

# Introducing the Birnbaums

## **Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum שליט"א**

Rabbi Birnbaum grew up in Kingsbury where he attended Kingsbury Synagogue under the leadership of Rabbi M Hool שליט"א. He was educated at Hasmonean High School. After graduating, he attended Gateshead Yeshiva for three years, followed by four years at the Ponevezh Yeshiva. Rabbi Birnbaum subsequently completed the Ner L'Elef programme and attained Semicha from the Israeli Chief Rabbinate at Kollel Darchei Horo'oh. During this time, he also completed a Bachelor of Law degree at the Open University.



Upon his return to England in 2010, Rabbi Birnbaum was appointed as Rabbi of Hadley Wood Jewish Community, a position he holds to the present day. During this time, he completed a Masters degree and PhD from University College London.

Rabbi Birnbaum holds qualifications in marriage counselling, kashrus supervision and taharas hamishpocho education. A well-known contributor to both Jewish and secular media, Rabbi Birnbaum is regularly published in The Jewish News, Jewish Chronicle and the US Daf Hashavua. He has appeared on LBC, BBC TV and BBC radio as well as other media outlets.

In addition to all of the above, Rabbi Birnbaum is principal maggid shiur of the Barnet Shul Daf Hayomi shiur, sits on the Rabbinic Advisory Board of World Jewish Relief, served for 4 years as a governor of Torah Temimah School and is an accomplished baal tefilla and baal koreh.

## **Rebbetzin Elisheva Birnbaum (née Kaufman)**

Rebbetzin Birnbaum grew up in Golders Green where her parents daven at Eitz Chaim Yeshiva. She studied at Hasmonean, leaving with A Levels in Maths, Geography and Biology. She attended Hadar Beis Yaakov Seminary in Jerusalem and, upon her return to the UK, completed a BSc in Occupational Therapy at Brunel University.

After her marriage to Rabbi Birnbaum, the Rebbetzin completed the intensive three-year Rebbetzin training programme at Ner L'Elef.

Rebbetzin Birnbaum is currently studying for a Masters degree in Sensory Integration at Ulster University following completion of a postgraduate Diploma. During this time, she has also completed the Susi Bradfield leadership programme and several other qualifications, with a focus on children.