

# **BRITISH SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP IN 1996**

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## PREFACE

This listing is the fourth prepared by the Community Research Unit of the Board of Deputies following compilations for 1977, 1983 and 1990. The figures presented relate to mid-1996. To the best of our knowledge all congregations in the United Kingdom are included: we would be pleased to be told of any unwittingly omitted. Certain figures from our 1990 publication have been updated in the light of information provided to us in this way.

In order to compare data across synagogue groups and between areas, our analytical base (which is described fully in the Appendix) is such that data presented here for individual synagogues may differ from membership figures published by synagogal bodies. This is particularly the case where synagogues count husbands and wives as two individual members: we have considered them as one household.

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### Erratum : Greater Manchester

Manchester Reform Synagogue figures should read  
Households: 293; Individual Males 71; Individual Females 166; Total 530.

1996 Greater Manchester total : 7609 (a decrease of 0.9% since 1990)  
1996 Reform total : 17377 and the net change 208 (an increase of 1.2%)  
1996 Regional total : 31942; National total : 93447

Other proportions are unaffected

Previous listings are B A Kosmin and D de Lange, *Synagogue Affiliation in the United Kingdom 1977*, B A Kosmin and C Levy, *Synagogue Membership in the United Kingdom 1983*, and M Schmool and F Cohen, *British Synagogue Membership in 1990*, all published by The Board of Deputies of British Jews.

## INTRODUCTION

This booklet provides details of synagogue membership in the United Kingdom in 1996. The data were collected directly from the records of major London synagogal organisations and by postal questionnaires from individual synagogues throughout the Regions. Full details of the questions asked are included in the Appendix. Our report covers the whole religious spectrum of British Jewry each section of which has its own criterion for membership. It does not cover all the British Jewish population since some 30% are not linked directly or indirectly to a synagogue.

Historically, the pater familias held membership to cover his wife, any children under the age of majority and any daughters over that age. Sons who were of age were expected to have membership in their own right. Insofar as they have formal membership, this pattern still prevails for Orthodox synagogues but is often augmented by special membership schemes for younger persons. When a male head of household dies the membership is continued by his widow. On the other hand, many (mainly non-orthodox) synagogues have adopted a system of family membership where either husband and wife are each considered as individual members or the family is deemed to be one member.

In the tables that follow the numbers provided to us have been standardised as far as possible to ensure comparability and to permit calculation of 'household membership' (see Appendix). Within the confines of the figures as provided it is not possible to calculate the size of each household. Furthermore, although record keeping has improved greatly with the advent of computers, it is still unclear whether such data are widely available. We can say that, for the most part, household membership covers at least (married) partners but in other cases it may represent a single-parent family with children.

A problem arises in categorising the community according to its religious nature. As in other religions, Judaism displays a continuum from non-adherence (to any belief or ritual) to complete observance of *halachah* (Talmudic law). It is inappropriate to distinguish between degrees of observance within Orthodoxy, particularly when most Mainstream Orthodox synagogues have a core of strictly observant members. Thus we have called synagogues where all members are halachically observant *Union of Orthodox*, since the majority of them are linked to the umbrella organisation Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations. The remaining majority of Ashkenazi Orthodox synagogues are grouped as Mainstream Orthodox. This distinction is maintained in the tables which follow.

### Synagogal Groups

Six synagogal groupings may be distinguished in the United Kingdom. The analytical groups in the annotated tables relate to affiliation given in the full congregational listings in line with the categories set out below:

**Liberal** comprises congregations of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues (ULPS) and, for historical reasons, the now-independent Belsize Square Synagogue.

**Mainstream Orthodox** covers the London-based United Synagogue (US) and Federation of Synagogues (Fed) together with those regional synagogues which recognise the authority of the Chief Rabbi and a small number of London and regional independent Ashkenazi orthodox congregations.

**Masorti** (Conservative) congregations are found mainly in Greater London. Their theological position is between Orthodox and Reform.

**Reform** includes constituents of the umbrella-organisation Reform Synagogues of Great Britain (RSGB) and the independent Westminster Synagogue.

**Sephardi** synagogues are those of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation, the longest settled section of British Jewry, found in London and Manchester.

**Union of Orthodox (UO)** takes in those congregations which expect strict adherence to *halacha* from all their members. They are mostly under the umbrella of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, established in 1926.

### Coverage

In presenting the 1983 figures, Kosmin and Levy put forward a number of caveats: these still bear repeating.

- Synagogue membership numbers do not equal population counts even though the majority of identifying British Jews belong to a synagogue.
- Total household numbers are very slightly inflated because of dual memberships. These occur when a household, as a unit or an individual, belongs to more than one synagogue, when more than one person at a single address has individual membership, or when husband and wife are each considered individual members. An illustrative analysis of major synagogues in Manchester in 1990 indicated dual membership there of 2.3 percent. Moreover some overstatement of households occurs because people in residential homes are included, via the single member counts, as households.
- Particularly in London boroughs, synagogue membership cannot be taken as a guide to the size of the local Jewish population. Some London boroughs have no synagogues, but this does not mean Jews are completely absent from those areas. At the same time other boroughs have synagogues - often established by earlier generations of residents - whose current members live outside the borough boundary. Some synagogues, e.g. in areas of sparse Jewish population or in the centre of large towns, often have members living in a wide catchment area.

