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CONTACT US

At the time of publication, life seems to be improving since last year's difficulties. The synagogue departments are operating as normal at this time. The telephone is operated during the normal office hours. So we continue to carefully and warmly welcome you back into services, classes and an increasing number of in person activities have resumed. We want to ensure we are able to welcome as many people as safely as possible. Please note that we are no longer requesting that you book into services, but will keep this under review. We are also reviewing the wearing of face masks. We should continue to use hand sanitiser.

Please call the synagogue first if you would like to visit us.

Please try to make any payments via the synagogue website at www.ehrs.uk/ payment, via bank transfers or otherwise please phone to pay with a credit or debit cards. Please can we ask you not to send cheques and certainly please do not bring in (or send) cash.

BEREAVEMENT

During office hours: in all cases of bereavement please contact June Lewis, the Rabbis' Personal Assistant.

Out of office hours: in all cases of a bereavement outside office hours requiring a burial at any cemetery or cremation please call the Jewish Joint Burial Society on 020 8989 5252 and listen to their full message.

JJBS email info@jewishfunerals.org.uk

THE RABBIS

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Outside office hours our 24/7 EHRS Emergency Line is **07708 731862**, it will be answered by one of the Rabbinic Team.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Have you Got News for Us? Whether it be a birth, anniversary or special birthday, please let us know so it can be announced. Please email communications@ehrs.uk

BIRTHS

Oscar Ben, a son for Nathan and Amy Harrod, a grandson for Jeremy and Rosemary Harrod and Neil & Michelle Stunell.

Joshua Warren, a son for Daniel and Zoe Rissen, a grandson for Howard and Pamela Rissen.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH as currently scheduled

15 January - Raphy Cohen, son of Amy and Simon.

5 February - Mia Koffman, daughter of Sarah and Lee, stepdaughter of Ryan.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazel Tov to Janet and Robert Brand, on the engagement of their daughter Hayley to Liam Stein, son of Melanie and Paul Davis.

Mazel Tov to Sharon and Jeremy Garson on the engagement of their son Sam to Gabrielle Rowan, daughter of Christine and Peter.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mazel Tov to Neil and Penni French on their 30th Wedding Anniversary.

Mazel Tov to Alan and Jackie Yager on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

Mazel Tov to Brian and Yvonne Cohen on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

CONDOLENCES

To Carol Phillips on the loss of her husband, David Phillips.

To Hettie Posner on the loss of her husband, David Posner.

To Gillian Sinclair on the loss of her husband, Martin Sinclair.

To Neil French on the loss of his father, Frank French.

To Lewis Green on the loss of his mother, Sylvia Green.

To David Lazarus and Sandra Kutner on the loss of their mother, Rosemary Lazarus.

To Neil Kay on the loss of his mother, Rita Kay.

To Lisa Fisher on the loss of her mother, Gloria Hayday.

To Frances Lipman on the loss of her mother, Sadie Taubenhau.

To Judy Telson on the loss of her mother, Marianne Bernett.

To Louise Rose on the loss of her mother, Muriel Rose.

To Joanna Laymond on the loss of her daughter, and to Spencer Laymond on the loss of his sister, Justine Laymond.

To Amber Morris on the loss of her husband, and to David and Grant Morris on the loss of their father, Norman Morris.

To the family of David Conway.

To the family of Clive Alan Woolf.

To the family of Joyce Conway.

To the family of Irene Cordell.

To the family of Michael Selcott.

To the family of David Lush.

To the family of Leila Davis.

To the family of Ian Lee.

NEW MEMBERS:

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members of our community:

Avital, Zoey and Hannah Campanha.

Benjamin Avram & Francesca Stubbs.

Paul, Elinor, Zachary & Gabriel Lewis.

Denise Salinger.

Marcel Biron.

Jonathan Cohen.

Ricky Thake.

Malcolm & Joy Finn.

SERVICES

As well as in person attendance, some of our services are available online using the EHRS Livestream, Zoom and Facebook Live as detailed below.

For Service Zoom details please see forthcoming Our Week Ahead emails, or email admin@ehrs.uk. To book for services with in person attendance, please go to the calendar section on the EHRS website, www.ehrs.uk, and select the date and service you wish to attend. If you are not able to use the Synagogue website, then please call the EHRS office on 020 8238 1000.

Erev Shabbat Service

Every Friday Evening, 18:30-19:20

Led by our Rabbis in person at our Synagogue and through the EHRS Livestream Classic Channel. They give a beautiful sense of rest and togetherness to help you to cope with the stresses of the world. There is no need to book to join us. After our service on Friday 4 February our Rabbis invite you stay on for Shabbat dinner. Bring a non meat dish and let's share a haimische (friendly and warm) dinner in the EHRS lounge. You are of course welcome to come to the service and not stay for dinner! Please let us know you are coming, email junelewis@ehrs.uk or call 020 8238 1000.

Shabbat Morning Service

10:30-12:30

We are able to welcome an in person congregation to the EHRS Beit Tefillah (sanctuary). Please book directly and simply through the EHRS website, www.ehrs.uk or please call the EHRS office by the Friday at 12:00, of week of the service to give us the details we need. Hand sanitising is available in the Beit Tefillah. The service is also available on the EHRS Livestream Classic Channel.

Sunday Shacharit

09:30-10:00

Join our Sunday Shacharit in the EHRS Beit Midrash. We can accommodate up to 15 participants socially distanced. If you would like to join the in-person minyan, please ensure you register. For safety and traceability you will need to register that you would like to join us by Friday at noon before the service.

Kuddle Up Shabbat

Every Friday Afternoon, Online, 16:15-16:45

Join our Rabbis and their Shabbat Dinosaurs for Shabbat stories and songs on Zoom. Best for younger children. We look forward to hearing your suggestions for what to put in the chicken soup pot and where you have your Shabbat feelings!

Kuddle Up Tu B'Shevat In Person

Friday 14 January, 16:15-16:45



Kuddle Up In Person

Friday 11 February, 16:15-16:45

On these dates, Kuddle Up Shabbat will be held in person at EHRS in our spacious Community Centre, or weather permitting, outside in the Sukkah. You will need to book via the website or call the office. You are welcome to arrive from 15:45 for a Shul playdate before Kuddle Up begins.

