touch with us at [friends@ehcong.com](mailto:friends@ehcong.com)  
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