## A1: Regional Distribution of Synagogues and Membership, 1996

Region	Congregations	Membership	
		Number	%
Greater London	193	61505	65.7
Rest of South East	50	9610	10.3
South West	9	1437	1.5
East Anglia	6	334	0.4
East Midlands	5	701	0.8
West Midlands	10	1517	1.6
Greater Manchester	41	7846	8.4
Rest of North West	12	2246	2.4
Yorkshire & Humberside	14	4157	4.4
North	7	1111	1.2
Scotland	10	2341	2.5
Wales	5	653	0.7
Northern Ireland	1	129	0.1
Jersey	1	75	0.1
Isle of Man	1	22	0.0
United Kingdom	365	93684	100.0

In 1996 there were 365 congregations in the United Kingdom with a total membership of 93,684. A further 8297 married women were recorded as having additional membership in their own right; they are not included in the analysis. This 365 is a net increase of 9 synagogues since 1990. Some two-thirds of the synagogally-affiliated community belong to Greater London synagogues but only slightly more than half the congregations (193 of them) are situated there. This gives an average size of congregation of 319 members in Greater London and 187 members in the Regions.

The London Boroughs of Barnet, Harrow and Hillingdon together now account for 36 percent of London (and 23 percent of national) synagogue household membership. Hackney, which has a very particular synagogal make-up, still accounts for 12 percent of synagogally-affiliated households in Greater London. Redbridge in East London, mistakenly considered the largest community in Britain, takes in only 9 percent of Greater London membership.

Of the 172 congregations outside Greater London 73 are in eight major Jewish centres such as Manchester, Leeds and Brighton while 99 are in 78 communities, throughout the United Kingdom from Scotland to the South-Coast (including Northern Ireland, Jersey and the Isle of Man) which have a Jewish population of under 1500.

## A2: Regional Change 1990-1996

Region	Household Membership		Net change Number	1990-1996 %
	1990	1996		
Greater London	68535	61505	-7030	-10.3
Rest of South East	9228	9610	382	4.1
South West	1779	1437	-342	-19.2
East Anglia	224	334	110	49.1
East Midlands	762	701	-61	-8.0
West Midlands	1688	1517	-171	-10.1
Greater Manchester	7675	7846	171	2.2
Rest of North West	2608	2246	-362	-13.9
Yorkshire & Humberside	5013	4157	-856	-17.1
North	1093	1111	18	1.7
Scotland	2489	2341	-148	-6.0
Wales	716	653	-63	-8.8
Northern Ireland	221	129	-92	-41.7
Jersey	88	75	-13	-14.8
Isle of Man	28	22	-6	-21.4
United Kingdom	102144	93684	-8460	-8.3

The 193 synagogues in Greater London in 1996 with an average household membership of 319, compare with 183 congregations in 1990 each then with an average 375 household memberships. Notwithstanding the increased number of synagogues, the total household membership in Greater London fell by 10 percent, maintaining the rate of decline of the period 1983-90. Between 1983 and 1996 the household membership of Greater London decreased by 16 percent. This fall was accompanied by a continuing rise in membership in the rest of South-East England.

In line with the overall net fall in membership, most areas experienced a decrease. The greatest proportionate decline was in Yorkshire and Humberside but, in line with its pre-eminent communal position, the largest absolute fall was in Greater London. Only South-East England benefited from substantial increase being a catchment area Jewishly and generally for migration from Greater London.



### A3: Household membership by Synagogal Grouping

	Congregations	Households	
		No	%
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>			
Mainstream Orthodox	191	56895	60.7
Reform	41	17614	18.8
Liberal	28	7971	8.5
Union of Orthodox	84	6622	7.1
Sephardi	15	3169	3.4
Masorti	6	1413	1.5
Total	365	93684	100
<b>GREATER LONDON</b>			
Mainstream Orthodox	85	34086	55.4
Reform	14	11440	18.6
Liberal	13	6560	10.7
Union of Orthodox	65	5338	8.7
Sephardi	11	2703	4.4
Masorti	5	1378	2.2
Total	193	61505	100
<b>REGIONS</b>			
Mainstream Orthodox	106	22809	70.9
Reform	27	6174	19.2
Liberal	15	1411	4.4
Union of Orthodox	19	1284	4.0
Sephardi	4	466	1.5
Masorti	1	35	0.1
Total	172	32179	100

Three-fifths (61%) of all synagogue members nationally are affiliated to Mainstream Orthodox Synagogues. The proportion rises to 71% when the Regions are considered separately. This Regional pattern is balanced by lower representation of Liberal, Sephardim and Union of Orthodox, and by the virtual absence of Masorti, in the Regions. Sephardi congregations are found only in Greater London and Manchester, and Union of Orthodox is in these areas and additionally Gateshead.

#### A4: Change in National Synagogue Groupings, 1990-1996

	Membership		Net change 1990-96	
	1990	1996	Number	%
Mainstream Orthodox	68704	56895	)-10396	-15.1
Masorti		1413	)	
Union of Orthodox	5805	6622	817	14.1
Liberal	7258	7971	713	9.8
Reform	17169	17614	445	2.6
Sephardi	3208	3169	-39	-1.2
Total	102144	93684	-8460	-8.3

The reduction in synagogue members in the 1990s is strongly concentrated in the Mainstream Orthodox section. The rate of loss here was almost twice the national average while other groups either increased or were generally stable. Masorti were not analysed separately in previous reports and for the sake of strict comparison their numbers are here included with Mainstream Orthodox.

There are variations in the patterns of change between the Greater London area and the Regions. Within Greater London the reduction in Mainstream Orthodox (19%) is higher than nationally and the Liberal increase is mainly concentrated in existing large congregations in London. The Union of Orthodox is the most rapidly increasing group but it must be remembered that it has a low base point. However, both it (17%) and Reform (13%) have shown greater increase outside the Greater London area while Mainstream Orthodox (-14%) has fallen less there.