Early Risers Service – Saturdays 8 January & 12 February, 9:30-11:00

This new experimental service will be mostly in Hebrew, use nusach (traditional modes of chant for the prayers), include the Torah reading and Musaf (which is the repetition of the Amidah special to Shabbat) and other features to create a participative experience, ending with a hospitable Kiddush. Led by members of congregation and Shaliach Tzibbur, Jeremy Harrod. Hosted by Rabbi Mark.

HaKol B'Seder Service for Shabbat Shirah

Saturday 15 January, 10:30-12:15

Join Student Cantor Rachel Weston and Rabbi Mark for a special service, on this Shabbat when we chant the 'Song of the Sea' as the Israelites reach their first obstacle in leaving Egyptian slavery. As always, the service includes new music from the Reform and Conservative Jewish world, an interpretative Torah reading and plenty of participation. The service uses our regular Reform Judaism Siddur. You can join us in person at EHRS on the EHRS Facebook page or on Zoom.

Friday Night Lights – Fridays 21 January & 25 February, 20:00-20:45

Join our Rabbis on Erev Shabbat for a warm and friendly candle lighting and Shabbat songs, on Zoom or the EHRS Facebook page through Facebook Live.

Healing Service

Saturday 22 January, 11:00

We will come together to spend an hour in prayer, conversation and meditation, offering support and strength to one another, and a healing of spirit if not of body. Join Rabbi Debbie on Zoom from home.

Borough of Barnet Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration

Sunday 23 January, 14:45-16:30

This poignant service which takes place in the Rickett Quadrangle, Middlesex University, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BT will be led by Rabbi Mark Goldsmith

and Rev Bernd Koschland with the music provided by a number of choirs and bands including the EHRS Choir led by Ann Sadan. It includes moving testimony by a Shoah Survivor and others. All are welcome.

NEW Shabbat Club Saturday mornings,

11:15 - Launching Saturday 29 January

A weekly Shabbat experience for up to 11 year olds to enjoy Parasha and Shabbat themed activities, stories and songs. Finishing in time to join the community for Kiddush around 12:15.

Monthly Birthday Blessings

Saturdays 29 January & 26 February

We are delighted to invite all children who have celebrated their birthday in the past month to join us for a birthday blessing in the classic service on the last Shabbat of the month to mark another year of growth with their community. Families will be sent personal invites, but do let us know if your child has a birthday coming up to make sure we have you on our list. Kiddush will include a special birthday treat!

Shabbat for the Soul

Saturday 5 February, 10:30-12:15

Rabbi Mark is leading this Shabbat morning service using a selection from our regular prayers, poetry ancient and contemporary, silence, a contemplative reading of the Torah and the space to experience a special sense of rest (menuchah) on Shabbat. Join us in person at EHRS or on Zoom.

Shabbat BaBayit

Saturday 19 February, 11:00-12:00

Join Rabbi Mark LIVE on the EHRS Facebook page or on Zoom for Shabbat B'Bayit, a fun Shabbat morning service with songs, stories, and Shabbat reflections to give you Shabbat flavour without the formality.

Cornerstone Service

Saturday 5 March, 10:30-12:15

Our Cornerstone class and Rabbi Debbie warmly invite all to join us for an explanatory Shabbat Morning service where we will unpack some of the prayers, go at a slower pace, and learn as we pray. Join us in person, on the Learning and Soul Livestream Channel, or on Zoom.

Chumash Babies - A sensory Shabbat experience for your five senses

Saturday 12 March, 10:30-11:30

This is a special Shabbat experience for our very youngest children, their parents, siblings and grandparents. It brings together baby sensory play and Jewish ways of experiencing the wonder of Shabbat for a delightful half hour with Rabbi Mark and Sarah Koster. See, hear, feel, taste and smell Shabbat with your baby! Followed by a Shabbat brunch to help us all get to know each other. Booking essential so that we cater properly!

COMMUNITY CARE

Friends Reunited! Finally our **Monthly Lunch Club** started up again in October 2021 and saw the reunion of two longstanding friends, Shirley Gibbons with Faye Serota pictured, who had not seen each other since the beginning of 2020. This sociable event in our calendar brings people together to enjoy a meal in each other's company and is served by our fantastic volunteer team in the synagogue hall once a month. Please let us know if you would like to join us as booking is required in advance. We take your safety very seriously and all volunteers take lateral flow tests beforehand and wear masks.



The **EHRS Memory Way Café** is back in house and running from the EHRS lounge on the third Wednesday monthly. The Café provides support for people living with dementia and their family carers and we also regularly provide activities such as chair based exercises, occasional talks and musical entertainment. If you are interested for your partner or a relative and would like more information, please contact either Val or Marissa. If you would like to discuss any concerns please contact us.

As this goes to print, **Chanukah Telenet** calls are being made and we cannot underestimate how valuable these calls are in linking our vulnerable members to the Synagogue via caring volunteers.



Bereavement Support at EHRS

Have you suffered the loss of a partner, relative or friend?
Would you welcome the opportunity to talk to someone who will listen to how you are feeling?

EHRS offers reassurance, comfort and the chance to explore your emotions.

If you are recently bereaved and would like more information please contact the Community Care Department on 020 8238 1013 or email communitycare@ehrs.uk

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We always ask volunteers to provide feedback especially when they have concerns as we then follow up wherever possible. If you are interested in joining the Telenet team or other volunteering opportunities in Community Care please contact us for more information.

We will be celebrating **Mental Health Shabbat** on 7 & 8 January, see more details in Our Week Ahead emails nearer the time for more information. Keep well, safe and warm over the winter and a BIG THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers – we could not do this without you!

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Val Joseph

Heather Morris, author of 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz' LIVE at EHRS Thursday 27 January, 19:30



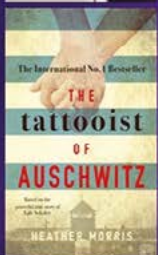
We are delighted that Heather Morris, author of 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz', 'Cilka's Journey' and latterly 'Three Sisters' will be joining us at EHRS on Holocaust Memorial Day.

Heather will be interviewed by Laurence Stein about her books followed by a question and answer session, and of course there will be refreshments when you will get the opportunity to purchase one or more of Heather's books, which she will be happy to sign.

