

Edgware & Hendon Reform Synagogue

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2022/5783

Your guide to what's on in person & online





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A taste of what our community has to offer

Sunday 16 October, 11:00-13:00 followed by the EHRS AGM

Come and see us and find something you would like to get involved with in your community.

LIVE demonstrations and FREE entry

Free food for the first 200 people to register

There is definitely something for everyone at EHRS!

Register at www.ehrs.uk/fest2022

How to join us

In Person and Livestream Your Choices for the 5783 High Holy Days

This year we are delighted that our services at the Synagogue are fully open to in person attendance. Our regular High Holy Days ticket arrangements will ensure our security on site.

To help us manage the capacity of the various venues in our building we will ask you on the ticket application which services you plan to attend and your response will be very helpful to us.

Our services for Rosh Hashanah morning and all day Yom Kippur will use the Movement for Reform Judaism (formerly RSGB) Machzor from 1985, Days of Awe. We will use the draft new MRJ Machzor for Erev Rosh Hashanah. The Machzor (prayer book) that we will be using will also be accessible on screen if you are joining us online.

Though the best experience of all that EHRS offers will be in person, you can also join us online for most of our services on our website, **www.ehrs.uk.** Select 'Pray Together' at the top of the webpage and click your choice of Classic Channel (for our services from the Beit Tefillah - Synagogue sanctuary) or Learning and Soul Channel (some parallel services, learning and discussions). Many activities also include a Zoom option to help the experience to be much more active.



Elul

Elul is our month of preparation to get us ready for the spiritual work of the High Holy Days. This year there will be a series of preparatory workshops with our Rabbis. Visit the website **www.ehrs.uk/hhd** or OWA emails for full details of what is on offer.

Where Zoom is listed as an option please email admin@ehrs.uk for details

Soul Candles Rosh Hodesh Thursday 1 September, 20:00-21:30

You are warmly invited to join our Rosh Hodesh Group, who this year have been focusing on rituals, to rediscover and perform the ritual of Soul Candles, remembering our loved ones in Elul and bringing a lost ritual back to life. Ideally join us in person in order to create candles together, or email Rabbi Debbie at rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk for details on resources to join us from home. These candles may be lit at our alternative Yizkor service on Yom Kippur if you wish.

First Shabbat Shiur Saturday 3 September, 9:15-10:15

Can Yom Kippur be a conversion moment?
Audacious Jews - Franz Rosenzweig. Join returning guest speaker Jonathan Bergwerk to learn more about this modern Jewish philosopher who was nearly lost to Christianity until he had an extraordinary experience on Yom Kippur 1913! Hosted by Rabbi Debbie in person and on Zoom.

Bite of Elul Torah Saturday 17 September, 9:15-10:15

During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we have plenty of opportunity in our services and shiurim to consider the special Torah portions. What about the Haftarot that accompany them? The choice of Jonah for Yom Kippur afternoon seems obvious - how about the others? Why were they chosen and what do they ask us to consider at this special time of the year?

Elul

Shabbat B'Bayit

Saturday 17 September, 11:00-12:00

Transforming ourselves for the High Holy Days begins in Elul. On the eve of Selichot join us on Zoom or on the EHRS Facebook Page for an informal reflective space to help us prepare for the High Holy Days.

Cornerstone - Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, an introduction for all

Tuesday 20 September, 20:00-21:30

Learn the meaning and practice of our High Holy Days from the ground up with Rabbi Debbie in person or on Zoom.

Honey Cake Bake Cookalong Wednesday 21 September, 20:00

Join our monthly cookalongs for a special in person community cookalong. We will be attempting the mammoth task of creating enough honey cake to feed the community at Rosh Hashanah Kiddush! Please register to join us by emailing Rabbi Debbie at rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk This will take place in the Community Centre. To join our Zoom cookalongs throughout the year you can register via our Together Groups website page, www.ehrs.uk/togethergroups

Kuddle Up Tishri Friday 23 September, 16:15-16:45

Join Rabbi Mark and the Shabbat Dinosaur at EHRS for stories and songs that will take you on a journey from Rosh Hashanah to Simchat Torah so that you can make sense of this busy Jewish month of Tishri. Best for younger children. You can come from 15:45 for a play date at shul!

Selichot

Selichot Choral Service & Film Saturday 17 September, 20:30-00:10

Selichot is a beautiful way to bring yourself towards the High Holy Days and to enhance their spiritual impact. We come together on Saturday evening to hear for the first time the sound of the High Holy Days and the poems which search our souls.