Between 1990 and 1996, the Union of Orthodox' s share in membership rose from 5.7% to 7.1% while Mainstream Orthodox (excluding Masorti) fell from 66.3% to 60.7%. Total non-orthodox membership rose from 24.8% of the 1990 total to 28.8% for 1996.

## MAPS AND LISTINGS

### Key to Abbreviations

* Fed	Federation of Synagogues
Mas	Masorti
RSGB	Reform Synagogues of Great Britain
ULPS	Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues
UO	Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations
* US	United Synagogues
* Ind Orth	Non-affiliated, Orthodox Synagogue
Ind Prog	Non-affiliated, Reform/Liberal Synagogue
* HC	Hebrew Congregation
* Jcomm	Jewish Community

\*These are categorised as Mainstream Orthodox

### **PLEASE NOTE IN LISTINGS B1 AND B2**

Individual lines may not add up across because a very few synagogues did not allocate between households and individuals. These unallocated numbers are included only in the total column

# LISTINGS B1 AND B2: UNITED KINGDOM

## MAP 1: UNITED KINGDOM STANDARD REGIONS



**Listing B1: Aggregate Synagogue Membership by Standard Region**

ENGLAND REGION	COUNTY	Synagogues	Households	Individual Males	Individual Females	otal h/hld & Individis
SOUTH EAST	Bedfordshire	2	144	16	9	169
	Berkshire	3	639	28	56	723
	Buckinghamshire	3	114	12	17	143
	East Sussex	6	1194	205	497	1896
	Essex	9	2183	51	96	2330
	Greater London	193	47631	4543	7064	61505
	Hampshire	3	77	50	80	207
	Hertfordshire	11	2970	35	77	3082
	Kent	6	192	28	56	276
	Oxfordshire	1	169	23	52	244
	Surrey	3	468	4	25	497
West Sussex	3	25	4	14	43	
SOUTH WEST	Avon	2	59	47	46	152
	Devon	3	79	26	28	133
	Dorset	2	806	88	171	1065
	Gloucestershire	1	29	19	18	66
	Wiltshire	1	11	5	5	21
EAST ANGLIA	Cambridgeshire	4	224	2	2	228
	Norfolk	2	62	8	36	106
EAST MIDLANDS	Leicestershire	2	139	39	67	245
	Northamptonshire	1	31	8	28	67
	Nottinghamshire	2	214	38	137	389
WEST MIDLANDS	Staffordshire	1	7	12	10	29
	West Midlands	9	982	191	315	1488
NORTH WEST	Cheshire	1	30	0	0	30
	Greater Mancheste	41	6192	829	785	7846
	Lancashire	3	193	103	147	443
	Merseyside	8	1306	153	314	1773
YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE	Humberside	3	121	82	146	349
	North Yorkshire	1	43	15	16	74
	South Yorkshire	2	156	61	85	302
	West Yorkshire	8	2557	265	610	3432
NORTH	Cleveland	1	30	3	10	43
	Durham	1	11	3	16	30
	Tyne & Wear	5	840	68	130	1038
SCOTLAND		10	1573	219	199	2341
WALES		5	428	71	154	653
NORTHERN IRELAND		1	65	35	29	129
ISLE OF MAN		1	7	6	9	22
JERSEY		1	41	16	18	75
TOTAL		365	72042	7411	11574	93684

**Listing B2: Individual Congregation Membership by Standard Region**

	Congregation	Affiliation	House-holds	Individual Males	Individual Females	1996 Total h/hlds & individs	1990 Total h/hlds & individs
<b>SOUTHEAST REGION</b>							
<b>BEDFORDSHIRE</b>							
Luton	Chiltern Progressive	ULPS	12	16	9	37	55
	Luton & Dunstable	US	132	0	0	132	160
<b>BERKSHIRE</b>							
M Maidenhead	Synagogue	RSGB	540	0	0	540	472
Reading	Synagogue		85	26	50	161	179
	Thames Valley Progressive	ULPS	14	2	6	22	44
<b>BUCKINGHAMSHIRE</b>							
Chesham	South Bucks J Community	ULPS	37	0	0	37	29
High Wycombe	Hebrew Congregation	US	16	5	12	33	40
Milton Keynes	Reform Synagogue	RSGB	61	7	5	73	73
<b>EAST SUSSEX</b>							
Bexhill	Hastings & Dist J Society		17	6	21	44	36
Brighton & Hove	Brighton Hebrew Cong		202	89	210	501	700
	Brighton & Hove Prog	ULPS	78	65	177	320	316
	Hove Heb Cong		115	40	60	215	305
	New Synagogue	RSGB	760	0	0	760	612
Eastbourne	Hebrew Congregation		22	5	29	56	30
<b>ESSEX</b>							
Basildon	Hebrew Congregation		4	0	2	6	14
Chelmsford	Chelmsford J Community		40	4	25	69	58
Chigwell	Chigwell & Hainault	US	494	3	9	506	484
	Buckhurst Hill (Sukkat Shalom)	RSGB	84	21	21	126	108
Colchester	Colchester & Dist J Comm		73	2	16	91	70
Harlow	Harlow J Community	RSGB	115	0	0	115	76
Loughton	Loughton, Chigwell & Dist	FED	197	21	23	241	240
Southend	Southend & District Reform	RSGB	176	0	0	176	183
	Southend & Westcliff H C		1000	0	0	1000	1200
<b>HAMPSHIRE</b>							
Portsmouth	Synagogue		50	38	38	126	154
Southampton	Synagogue		2	4	13	19	42
	South Hampshire Reform	RSGB	25	8	29	62	45
<b>HERTFORDSHIRE</b>							
Borehamwood	Borehamwood & Elstree Syn	US	858	8	23	889	794
Bushey	Bushey Synagogue	US	855	12	22	889	728
Elstree	Hertsmere Progressive	ULPS	228	0	0	228	220
Hemel Hempstead	Hemel Hempstead & Dist HC	US	77	0	9	86	105
Potters Bar	Potters Bar & Brookmans Park District Synagogue	US	79	2	1	82	79
Radlett	Radlett & Bushey Reform Syn	RSGB	352	0	0	352	235
	United Synagogue	US	207	5	7	219	New Syn
St Albans	Hebrew Congregation	US	60	0	0	60	75
	Masorti	MAS	32	0	3	35	18
Watford	Synagogue	US	132	2	5	139	114
Welwyn Gdn City	Synagogue	US	90	6	7	103	107
<b>KENT</b>							
Chatham	Magnus Memorial Synagogue		19	1	16	36	63
Kent	Liberal Jewish Community	ULPS	25	6	4	35	New Syn
Margate	Synagogue		21	16	22	59	78
Ramsgate	Spanish & Portuguese Syn	SEPHARDI		Only used for special services			
	Thanet & District Reform	RSGB	62	5	14	81	69
Canterbury	Jewish Community		65	0	0	65	65