Some of you may recall that Heather was interviewed on Zoom over 18 months ago when she joined us at 5am from her home in Australia, an amazing event which attracted over 150 people on Zoom and Facebook Live. With the recent publication of her extremely emotional and thought provoking 'Three Sisters', which tells the story of 3 sisters who survived Auschwitz - Birkenau, before returning to their childhood home in Slovakia and then embarking on a voyage of renewal in order to live in Israel, we anticipate an even greater attendance.

This event will also be on Zoom, but we would strongly recommend that you try and meet Heather in person as she is a wonderful speaker and so worth seeing in the flesh. Zoom details will be available in Our Week Ahead.

Please book in person attendance via the website at www.ehrs.uk/event/hmd2022



Cornerstone, our introduction to Judaism course is open to everyone in the community, and those exploring conversion. Our Cornerstone programme is open to any member of the community wanting to deepen their Jewish knowledge, as well as those exploring conversion and non-Jewish partners wanting to learn more about creating a Jewish home.

Join us for prayer-book Hebrew (in 3 streams from beginners to intermediate) 19:00-19:45 and/or for Jewish Studies 20:00-21:30 Tuesday evenings during term time. Contact rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk for more details.

Each term also features an explanatory Shabbat service which the whole congregation is warmly invited to. This term our service will be on Saturday 5 March - look out for more information in Our Week Ahead email.



OROT: Orot has had a great term of exciting projects and special events including Celebrating Earth Day, Mitzvah Day, where some families went to Norwood Kennedy Leigh Family Centre to help paint Jewish holiday murals for the Centre. We also collected food for One Stonegrove Foodbank, thank you to everyone who donated nearly 200 items of food, which Val Joseph and I delivered). Our children also cleaned the mud kitchen toys for Nagila Nursery and made cakes for the Mitzvah Day tea party, which you will see in other reports in this magazine what a successful and wonderful event it was.

Our projects continue with great effectiveness. The children learning about the history of the Jews of England visited the Jewish Museum and we are delighted that in the new term they will be going on walking tour of the Jewish East End with Rabbi Mark. Some of the children have grandparents coming in to share their own family stories. Our children have impressive family heritages, which I will tell you more about that next time after the visits. We finished our term with lovely Chanukah celebrations.

Rabbi Debbie tweeted about Orot -

'I think we broke some kind of algorithm today - my two kids who attend Jewish day school (a debate for another day) both chose to go to Sunday school of their own free will! I think that says a huge amount about our communities brilliant education dept!'



BBBM mentoring programme: we have completed our first term of this programme and it has been great to see how seriously both the mentors and mentees have taken to this programme. We are starting a new training programme next term and our upcoming BBM students are eager to train to be mentors which is wonderful and of course what we hoped for.

Holiday Schemes: we held a special one-day Circus Skills workshop for children during the October half term, which was very successful. The children

beautifully demonstrated their new skills to the parents and the EHRS Staff in a little show at the end of the day. You'd be amazed at all the parts of the body you can balance a feather from nose to elbow to feet! We are really excited that Jack Murphy has joined the EHRS team as Head of Youth Development and together we have been working on dates and trips for the February half term scheme Winter Warmer, Pesach Play Scheme, and Kaytana & Kadima, please go to the youth page for further details and early bird booking discounts.



Family events: We have held some more wonderful events this term including the Mitzvah Day Tea Party and the Chanukah Fair. Both were enjoyed thoroughly by all who came and we can't wait to do more of these family events at EHRS.

Marian Cohen, Head of Education
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EVERYDAY HEROES RECOGNISED AS STARS

Thursday 24 February 2022 at 20:00, Reception at 19:30

IT'S BACK!

After a COVID break, the EHRS awards will make a return in February 2022.

We look forward to honouring those who have made a difference in society and celebrate their achievements as a community.

Please book your seat now at
www.ehrs.uk/event/awards2022



EHRS AWARDS 2022



WINTER OF INSPIRATION

This edition of LeDor VaDor covers the Jewish months of Shvat and Adar Aleph, the extra month we add in a leap year. This means that we still have a while to wait for Purim festivities. Indeed, it seems to be one of the low seasons in the Jewish year. Luckily, this period provides us with inspiring opportunities to learn and put our values to action.

First of them is the Jami Mental Health Awareness Shabbat (MHAS) on 7-8 January. This falls annually on Shabbat “Bo”, the weekly Torah portion which tells of the Plague of Darkness, which has resonance with mental illness. This year, MHAS is devoted to the impact that rapid changes in the world have on our mental health. I think we can all agree that the past two years have put strain on our individual and communal emotional resources. Come and join us on Shabbat morning on 8 January to explore ways in which we can better support each other’s mental health.

The festival that definitely boosts my spirits is Tu B’Shevat, which falls on 16-17 January. No wonder, my surname is Kirschenbaum (‘Cherry Tree’). I have always been amazed how the custom of early Zionist pioneers to plant trees on Tu B’Shevat gave impetus to the reforestation of the Land of Israel in the 20th century. This success story gives me hope that one of the most important aims set at COP26, combating deforestation worldwide, can be met if it has our support. We can help make it happen by planting a sapling ourselves (as we will do in our EHRS Memorial Garden this Tu B’Shevat) or by sponsoring one in our name. As we are now in the shmita year when options for planting trees in Israel are limited, you might consider sponsoring one in the UK this year. One way to do it is via the National Trust where you can plant a tree for as little as £5.

The environmental message of Tu B’Shevat goes beyond its association with tree planting. Tu B’Shevat seder is supposed to make us aware that our actions can not only enhance our spirituality but also transform the world in the process. Importantly, the structure of the seder offers us a lesson on what other steps we can take as individuals to cut our carbon

footprint. We start by eating fruit and nuts with inedible, disposable exteriors and edible interiors. Then we move to those with soft exteriors and a hard pit, and conclude with those eaten whole. This progression teaches us that in order to get to net zero as a society we need to transition from resource-heavy consumption (symbolised by inedible, disposable shells) to more renewable and sustainable alternatives. One area where our individual actions could make a huge difference is home energy use. This winter I encourage all of us to look into more energy-efficient ways of keeping our homes warm. Anything we do, ranging from installing energy meters to monitor our energy usage to substantial undertakings like insulating our homes can help reduce our carbon footprint.

Rabbi Eliezer taught: warm yourself by the fire of the sages (Pirkei Avot 2:10). What he meant by this was the importance of looking for the teachings of our tradition that energise us. As you have seen, there are some very exciting opportunities to learn and act in the coming months. I hope that this winter you will join us by the ‘fires’ that warm us at EHRS.

