



Southern Lakes Jewish Community

About us

The Southern Lakes Jewish Community first gathered in 2017.

Over recent times, we've grown into a formally recognised regional Jewish community and operate as a non-profit charitable trust.

Our aim is to foster an inclusive sense of Jewish identity, culture and belonging through shared traditions and beliefs. We provide a sense of 'family'. A haven where members and visitors feel connected and supported.

Our Queenstown Lakes community

Our community enjoys a wide age range and rich mix of cultural backgrounds, including many interfaith families and more than 10 diverse nationalities.

The Southern Lakes Community covers Central Otago and Southland. We have members from around the region, spanning Glenorchy to Wānaka, Invercargill to Cromwell, with the majority based in the Queenstown/Tāhuna area. We warmly invite all Jews and their families, throughout the region to join our gatherings and community.

Our events and activities

Although we have no building of our own, we love to gather and celebrate significant Jewish Holidays. Each occasion is vibrant with traditional food, songs, and stories. We welcome locals, newcomers to the area, and tourists alike.

Embracing a progressive view of Judaism, we focus on culture and traditions, rather than religious observance. This approach allows us to honour our heritage in a way that resonates with the diverse and modern perspectives of the Southern Lakes Jewish Community.

However, we welcome all, regardless of affiliation or level of observance, so please be in touch, we'd love to hear from you.

Holidays celebrated annually as a community are:

- » Rosh Hashana
- » Hanukkah
- » Purim
- » Passover



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