	Congregation	Affiliation	House-holds	Individual Males	Individual Females	1996 Total h/hlds & individs	1990 Total h/hlds & individs	
<b>OXFORDSHIRE</b>								
Oxford	Jewish Congregation		169	23	52	244	217	
<b>SURREY</b>								
Guildford	Guildford & Dist J Comm		22	4	11	37	46	
Staines	Staines & Dist Synagogue	US	106	0	14	120	148	
Weybridge	North West Surrey Synagogue	RSGB	340	0	0	340	274	
<b>WEST SUSSEX</b>								
Bognor Regis	Jewish Community		6	2	2	10	16	
Crawley	Jewish Community	ULPS	8	1	4	13	17	
East Grinstead	Jewish Community		11	1	8	20	15	
<b>SOUTHWEST REGION</b>								
<b>AVON</b>								
Bristol	Synagogue		31	15	13	59	82	
	Bristol & West Progressive	ULPS	28	32	33	93	67	
<b>DEVON</b>								
Exeter	Hebrew Congregation		42	0	0	42	40	
Plymouth	Hebrew Congregation		25	23	24	72	80	
Torbay	Torquay & Paignton Syn		12	3	4	19	20	
<b>DORSET</b>								
Bournemouth	Hebrew Congregation		560	0	0	560	675	
	Reform Synagogue	RSGB	246	88	171	505	726	
<b>GLOUCESTERSHIRE</b>								
Cheltenham	Hebrew Congregation		29	19	18	66	60	
<b>WILTSHIRE</b>								
Swindon	Mid-Wiltshire Jewish Comm	RSGB	11	5	5	21	29	
<b>EAST ANGLIA REGION</b>								
<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE</b>								
Cambridge	Beth Shalom Reform Syn	IND.REF	150	0	0	150	77	
	Traditional Jewish Comm		45	0	0	45	35	
Peterborough	Hebrew Congregation	US	19	0	0	19	27	
	Liberal Jewish Community	ULPS	10	2	2	14	15	
<b>NORFOLK</b>								
Norwich	Hebrew Congregation		37	6	28	71	70	
	Progressive Jewish Community of East Anglia	ULPS	25	2	8	35	New Syn	
<b>WEST MIDLANDS REGION</b>								
<b>STAFFORDSHIRE</b>								
Stoke on Trent	Hebrew Congregation		7	12	10	29	42	
<b>WEST MIDLANDS</b>								
Birmingham	Central Synagogue		163	34	89	286	330	
	Hebrew Congregation		371	131	167	669	700	
	New Synagogue		33	21	40	94	103	
	Progressive Synagogue	ULPS	279	0	0	279	284	
Coventry	Synagogue		31	2	14	47	56	
	Reform Group	RSGB	25	0	0	25	New Syn	
Leamington	Jewish Group	ULPS	Membership in Birmingham Progressive					53
Solihull	Hebrew Congregation		65	0	0	65	86	
Wolverhampton	Synagogue		15	3	5	23	34	