Rabbi Mati Kirschenbaum

Rabbi Mark at the Leo Baeck College Lehrhaus

Thursdays 3, 10, 17 & 24 March 19:30-21:30

How far Should a Jew go to Sell a Used Car?

Each week of this online course we will work with a real scenario about buying and selling, hiring and firing, competing or investing. We will study Jewish texts from the past two millennia which help us to build our ethical standards in business. Whether you are active in business or organizational life, retired or a domestic consumer you are welcome to this course.

The fee for Leo Baeck College courses is £60. To enrol on this course please contact Jarek at lehrhaus@lbc.ac.uk and see www.lbc.ac.uk/studywithus/lehrhaus for the other courses on offer this semester.



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Tu B'Shevat Celebration

Sunday 16 January, 19:00 at EHRS

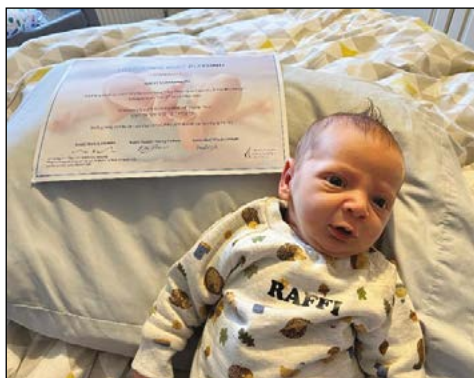
The annual Birthday of the Trees is celebrated with a special seder filled with fruits, wine and treats. The Tu b'Shevat seder combines the best of all things Jewish..... spirituality and food!

Join Rabbi Debbie for a night like no other in the Jewish year and a real celebration of what Trees at home and abroad bring to the world. Join us in person for a fruity feast, or on Zoom. Zoom details will be in the Our Week Ahead email.

Please book in person attendance at www.ehrs.uk/event/tubshevat22

It has been busy as always, with the array of programming for our youngest members and their families. It is always such a pleasure and delight to see our children bursting into EHRS, excited to take part in services and activities. The smiles on their faces, the joy of recognition of seeing our Rabbis and the confidence that comes with feeling a part of our special community never ceases to amaze me.

A highlight of the last few weeks was our Lockdown baby blessing where we held a unique and special communal baby blessing in the service, welcoming and celebrating the births of 9 babies who were born during Lockdown or 'Covid restrictions'. Our youngest baby was just 3 weeks old, with the ages of the others ranging up to 18 months. Seeing the babies, and their parents, gather on the Bimah, being blessed by all three of our Rabbis in front of older siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles and the whole community was momentarily moving. It displayed the journey we have all been through and just how wonderful it was to all be together. The morning symbolised that despite the last year and a half, the circle of life continues, and as our Bar Mitzvah boy was equally celebrated, the journey of our newest members was beginning. The blessing was followed by a bespoke Shabbat Sensory service and a catered breakfast and Kiddush was enjoyed by all the participants and their guests.



"The communal baby blessing was so special; it was so lovely to have our baby Raffi welcomed into the community along with the other babies after a long time of not being able to celebrate such special times together! It really did feel very emotional & a start of the many times to come that he will be involved with synagogue life." Nicky Starkowitz
We are seeing our weekly Shabbat Stay & Play group continue to thrive, with



many regular participants and welcoming many new families to enjoy our baby and toddler group. The children have enjoyed making challah, fruit Chanukiot and even edible sparklers! Along with an array of toys and joining the Rabbi for singing and Kiddush.

"I attended this morning's Stay and Play class at EHRS and I have to say it was so much fun for me and my baby Axel. Not only was all the content and toys lovely but your community were so warm and friendly - I felt truly welcomed. I just wanted to drop you a note to say thank you for running these kid's clubs. I am so grateful for people like you who go out of your way to encourage children to play and socialise, especially as we navigate this post-Covid world." (Feedback from a new attendee of Stay & Play)

Shabbat Stay & Play

Fridays 10:30-11:45 (Term time)

Returning Friday 7 January 2022

Our baby and toddler group with toys, crafts and song session and Kiddush with the Rabbis. The perfect way to meet other parents, and enjoy a hot drink and a catch up. Please book in advance.

Kuddle Up In Person

Friday 14 January (Tu B'Shevat special) & Friday 11 February, 16:15-16:45

Our special interactive Shabbat service for pre-schoolers. Songs, stories and activities. A perfect way to introduce your little ones to a synagogue service. You can collect CRP points from attending. Early arrival (optional) from 15.45! Come straight from school pick up, or just arrive early to play before the service. Selection of toys for the kids and



hot drinks available for the adults! Other Kuddle-Up services will continue on Zoom.

Following the success of our Sensory Shabbat song session at the Lockdown Baby Blessing we are excited to announce

'Chumash Babies'

Saturday 12 March, 10:30-11:30,

A sensory Shabbat experience for babies and their families. Join us for a sensory session exploring the five senses, followed by a catered breakfast Kiddush. Please go to www.ehrs.uk/youngfamilies to book.

NEW Shabbat Club

Saturday mornings, 11:15

Launching Saturday 29 January 2022

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Monthly Birthday Blessings

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Sarah Koster, Young Families Lead
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www.ehrs.uk/youngfamilies

Warm up those voices & grab your dancing shoes,
and join us at EHRS for an evening of LIVE music.

'Sunday Night Fever'

Sunday 13 March 2022, 20:00 at EHRS

We welcome 'Movie Mayhem', a superb four-piece act, bringing to life the sounds of the big screen.

This musical extravaganza will feature some of the best loved soundtracks, sung live, from your favourite movies including Saturday Night Fever, Dirty Dancing, Blues Brothers, Mamma Mia, Grease, to name just a few!

Theatre style row seating or tables for four available to book.
Please bring your friends & family to this fantastic musical evening.

Tickets: Adults £20, Under 21's £15




Doors open for seating at 19:30, show begins at 20:00, show ends 21:45

Feel free to wear your best movie themed get up, or come 'Footloose' and fancy dress free! Refreshments of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, will be available to purchase during the interval.

**BOOK ONLINE NOW at www.ehrs.uk/event/nightfever
or call 020 8238 1000**

**Please join us because 'Nobody Does It Better',
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There are many homes for the movies starting with Hollywood in California. Now there is of course Bollywood in Bombay (now Mumbai) and Nollywood in Lagos, Nigeria turning out hundreds of films each year.

