

Luton United Synagogue Visitor Guide

Jewish and non-Jewish visitors are welcome to visit the synagogue by prior arrangement and on completion and return of a visitor's form.

Below is a brief guide to the etiquette for those who attend our services.

- Men and women sit separately and men wear a head covering (typically skull caps) and married ladies should also wear a head covering, such as a hat or head scarf.
- Dress should be modest and it is not customary for ladies to wear slacks.
- The use of any electrical or electronic equipment should not occur on Friday evenings or on Saturdays or on festivals. This particularly applies to mobile phones or phone cameras.
- Similarly, it is not permitted to write on Friday evenings or on Saturdays. This would include children crayoning in colouring books or making notes during a service.
- Photographs must not be taken in the synagogue without the explicit permission of a member of the synagogue council or the Rabbi. Photographs of children are permitted only with the prior permission of their parents.
- A certain amount of chatting between congregants inevitably occurs in our small community, but it is requested that congregants and visitors refrain from this whilst the ark is open, during the silent prayer, and when the Torah scrolls are read.
- Handling of money on Friday evenings, Saturdays and High Holydays is not permitted.

We hope that this simple guide helps your enjoyment in visiting our synagogue, helping you to be confident that you have not caused any inadvertent embarrassment. If you have any concerns, please feel free to raise them with a member of the community.

The Synagogue Council

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