				1996		1990	
Congregation	Affiliation	House-holds	Individual Males	Individual Females	Total h/hlds & individs	Total h/hlds & individs	
<b>EAST MIDLANDS REGION</b>							
<b>LEICESTERSHIRE</b>							
Leicester	Hebrew Congregation	108	20	53	181	210	
	Progressive Jewish Cong	31	19	14	64	56	
<b>NORTHAMPTONSHIRE</b>							
Northampton	Hebrew Congregation	31	8	28	67	75	
<b>NOTTINGHAM</b>							
Nottingham	Progressive Jewish Cong	67	7	40	114	114	
	Synagogue	147	31	97	275	307	
<b>NORTHWEST REGION</b>							
<b>CHESHIRE</b>							
Chester	Hebrew Congregation	30	0	0	30	34	
<b>GREATER MANCHESTER</b>							
	Adass Yeshurun Synagogue	60	0	0	60	60	
	Adath Israel Synagogue	22	0	0	22	22	
	Belz	43	0	0	43	43	
	Beis Yisroel	30	0	0	30	30	
	Bury Hebrew Congregation	249	48		337	310	
	Central & North Manchester	110	40	70	220	329	
	Cheetham Hebrew Cong	25	35	19	79	62	
	Cheshire Reform (Menorah)	273	60	83	416	402	
	Damesek Eliezer/Prestwitch B H	60	6	0	66	48	
	Great & New Synagogue	153	49	63	265	270	
	Hale & District HC	211	44		255	221	
	Heaton Park	550	0	0	550	527	
	Higher Crumpsall	300	0	0	300	302	
	Higher Prestwitch Hebrew Cong	180	20	5	205	280	
	Hillock Hebrew Congregation	39	12	20	71	82	
	Holy Law South Broughton	304	115	178	597	606	
	Kahal Chassidim	50	15	3	68	68	
	Machzikei Hadass Communities	220	0	0	220	220	
	Manchester Kollel	40	0	0	40	40	
	Manchester Yeshiva Kollel	25	0	0	25	25	
	Nefusot Yehuda Synagogue	20	0	0	20	20	
	Manchester Reform Synagogue	530	71	166	767	487	
	Ohel Torah Synagogue	70	0	0	70	70	
	Pinto Kollel	25	0	0	25	10	
	Prestwitch Hebrew Congregation	280	0	0	280	280	
	Roumain Vine Street	95	0	0	95	73	
	Satmar	70	0	0	70	45	
	Sale & District Hebrew Cong	160	0	0	160	160	
	Sha'are Shalom	216	0	0	216	195	
	Sha'are Sedek Synagogue	150	0	0	150	144	
	Sha'are Tefillah	50	0	0	50	New Syn	
	Sha'are Torah Kollel	35	0	0	35	35	
	Shomrei Hadass/Sedgley Park	59	6	10	75	65	
	South Manchester	400	0	0	400	479	
	Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue	27	4	12	43	81	
	United Synagogue	85	50	12	147	190	
	Whitefield Synagogue	483	165		648	499	
	Withington Spanish & Portuguese	128	64	81	273	252	
	Yeshurun Hebrew Congregation	273	25	63	361	421	
	Zerei Agudas Yisroel	66	0	0	66	66	
	Zichron Yechezkel	26	0	0	26	26	



	Congregation	Affiliation	House-holds	Individual Males	Individual Females	1996 Total h/hlds & individs	1990 Total h/hlds & individs
<b>LANCASHIRE</b>							
Blackpool	Reform Synagogue	RSGB	50	22	47	119	113
	United Hebrew Congregation		63	41	50	154	125
St. Annes	Hebrew Congregation		80	40	50	170	195
<b>MERSEYSIDE</b>							
Liverpool	Allerton Hebrew Congregation	ULPS	168	41	41	250	281
	Childwall Synagogue		400	0	0	400	480
	Greenbank Drive Synagogue		190	50	102	342	411
	Old Hebrew Congregation		205	0	0	205	208
	Progressive Synagogue		60	25	35	120	158
	Ullet Road Synagogue		18	11	9	38	40
Southport	Southport Synagogue	RSGB	147	13	92	252	374
	New Synagogue		118	13	35	166	179
<b>YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE REGION</b>							
<b>HUMBERSIDE</b>							
Grimsby	Sir Moses Montefiore Synagogue	RSGB	10	5	13	28	36
Hull	Reform Synagogue		20	12	20	52	61
	Western/Old Hebrew Cong		91	65	113	269	390
<b>NORTH YORKSHIRE</b>							
Harrogate	Hebrew Congregation		43	15	16	74	95
<b>SOUTH YORKSHIRE</b>							
Sheffield	United Hebrew Congregation	RSGB	110	61	85	256	345
	Reform		46	0	0	46	23
<b>WEST YORKSHIRE</b>							
Bradford	Synagogue	RSGB	61	1	6	68	50
	Hebrew Congregation		38	15	20	73	86
Leeds	Beth Hamedrash Hagadol	RSGB	714	0	207	921	927
	Chassidische Synagogue		42	31	43	116	111
	Etz Chaim(incorporating New		477	158	207	842	1040
	Central Vilna and Psalms of David & Talmud Congregations)						
	Sinai Synagogue		209	60	127	396	413
	United Hebrew Congregation	1016	0	0	1016	1200	
	Queenshill Synagogue			All members elsewhere		221	
<b>NORTH REGION</b>							
<b>CLEVELAND</b>							
Middlesborough	Synagogue		30	3	10	43	50
<b>DURHAM</b>							
Darlington	Hebrew Congregation	RSGB	11	3	16	30	33
<b>TYNE AND WEAR</b>							
Gateshead	HC (with Kolel Syn)	UO	261	6	6	273	237
Newcastle	Reform Synagogue	RSGB	140	0	0	140	140
	United Hebrew Congregation		361	60	123	544	456
Sunderland	Hebrew Congregation		73	0	0	73	149
Whitley Bay	Hebrew Congregation		5	2	1	8	18

Congregation	Affiliation	House-holds	Individual Males	1996		1990	
				Individual Females	Total h/hlds & individs	Individual Females	Total h/hlds & individs
<b>SCOTLAND</b>							
Aberdeen	Hebrew Congregation	4	3	1	8	16	
Dundee	Hebrew Congregation	1	1	1	3	9	
Edinburgh	Hebrew Congregation	72	47	65	184	212	
Glasgow	Garnethill Synagogue	48	44	46	138	228	
	Giffnock & Newlands HC	600	0	0	600	665	
	Glasgow New Synagogue	176	29	29	234	172	
	Langside Hebrew Congregation		Not available		350	274	
	Netherlee & Clarkston HC	127	36	50	213	245	
	Newton Mearns & Dist HC	251	0	0	251	197	
Queens Park Synagogue		294	59	7	360	471	
<b>WALES</b>							
Cardiff	New Synagogue	198	0	0	198	190	
	United Synagogue	145	43	114	302	367	
Llandudno	Llandudno & Colwyn Bay HC	20	0	0	20	17	
Newport	Hebrew Congregation	38	11	18	67	44	
Swansea	Hebrew Congregation	27	17	22	66	98	
<b>ISLE-OF-MAN</b>							
Douglas	Hebrew Congregation	7	6	9	22	25	
<b>JERSEY</b>							
St Helier	Hebrew Congregation	41	16	18	75	88	
<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>							
Belfast	Hebrew Congregation	65	35	29	129	221	