Recently, though, archaeologists have discovered a long forgotten part of movie history buried in the sands of Persia - Shushanwood! It is thought that the Shushan fortress may really have been a film studio, established by Cecil B De Mille, that Mordechai may have actually been a talent agent and Esther an aspiring actress looking to star in the movies. Haman of course was a mean and autocratic film director who terrorised the many Jews of Shushanwood.

This year at EHRS we bring Shushanwood alive again with 'Shushanwood at the Movies' on Wednesday 16 March!

Come and join us for a movie based Purim party, the reading of the Megillah of Esther for Purim, followed by cocktails and mocktails. Our Megillah reading will be in person and viewable on the EHRS Classic Channel (the home of a great weekly Jewish soap opera Shacharit and Torah Service). Whether you are with us at the Synagogue or at home, do come in costume (extra points for dressing as your favourite film character).

Especially for this year we would love you to make a short (no more than 1 minute) video of your own with you and



your family (if you can persuade them!) playing a scene from any film with yourselves as the actors. Please send the result to rabbi.mark@ehrs.uk by Sunday 13 March at the latest and we will splice them together into a great new movie – 'That's Purim Entertainment', to be premiered at Shushanwood at the Movies.

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'Shushanwood at the Movies'
Wednesday 16 March

SHUSHANWOOD

Come and join us for a movie based Purim party, the reading of the Megillah of Esther for Purim, followed by cocktails and mocktails.

Our Megillah reading will be in person at EHRS and viewable on the EHRS Classic Channel.

Whether you are with us at the Synagogue or at home, do come in costume (extra points for dressing as your favourite film character).

From 17:15 - Purim Film Party and Games
18:30 - Megillah reading and Ma'ariv
19:30 - 'Late Night' Purim Movies with Cocktails & Mocktails

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EHRS YOUNG FAMILIES PURIM MOVIES PARTY

Sunday 13 March

Our youngest members and their parents get to be part of the Purim fun too. On this Sunday they will have their own brilliant Purim party at EHRS. We would love them too to dress up as their favourite movie character. Full details including timing will appear in the next LeDor VaDor and on our EHRS Young Families Facebook Page in late February.

TOGETHER GROUPS

Whether it's reading, singing, foraging, cooking, schmoozing, learning or even whiskey tasting, we have many groups where you can join other members with common interests.

EHRS Together Groups are all about making our congregation of over 3000 people a place where we know each other and are can find people who share their interests. It's a great way of making sure that more and more of our members find the people within the Synagogue that we would especially enjoy getting to know. Some groups are in person, whilst others continue online.

Go to www.ehrs.uk/togethergroups for more information on what groups we have and how to book your place. A selection of these groups are listed below.

MONTHLY COOK-A-LONGS

Our Cook-a-Long's led by Rabbi Debbie are open to all adults who would like to join us.

WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY - HUNGRY IN HUNGARY!

We will travel together to Budapest from where our chefs for the evening, via the magic of Zoom, will teach us some classic Hungarian dishes, and share a bit about the Jewish community of Hungary today.



WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY – WITH RENATA WINTERS

An EHRS member who appeared on 2020's **MASTERCHEF!** They said then she should have her own show so we are delighted Renata has happily agreed to lead this cook-a-long! Not to be missed!

ISRAELI DANCING

Our Israeli Dance Class takes place on **Mondays 11:00-12:30** at EHRS. This class is for all adults and runs weekly. A warm welcome to all who want to join us for this energetic and fun morning.

SINGING CIRCLE

Do you enjoy singing in the EHRS service and are in awe of the choir? The Singing Circle is an opportunity for anyone who doesn't have perfect pitch to sing a medley of EHRS favourites and learn some new Hebrew songs. Join Lawrence Cohen, your song leader, at EHRS for an hour of joyous harmonies. This group runs weekly on **Mondays, 14:00-15:00**.

RABBI KRAFT MEMORIAL BOOK CLUB

This book club was set up in memory of our dearly missed Rabbi Neil Kraft z"l. This is a small, friendly group of EHRS members of all ages who meet on the first Tuesday of each month online via Zoom. **On Tuesday 4 January, 19:30, we will be discussing 'Written' by D. A. Lee and we are delighted to announce that the author will be joining us to tell us more about writing her book.** *What if your entire existence was based on someone else's story, someone else's dreams, someone else's expectations.... someone else's lies? Written is the heart-wrenching story of a young girl's struggle for freedom, and the uncovering of an intricate plan laced around forty years of secrets, betrayal and lies, in a family desperate to preserve their culture and honour.*

On Tuesday 1 February, 19:30 we will be discussing The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish. We're delighted that Rachel will be joining us to answer our questions.

Set in London of the 1660s and of the early twenty-first century, 'The Weight of Ink' is the interwoven tale of two women of remarkable intellect: Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, just before the plague hits the city; and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love of Jewish history.

EHRS GROUPS

NEW OPTIONS

For the active retired and semi-retired (60 plus)

Schmoozing with the Rabbis –

A light hearted topical discussion, in an informal setting. **Join Rabbi Debbie on Wednesday 12 January and Rabbi Mati on Wednesday 16 February, 10:30-11:30.** In person at the Synagogue or on Zoom. Zoom details will be provided in the Our Week Ahead email.

Bridge – We're back!!

Our popular and friendly sessions take place every Wednesday, 12:30-15:30. Join us for an enjoyable and sociable afternoon. Only £4 including tea.



**Mondays & Thursdays
10:00-11:15**

Neurobics specialise in cognitive health for adults over 60, energising the body, stimulating the brain & enriching the soul.

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steve@neurobics.org.uk**

Community Weekend Away

We are planning another informal and social Community Weekend Away (Friday-Monday) for May 2022.

If you are interested, or for any other enquiries about 'NEW OPTIONS', contact Jeffrey Fisher on 020 8958-0424 or email newoptions@ehrs.uk

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT EHRS

ZUMBA GOLD

4 week trial -
Thursdays 13, 20, 27
January, & 3 February,
10:00-11:30

This class is perfect for the active older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower intensity.

£6 per session.

For more information please contact Laurel Ingram at dancinline@hotmail.com



YOGA

4 week trial - Tuesdays 11, 18, 25 January, & 1 February,
10:00-11:30

The classes are available to all ages and abilities, and takes place in the Community Centre, First Floor. Cost is £10 per person, per session (concessions available). For enquiries contact Lisa Morris to see if this class might be for you on **07963 833188**.

JACS (JEWISH ASSOCIATION OF CULTURAL SOCIETIES)

A cultural club at EHRS for the active retired and semi-retired which meets on Thursdays from 13:30.

13 January

Yuri Sabatini - Selection of Operatic Arias, songs from Operetta and the Musicals.

20 January

Fab Boys - Live music with Brian and Frank.

27 January

Sydney Austin - An hour of lively and uplifting music.

3 February

Melvyn Eagle - Jewish East End.

10 February

Marilyn Raymond - Subject to be discussed.

17 February

Judy Karbritz - Behind the Cameras.

24 February

Mike Grillo - Your Cheating Heart.

For more information please contact Stuart Winton on **020 8954 8350** or David Kalms on **07831 220269**.

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Who

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When

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Thursdays 6:45pm-8pm (ages 8-10½)

Tuesdays 7pm-8:30pm (ages 10½-14)

What

Outdoor adventures and skills for life

Where

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Contact

info@third.org.uk



For girls aged 7 to 10

Brownies

3rd Edgware

"I love brownies because you get to do lots of cool activities and it's really fun."

Sophie, aged 9

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We are now meeting in person once more, and have space for new members.

"Brownies gives me the time to do something enjoyable, be together with others and we learn many things."

Leah, aged 8



For more information about 3rd Edgware Brownies, contact Brown Owl Marilyn, mazalbert28@gmail.com 0208 220 7854



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Fab Feb Scheme 2022

Monday 14 - Friday 18 February, 9:15-16:00
(early drop off from 8:30 & late pick up until 17:00 available upon booking)

Join us for sports, drama, music, art, cooking
getting creative, games, friendship & fun!



****Early Bird****
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Monday 31 January

Please go to www.ehrs.uk/fabfeb22 for more details and to book a place

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BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR THIS YEARS PESACH PLAY SCHEME AND KAYTANA & KADIMA Please go to www.ehrs.uk/youthcentre, or contact Jack Murphy, Head of Youth Development at youth@ehrs.uk /020 8238 1024 if you have any queries.

cooking
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Join us for 4 days of entertainment for 5-13 year olds!

Pesach Play Scheme 2022

Monday 11 - Thursday 14 April, 9:15-16:00

Early drop off from 8:30 & late pick up until 17:00 available upon booking

Please go to www.ehrs.uk/pps
for more details and to book a place

Groups will be
split in ages
5-7
8-10
& 11-13

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year olds

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11-14
year olds

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Fun-Tastic Fridays are back!

KAYTANA & KADIMA 2022

Week 1
Monday 1 - Friday 5 August

Week 2
Monday 8 - Friday 12 August

Week 3
Monday 15 - Friday 19 August

Scheme Timings: 9:15-16:00
(early drop off from 8:30 & late pick up
until 17:00 available upon booking)

Please go to www.ehrs.uk/kaytanakadima
for more details and to book a place

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EHRS JOINS JEWISH PROTEST TO SUPPORT THE UYGHUR MUSLIMS

The persecution of the Uyghurs, due to their ethnic and religious identity, serves as a chilling reminder of the horrors committed against the Jews in the Holocaust.

We must honour the victims and survivors of that genocide through our efforts to ensure it never happens again. During Pesach we heard about the issues directly from Rahima Mahmut, UK representative for the World Uyghur Congress. Andrew has been leading the Jewish protest at the Chinese Cultural Attache in Hampstead every Tuesday night for 3 years, read more about his campaign here.

Rabbi Mati will be leading the delegation from EHRS on **Tuesday 18 January 18:00-19:00** at 11 West Heath Road, London NW3 7UX. Lisa Bard will be leading the delegation from EHRS on **Tuesday 15 February 18:00-19:00** at 11 West Heath Road, London NW3 7UX.

If you plan to come, please email lisa.bard@ehrs.uk. If you want to support the campaign but can't join the protest please go to www.renecassin.org to find other ways you can help.

HELP REFUGEE CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS

Do you have a couple of hours to spare on Sundays when your child is busy in Orot? Why not use that time to help children who have not been so lucky, who had to flee their homeland and arrived in the UK on their own. The Separated Child Foundation needs you to compile Arrival Packs and Sleep Packs which we send out to unaccompanied child refugees up and down the country via charities and social services. We need you to join us in a self-storage unit at Staples Corner for a couple of hours between 10:00-14:00 on a Sunday to put new clothing and toiletries into a 'hug in a bag' for the children who arrive here on their own with so, so little. Contact lisa.bard@ehrs.uk for more information and visit www.separatedchild.org



SUPPORT THE HOMELESS

Comedy Night Fundraiser for Together in Barnet (TiB) - Watch the Comedy Store's website www.london.thecomedystore.co.uk for details of fundraisers for TiB on Mondays 17 and 24 January as well as Monday 21 March 2022.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT FOR BARNET'S HOMELESSNESS CHARITIES HOMELESS ACTION IN BARNET & TOGETHER IN BARNET

Save the date for our sponsored sleepout event on **Saturday 26 March 2022**. There will be options for families to sleepout in their own gardens as well as in the EHRS car park. Watch this space and websites of both charities for more details as they become available, www.togetherinbarnet.org, www.habcentre.org

HOTEL PROJECT NEEDS COOKS & DRIVERS

Together in Barnet are now providing accommodation for up to 16 rough sleepers in a hotel in Golders Green while a longer-term solution is sought. EHRS volunteers are cooking evening meals in advance, donating breakfast and delivering them to the hotel on Monday nights. Please email Lisa at nightshelter@ehrs.uk if you would like to get involved.

MENTORING & BEFRIENDING SCHEME

The aim of the Together in Barnet Mentoring and Befriending Project is to tackle isolation and loneliness as well as offering people engaging with Together in Barnet and Homeless Action in Barnet an opportunity to gain from the breadth of experience in the community. The sessions will be tailored to each person, who will set short, medium and long-

term goals, reviewing and developing these during the course of the project. Volunteers and the individuals engaging with the project can either choose to go down the befriending side of the project, or the mentoring side of the project, or a combination of both. Our hope is that this will cater to all individuals. Together in Barnet will then support both the volunteers' and individuals' journey throughout this project via regular communications and feedback sessions. If you would like to get involved, please contact Together in Barnet's Operations Manager amanda@togetherinbarnet.org for an initial chat to find out more.