# LISTINGS B3 AND B4: GREATER LONDON AREA

## MAP 2: GREATER LONDON AND ENVIRONS



**Listing B3: Aggregate Synagogue Membership by London Borough**

BOROUGH	Synagogues	Households	Individual Males	Individual Females	Total h/hlds & individs
Barnet	44	14519	1051	1496	17066
Brent	11	2936	238	407	3581
Bromley	1	160	35	85	280
Camden	6	1403	300	352	2234
City of London	1		included in Westminster		
Croydon	1	27	37	20	84
Ealing	3	310	55	95	460
Enfield	5	2841	70	70	2981
Greenwich	1	64	13	39	116
Hackney	57	5702	471	924	7527
Hammersmith	2	157	17	49	223
Haringey	4	767	68	95	930
Harrow	4	3096	237	330	3663
Havering	3	250	5	2	257
Hillingdon	3	759	175	207	1141
Hounslow	1	72	2	0	74
Kensington & Chelsea	3	301	78	161	540
Kingston upon Thames	2	363	83	123	569
Lambeth	2	439	70	117	626
Lewisham	2	352	10	14	348
Merton	2	548	2	12	562
Newham	1	256	9	29	294
Redbridge	11	4131	170	195	5295
Richmond upon Thame	1	146	1	23	170
Sutton	1	268	2	3	273
Tower Hamlets	8	771	504	1044	2319
Waltham Forest	3	664	153	163	980
Wandsworth	1	88	1	10	99
Westminster	10	6241	657	1034	8813
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>47631</b>	<b>4514</b>	<b>7099</b>	<b>61505</b>

#### Listing B4: Individual Congregation Membership by London Borough

BARNET	Affiliation	Household	Individual Males	Individual Females	1996	1990
					Total h/hlds and individs	Total h/hlds and individs
Barnet	US	441	18	5	464	398
Beth Abraham Synagogue	UO	65	0	0	65	50
Beth Hamedrash D'Chasidey Gur	UO	50	0	0	50	25
Beth Hamedrash Divrei Chaim	UO	100	0	0	100	100
Beth Hamedrash Hendon	UO	30	0	0	30	20
Beth Shmuel	UO	166	18	7	191	97
Beth Yisochor Beth Hamedrash	UO	170	0	0	170	100
Bridge Lane Beth Hamedrash	UO	120	10	15	145	150
Edgware	US	1291	49	66	1406	1648
Edgware Adath Yisroel	UO	200	0	0	200	123
Edgware Masorti	MASORTI	228	0	0	228	126
Edgware & District Reform	RSGB	1311	289	506	2106	2067
Finchley Reform	RSGB	527	39	73	639	528
Finchley	US	1107	73	39	1219	1503
Finchley Central	FED	50	26	54	130	151
Finchley Progressive	ULPS	459	0	0	459	358
Finchley Road	FED/UO	0	1	5	6	75
Garden Suburb Beth Hamedrash	UO	50	0	0	50	25
Golders Green	US	577	49	47	673	813
Golders Green Beth Hamedrash	UO	380	0	0	380	370
Hampstead Adath Yisroel	UO	20	0	0	20	20
Hampstead Garden Suburb	US	600	40	33	673	1067
Hendon Reform	RSGB	523	148	265	936	990
Hendon	US	1183	85	71	1339	1484
Hendon	FED	4	0	3	7	7
Hendon Adath Yisroel	UO	460	0	0	460	460
Kehal Chassidim	UO	30	0	0	30	New Syn
Kehillas Yacov	UO	40	0	0	40	New Syn
Kingsley Way	UO	40	0	0	40	New Syn
Knesser Yehezlel	UO/SEPH	50	0	0	50	New Syn
Machzikei Hadath	Ind Orth/UO	40	10	10	60	16
Mill Hill	US	616	23	15	654	608
New Whetstone Masorti	MASORTI	40	0	0	40	New Syn
Ner Yisroel	UO	122	11	7	140	56
New North London	MASORTI	311	54	85	450	294
North Hendon Adath	UO	130	11	9	150	141
North Western Reform	RSGB	1440	0	0	1440	1450
Ohel David	SEPHARDI	290	0	0	290	350
Ohel Israel (Skolar	UO	40	0	0	40	New Syn
Or Yisroel (Sadijur)	UO	50	0	0	50	New Syn
Porat Yosef	SEPHARDI	60	20	10	90	New Syn
Sinai	FED	27	8	46	81	140
Woodside Park	US	788	31	23	842	980
Yeshurun	FED	293	38	102	433	431