Many Thanks for your support, Lisa Bard
Details of all our volunteering opportunities are on the EHRS website at www.ehrs.uk/socialaction

EDGWARE AND STANMORE ROTARY CLUB

has a lot of community projects to suit all ages and is looking for kindred spirits to join us.

We have various feeding programs, tackling food poverty, and work with the My Yard Charity, which supports 13 local groups, uniquely customising to the individuals' requirements. The need has never been greater and, put simply, the more volunteers, the more we can help. We also tackle loneliness and isolation, and need volunteers to keep in contact with some of the elderly recipients, by asking what food/cleaning supplies they need.

In addition, we have very exciting environmental projects, including an allotment in Bushey, where you can come and chill out. You can also help us do our bit for the planet by planting Mangroves, whilst getting fit in the process. Rotary has formed a partnership with Treetly, an App that rewards you for walking. It will cost you nothing to join and provided you complete 5000 steps, 5 times a week, you will be rewarded with one sapling. Simply by signing up, you will get one tree and be able to reduce your carbon footprint, one step at a time. Our club aims to plant 30000 trees by the end of June. To sign up, download the Treetly App and register to join our group: Ref T-19494.

For more information on any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact peterbradley4450@gmail.com/07788 750552

Peter Bradley, President Edgware and Stanmore Rotary club

Mitzvah Day and Chanukah the Nagila Way



I am writing this on a dark Sunday afternoon. It seemed only a few days ago that the clocks went forward and we had a whole summer with 16 hours of daylight to look forward to yet here we are, in the clutches of winter with its chilly winds and short days. So we were excited to use the opportunity that both Mitzvah Day and Chanukah gave us to bring a little joy during the cold dark nights.

It has always been important to us to ensure that the Nagila children, parents and teachers make a contribution to Mitzvah Day. We want to help the children to understand that doing a mitzvah can make a difference to the community around us. Through this they

can learn that carrying out a good deed or an act of kindness is an integral part of Jewish life and is the basis for Mitzvah Day. This year we combined our activities with Jewish Care's 'Go Purple for Jewish Care week' and made cards with our purple 'hand of friendship' for their residents. We also were delighted to be asked to create decorations for the EHRS Community Mitzvah Day Tea Party. The parents contributed individual "Show You Care" Kits for the Homeless. These were made up of personal hygiene items, food and other resources that are helpful for those struggling with homelessness. The children presented these to EHRS's very own Marian Cohen, in her role as a trustee for Homeless Action in Barnet.

And just as we had finished all our Mitzvah Day activities, we were soon deep into learning about the history and traditions of Chanukah. Our job as teachers is to find ways to bring Chanukah alive for the children in our care. We want to help them understand



that the candles serve as a reminder of what our ancestors achieved in their fight for freedom from the Greek Empire to follow their beliefs. The jug of oil which naturally should have lasted only one night, lasted eight; so every day we show them that we light one more candle to commemorate each night that the oil lasted. We teach them how to spin a dreidel and to understand that the 4 hebrew letters serve as an acronym for "Nes Gadol Haya Sham", or 'a great miracle happened there'. This year we were especially delighted to join in with EHRS Young Families' Friday morning Chanukah Stay and Play, where we enjoyed homemade doughnuts, fried in oil, to keep us all happy!

Milissa Seiler, Head of Nagila
nagila@ehrs.uk/020 8238 1022

EHRS COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY TEA PARTY 2021



On Sunday 21 November we hosted a wonderful Tea Party to bring the community together to mark Mitzvah Day! The afternoon welcomed attendees of all generations, our youngest participant just 4 weeks old! It was truly special to have members of the community together enjoying the Mitzvah of 'Hachnasat

Orchum' - Welcoming the guest! There was a delicious afternoon tea, full of cakes baked by volunteers, brownies made by our Brownie pack (of course!) and bridge rolls prepared by our wonderful team of Mitzvah Day volunteers. Participants enjoyed entertainment from Sidney Austin who wowed us with his singing and it was delightful to see the littlest ones dance alongside older participants, enjoying the live music. Throughout the tea 'make a mitzvah' craft activities were relished by many, where Chanukah cards were created to give out to the wider community, stones were

painted for our memorial garden, and Chollah cloths were made to gift to a special person in their lives. It was a truly intergenerational event, ending with Rabbi Mark playing his guitar for a sweet song session for our toddlers – but appreciated by all!

We hope to do this again next year, as we all had so much fun!

Your Mitzvah Day staff team –
Marian Cohen, Sarah Koster & Val Joseph



YOUNG ADULTS

Beer and Shiur, 20:00

Our Young Adults Programme includes our monthly learning opportunity 'Beer and Shiur' currently held on Zoom, and we will continue to consult about when it is sensible to begin to meet in person.

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 839 2128 5866 Password: 978112

Wednesday 12 January - Tu B'Shevat: Strengthening the trees of our lives: There is more to Tu B'Shevat than Jewish environmentalism.

Join rabbi Mati as we explore aspects of Tu B'Shevat that can help us on our journeys of personal growth.

Wednesday 9 February - You are Not Johnny No-Mates -

A World of Reform Judaism: In this session Rabbi Mark aims to connect you live with young adult Reform Jews around the world, in North and South America, Continental Europe, Israel, South Africa and Australasia for a truly extraordinary global conversation about what it means to choose to be a Reform Jew.

Wednesday 9 March - Did you know that the first nose job was performed by a Jew on a Jew? Join Rabbi Debbie as she takes a pre-Purim look at how and why Jews have disguised themselves through the ages!

MAZEL TOV! FOR EVERYONE GETTING MARRIED

With so many couples getting married in the coming year, we are delighted to invite all EHRS couples currently planning a wedding. Whether or not it will be under our auspices, a chuppah, or a mixed faith celebration, please join us on a course of learning, laughing and meeting others on the same journey.

If you can't come to all 3 sessions, please join us for 1 or 2.

To register please email junelewis@ehrs.uk.



Sessions will run from 20:00-21:15

Wednesday 19 January
Sheva Brachot

Seven ways to make your marriage ceremony a blessing. We will break into two groups to explore wedding ceremonies and mixed faith celebrations.

With Rabbis Mark and Debbie.

Wednesday 2 February
Bayit b'Yisrael

We will explore ways to create a Jewish home whether both of you or one of you is Jewish.

With Rabbi Mark.

Wednesday 16 February
Ahavah, Achavah, Shalom v'Reut
Love (and sex) and Judaism - what do the Rabbis know about making relationships work?

With Rabbi Debbie.

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Packers needed for our March/April LeDor VaDor & Pesach mailing

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This mailout is sent to the entire community.

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or email atj@ehrs.uk

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Rosh Chodesh, 20:00



Rabbi Debbie welcomes everyone who would like to learn at this monthly group.

Throughout 5782 (2021-22) our monthly Rosh Chodesh (New Moon) group is deepening their knowledge and engagement with Jewish rituals, ancient and new, sometimes a bit of both!

To register to stay updated on our monthly meetings please do so via our Together Groups page,

www.ehrs.uk/togethergroups. You can join us in person or on Zoom, though there will usually be an interactive element in the second half that will be enhanced by being present if you are able. Zoom details will be in the Our Week Ahead email.

Thursday 6 January: Shvat - In the coming month we will celebrate the Birthday of the Trees. Why do trees need a birthday? How have they been afforded special status through Jewish history? And what does it mean to ritualise our thanks every time we eat from a tree?

Thursday 3 February: Adar - Wrapping ourselves in Tallit. Early medieval paintings from Italy show women wearing Tallitot, and it is easy to read the Torah command as applying to everyone, so how and why did tallit become a thing men do? We will explore the history and halachah, before having an opportunity to learn to tie tzitzit (tassles) either as a keyring, or on a shawl/pashminah.

Thursday 3 March: Adar Sheni - What's in a name? Names in the Purim story have lots of hidden meanings, but our names also carry stories. We will explore different Jewish traditions of naming, when can names be changed, and have a chance to share the tales our names have to tell.

First Shabbat Shiur, 9:15-10:15

Our First Shabbat Shiurim are on all kinds of areas of Jewish life. You can join us in person at the Synagogue or at home using Zoom. If you then wish to attend the main Shabbat Service after the Shiur please ensure you have booked via the website.

Saturday 5 February - Storytelling & Midrash. At the end of National Storytelling week, and with Rabbi Debbie having just completed a 4 year storytelling course, we will delve into the role of storytelling and midrash in Judaism, and explore how they have enlivened and changed our texts and our lived experience.

Saturday 5 March - A Jewish knight in Shining Armour: when Rabbis were warriors. When EHRS recruited its Rabbinic team we did not question their military skills. Not so for Rabbi Shmuel HaNagid of Granada in Muslim Spain who was a Rabbi, a Talmudist a war poet and a field marshal. Hear his fascinating story and whet your appetite for a future EHRS trip to Cordoba and Granada with Rabbi Mark.

Zoom details in Our Week Ahead or email atj@ehrs.uk

Bite of Torah for everyone interested in Torah, 9:15-10:15

Learn Torah with our Rabbis at home using Zoom or in person. These sessions are full of new insights which bring Torah to life. If you then wish to attend the main Shabbat Service after the session please ensure you have booked via the website.

Saturday 15 January

Through the Red Sea Together. When the Israelites leave Egypt in our Torah portion Beshalach this week, they are joined by a mixed multitude of people who accompany them on their journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land. Rabbi Mark's shiur asks how our Judaism began to define who is a Jew, and thus part of our people Israel, and how this definition has developed over the millennia.

Saturday 19 February

Ki Tisa. In this week's Torah portion, Moses' face famously becomes radiant. Interestingly, Moses is not the only character in our tradition who gets such a 'glowing look'. How do they deal with it? Why do their faces glow? Come and join Rabbi Mati to study midrashim that shed some light on these questions.

Zoom details in Our Week Ahead or email atj@ehrs.uk

The EHRS EveryJew Cinema

We are hosting a cinema evening at EHRS each month. Popcorn provided and no need to book. Full details of the films can be found in the calendar section of the website.



Wednesday 5 January, 19:30-21:30 - Iyim Avudim / Lost Islands. It is a brilliant multi award winning Israeli romcom in Ivrit with English subtitles set in a provincial Israeli town in 1980. Hosted by Rabbi Mark. As always donations on the night voluntary, this time to the Israeli Reform Community in Shoham's campaign to build their first synagogue in the town, near Ben Gurion Airport.

Wednesday 16 February, 19:30-21:30 - Ida

Winning the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 2015, this film tells a story of an eponymous orphan Ida who survived the war hidden in a convent and now, disconnected from her family heritage, prepares to become a nun. Can we ever escape our family history? Join Rabbi Mati to find out.

Stonegrove Serenade

Stonegrove Serenade - Music for the Community

Tuesday 18 January, 13:00

EHRS is delighted to present Stonegrove Serenade, a series of lunchtime concerts at EHRS. On every third Tuesday of the month, please join us for music featuring up and coming classical musicians.

January Concert Programme: Schubert Rondo brilliant in B minor, D. 895 / Tchaikovsky Souvenir d'Un Lieu Cher, Op.42 / Elgar Sonata in E minor for Violin and Piano (1918), Op.82 / Paganini Variations on 'Di tanti palpiti', from Rossini's 'Tancredi', Op.13

All are welcome, please go to www.ehrs.uk/atj for full details of performers & to book. Admission Free, suggested Donation £5

We invite you to enjoy refreshments in our pop up cafe before the concert. **'Cafe 118' will be open 12:00, last orders at 12:45.** Please note when booking if you will be using the café before the concert.

Next Date: Tuesday 15 February, details will be provided in OWA or the EHRS website.

Talmud Class Sundays 2 & 23 January and 6 & 27 February, 10:00-11:00

EHRS's stimulating and friendly Talmud class is open to all levels of Jewish knowledge. Join Rabbi Mark to grapple with the ideas of our classical Rabbis. Join the discussion of 2000 years ago and its remarkable relevance to issues today.

No previous Talmud study experience necessary, just a thirst to get deep into the foundational texts of Judaism.

This class is conducted online through Zoom as discussion and argument is what it is all about!

Please email rabbi.mark@ehrs.uk to get the Zoom details and the Talmud texts we are studying.