				1996	1990
Affiliation	Household	Individual Males	Individual Females	Total h/hlds and individs	Total h/hlds and individs
<b>BRENT</b>					
Ahavat Shalom (Neasden)	FED	50	14	59	173
Cricklewood	US	210	8	9	327
David Ishag, Ken4on	SEPHARDI	98	0	0	90
Dollis Hill	US	213	15	16	328
Kenton	US	841	48	47	1213
Harrow & Wembley Liberal	ULPS	250	92	181	544
Kingsbury	US	366	12	14	477
Ohel Shem, Willesden	FED	15	7	22	56
Wembley Sephardi	SEPHARDI	Membership figures included in Lauderdale Road			
Wembley	US	650	23	29	856
Willesden & Brondesbury	US	243	19	30	410
<b>BROMLEY</b>					
Bromley Reform	RSGB	160	35	85	260
<b>CAMDEN</b>					
Belsize Square	IND.PROG	318	156	386	860
Hampstead	US	600	40	33	776
Hampstead Reform	RSGB	34	9	30	100
Shomrei Hadath	FED	14	9	14	28
South Hampstead	US	420	77	21	369
West Central Liberal	ULPS	17	9	48	146
<b>CITY OF LONDON</b>					
Bevis Marks	SEPHARDI	Membership figures included in Lauderdale Road			
<b>CROYDON</b>					
Croydon	FED	27	37	20	125
<b>EALING</b>					
Ealing Liberal	ULPS	85	27	57	212
Ealing & Acton	US	200	16	18	274
Greenford	FED	25	12	20	68
<b>ENFIELD</b>					
Cockfosters & North Southgate	US	1133	37	46	1381
Enfield & Winchmore Hill	US	146	5	1	132
Palmers Green & Southgate	US	534	19	15	687
Southgate & District Reform	RSGB	478	9	8	521
Southgate Progressive	ULPS	550	0	0	740
<b>GREENWICH</b>					
Woolwich & District	FED	64	13	39	159

					1996	1990
	Affiliation	Household	Individual Males	Individual Females	Total h/hlds and individs	Total h/hlds and individs
<b>HACKNEY</b>						
Adath Yisroel	UO	163	0	0	163	163
Adath Yisroel Tottenham	UO	68	0	1	69	80
Aden Jews Congregation	SEPHARDI	200	0	0	200	200
Ahavat Israel Vishnitz	UO	65	0	0	65	65
Beis Nadvorne	UO	60	0	0	60	New Syn
Beit Knesset Chida	UO	25	0	0	25	New Syn
Beth Chodesh	UO	26	0	0	26	26
Beth Hamedrash Agudah Youth Movement	UO	110	0	0	110	110
Beth Hamedrash Belz Clapton	UO	170	0	0	170	)
Beth hamedrash Belz Bethune	UO	100	0	0	100	)165
Beth Hamedrash Belz St Kildas	UO	30	0	0	30	)
Beth Hamedrash Cheikas Yehoshua (Biale)	UO	35	0	0	35	New Syn
Beth Hamedrash D'Chasidey Gur	UO	120	0	0	120	100
Beth Hamedrash D'Chasidey Ryzin	UO	30	0	0	30	30
Beth Hamedrash Imrey Chaim	UO	30	0	0	30	30
Beth Hamedrash Ohel Moshe	UO	20	0	0	20	New Syn
Beth Hamedrash Ohel Naphtoli	UO	100	0	8	108	80
Beth Hamedrash Ohel Shmuel Sholem	UO	40	2	3	45	45
Beth Hamedrash Spinke	UO	20	0	0	20	New Syn
Beth Hamedrash Vayoel Moshe	UO	30	0	0	30	New Syn
Beth Hamedrash Yetiv Lev N16	UO	120	0	0	120	34
Beth Hamedrash Yetiv Lev E5	UO	200	0	0	200	450
Beth Hamedrash Yetiv N16	UO	50	0	0	50	50
Beth Hamedrash Sanz Klausenburg	UO	30	0	0	30	30
Beth Hamedrash Torah Chaim Liege	UO	27	10	8	45	15
Beth Hamedrash Torah U'Tfillah	UO	20	0	0	20	20
Beth Hamedrash Z Shlomo	UO	30	5	0	35	35
Beth Talmud Centre	UO	20	0	0	20	25
Beth Hamedrash Torah Etz Chaim	UO	125	5	0	130	130
Beth Hamedrash Ponevezh	UO	30	0	0	30	30
Beth Israel (Trisker)	UO	30	5	5	40	40
Beth Shalom	UO	25	0	0	25	44
Birkath Yehuda (Halaser)	UO	23	3	3	29	29
Frumkins Beth Hamedrash	UO	10	0	10	20	10
Jacob Benjamin Elias (Gan Eden)	SEPHARDI	500	0	0	500	469
Mesifita Synagogue	UO	200	0	0	200	200
Finsbury Park	US	218	8	12	238	329
Hachal Haterah	UO	30	0	0	30	New Syn
Hackney	US	773	23	29	825	644
Kehal Chassidim	UO	30	14	12	56	90
Lubavitch	UO	150	0	0	150	153
New	US	276	6	29	311	509
North London Progressive	ULPS	462	137	225	824	707
Persian Hebrew Congregation	SEPHARDI	220	0	0	220	232
Sha-are Shomayim (Clapton)	FED	119	35	148	302	377
Springfield	FED	53	32	84	169	239
Square Beth Hamedrash		40	0	0	40	40
Stamford Hill Beth Hamedrash	FED	24	18	42	84	138
Stanislow Beth Hamedrash	UO	60	0	0	60	60
TYT	UO	42	18	42	102	New Syn
Walford Road	IND.ORTH	59	55	125	239	300
West Hackney	FED	75	95	138	308	370
Yavneh	FED		Not available		430	567
Yesuath Chaim	UO	100	0	0	100	100
Yesodey Hatorah	UO	24	0	0	24	24
Yemenite Synagogue	UO	30	0	0	30	30
Yeshiva Horomah Beth Hamedrash	UO	35	0	0	35	35

	Affiliation	Household	Individual Males	Individual Females	1996 Total h/hlds and individs	1990 Total h/hlds and individs
<b>HAMMERSMITH</b>						
Hammersmith & West Kensington	US	141	11	15	167	254
Shepherds Bush, Fulham & District	FED	16	6	34	56	91
<b>HARINGEY</b>						
Highgate	US	202	16	11	229	270
Muswell Hill	US	334	11	8	353	429
South Tottenham	US	200	10	14	224	284
Tottenham Hebrew Congregation	FED	31	31	62	124	162
<b>HARROW</b>						
Belmont	US	527	24	14	565	613
Middlesex New	RSGB	450	93	195	738	822
Pinner	US	673	21	20	714	911
Stanmore & Canons Park	US	1446	99	101	1646	1628
<b>HAVERING</b>						
Elm Park	US	58	0	0	58	64
Harold Hill	US	82	3	0	85	83
Romford	US	110	2	2	114	152
<b>HILLINGDON</b>						
Kol Chai	RSGB	187	30	29	246	141
Northwood & Pinner	ULPS	389	140	162	691	503
Ruislip	US	183	5	16	204	215
<b>HOUNSLOW</b>						
Hounslow	US	72	2	0	74	86
<b>KENSINGTON &amp; CHELSEA</b>						
Chelsea	US	88	16	10	114	136
Holland Park	SEPHARDI	195	50	120	365	360
Notting Hill	FED	18	12	31	61	89
<b>KINGSTON UPON THAMES</b>						
Kingston & Surbiton	US	274	13	15	302	345
Kingston Liberal	ULPS	89	70	108	267	189
<b>LAMBETH</b>						
Catford & Bromley	US	318	9	9	336	417
South London Liberal	ULPS	121	61	108	290	501
						918
<b>LEWISHAM</b>						
South London	US	352	10	14	348	390
<b>MERTON</b>						
New Wimbledon & Putney District	FED	9	2	12	23	35
Wimbledon & District	RSGB	539	0	0	539	550



	Affiliation	Household	Individual Males	Individual Females	1996 Total h/hlds and individs	1990 Total h/hlds and individs
<b>NEWHAM</b>						
West Ham & Upton Park	US	256	9	29	294	417
<b>REDBRIDGE</b>						
Barking & Becontree	US	144	7	4	155	192
Barkingside Progressive	ULPS	220	0	0	220	200
Clayhall	US	320	13	6	339	New Syn
Ilford Federation	FED		Not available		799	920
Ilford	US	1224	47	79	1350	2210
Ohel David	SEPHARDI		Included in Eastern Jewry figures			
New Essex Masorti	MASORTI	50	6	0	56	32
Newbury Park	US	460	60	23	543	601
South West Essex Reform	RSGB	971	0	0	971	1035
Wanstead & Woodford	US	590	5	34	629	682
Woodford & District Liberal	ULPS	152	32	49	233	270
<b>RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES</b>						
Richmond	US	146	1	23	170	233
<b>SUTTON</b>						
Sutton	US	268	2	3	273	303
<b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>						
Bethnal Green Great	FED	11	13	15	39	102
Congregation of Jacob	FED	25	16	41	82	107
East London	US		Merged with Hackney			511
East London Central	FED	148	152	332	632	909
Fieldgate Street Synagogue	FED	177	93	222	492	605
Great Garden Street	FED	37	127	166	330	450
St Georges Settlement	RSGB/ULPS	80	67	151	298	381
Sandys Row	IND.ORTH	246	0	0	246	320
Remaining members of now defunct Congs.	FED	47	36	117	200	480
<b>WALTHAM FOREST</b>						
Highams Park & Chingford	US	258	1	7	266	307
Leytonstone & Wanstead	FED	36	12	31	79	89
Waltham Forest Heb Cong	IND.ORTH	370	140	125	635	635
<b>WANDSWORTH</b>						
South West London	US	88	1	10	99	124
<b>WESTMINSTER</b>						
Central	US	431	14	20	465	670
Liberal Jewish	ULPS	1400	0	0	1400	746
Western Marble Arch	US	394	6	27	427	525
New London	MASORTI	358	80	166	604	714
New West End	US	284	4	40	328	383
Spanish & Portuguese(Lauderdale Road)	SEPHARDI	557	225	158	940	1030
St Johns Wood	US	1021	23	45	1089	985
West End Great	IND.ORTH		Not available		881	900
West London	RSGB	1446	305	578	2329	2445
Westminster	IND..REF	350	0	0	350	364

## APPENDIX

### SOURCES, METHODS AND DEFINITIONS

Individual synagogues throughout the United Kingdom were approached directly for membership details. Where appropriate the details were obtained from central synagogal authorities and as far as possible Research Unit staff collected figures directly from their central records. Synagogues making returns were asked to distinguish between (a) male heads of households and (b) individual males; (c) female heads of households and (d) individual females; and (e) members' wives who also had separate individual membership in their own right. Where details were not available in that form, synagogues were asked for numbers of (a) family/household memberships; (b) other individual males; and (c) other individual females. These formulations were adopted both to overcome the difficulties in apportioning female membership and to take account of differing policies towards it.

Where male and female household data were given separately, the figures were combined to provide a number of households for each synagogue. Where household or family totals had already been given, these were used. In the full listings details are given of households, individual males and individual females. The numbers of male and female individual members include single persons, widows and widowers, divorcees, and adult children who live with their parents but have membership in their own name. Members' wives who have additional membership in their own right are not included in any tabulations.

The method of reporting adopted avoids excluding those households headed by females from composite analyses of membership patterns. Furthermore, analysing households without specifying the sex of the head of household is more appropriate to contemporary social realities which include increasing numbers of single-parent families (usually headed by a mother) and single-person households (many of which are widows living alone).