We will start the evening with the Israeli film 'Footnote' which won the award for Best Screenplay at the Cannes Film Festival and was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film. 'Footnote' asks the question: how far do we need to go to honour our parents? Israeli academic Eliezer Shkolnik gets a letter informing him that he is in line for the prestigious Israel Prize. The problem is that this letter was meant to go to his rather more eminent academic son Uriel Shkolnik. When Uriel is told of the mistake what should he do? An engaging ethical quandary for the High Holy Days!

After a break for refreshments, at 23:00 we will begin our beautiful choral service led by our rabbis, our Cantors and featuring the EHRS Choir.

Memorial Services

Sunday 18 September, from 10:45

EHRS is arranging short collective Memorial Services in the Prayer Halls at

Cheshunt Western (11:00)

Cheshunt Woodlands (11:45)

Edgwarebury Lane (12:00)

Southgate (10:45)

cemeteries, following which people can visit the graves of family and friends to say a prayer & Kaddish. We will also hold a service at EHRS (11:00) and on the EHRS Classic Channel Livestream for those whose relatives were cremated or who are buried elsewhere or who cannot attend in person.

The High Holy Days at EHRS

The High Holy Days at EHRS Tradition, Choice and Jewish Spiritual Innovation

The EHRS High Holy Days Co-ordinator, Michael Weber, our High Holy Days Committee, our Rabbis, Music Director, Education and Youth and Administration teams start work on the High Holy Days every year around Pesach time.

We are aiming to create, with our congregation, experiences of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to help you be comfortable in our services, with time honoured prayers and melodies. We also aim for you to gain from experiences that challenge and build your perspective of what it means to stop every year, review the past and resolve to make next year better. We aim for the whole of the High Holy Day period to be engaging for all ages and to give plenty of choice so you can find what will work well for you. Do let your Rabbis know if there is anything you would like us to make possible next year or which you found especially meaningful this year. We aim for tradition, choice and Jewish spiritual innovation.

What is the difference between a service in the Beit Tefillah (Sanctuary) and the Upper Synagogue?

Except where specified in the description, there is no difference and the content of the services is the same! Our Beit Tefillah of course is much larger holding several hundred people whilst our Upper Synagogue on the first floor (with lift access) holds around two hundred. Some find the intimacy of the Upper Synagogue works best for them and some find the grandeur of our Beit Tefillah fits their needs better. You can choose to go wherever suits you. All of our family and children's services take place in the EHRS Community Centre First Floor.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Sunday 25 September

Where Zoom is listed as an option please email admin@ehrs.uk for details

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 19:30-20:40

We open with the service which brings us into the High Holy Days, led by all of our Rabbis. Sermon given by Rabbi Jackie Tabick.

Know for whom the Shofar blows, 20:00-20:30

Join Rabbi Mark in the Upper Synagogue or on Zoom. When you hear the Shofar call what will it ask of you this year? What does this time of the Jewish year mean to you? A chance to talk with each other as the High Holy Days begin.

First Day Rosh Hashanah Monday 26 September

Where Zoom is listed as an option please email admin@ehrs.uk for details

Kitzur (Shortened) Shacharit and Musaf (Additional) Service, 8:30-10:00

A shortened service in the Beit Tefillah with the main features of Rosh Hashnah morning condensed into 90 minutes. Includes one of our two Torah readings, Rabbi Mark Goldsmith's sermon and the calls of the Shofar. This service will not be Livestreamed.

Shacharit & Musaf (Additional) Service, Beit Tefillah and Upper Synagogue, 10:30-13:00

The full morning service which includes the reading of Torah, the story of Hagar and Ishmael, and Haftarah and with the sermon given by Rabbi Mark Goldsmith, followed by the special service for Rosh Hashanah where we hear the haunting and inspiring sound of the Shofar and recognise the significance of the New Year. Also Livestreamed on the Classic Channel.

Rosh Hashanah Kiddush, 13:00-13:15

Just like Shabbat, we come together as a community for Kiddush on Zoom. We get the chance to speak with each other and create a sense of community for those who were not able to attend Synagogue in person.

Community Centre

Early Years Service, 9:30-10:15

This service is created for children aged 0-6 and their families, led by Rabbi Debbie. Enjoy apple and honey to taste the sweetness of the New Year and this active service with songs and stories and Shofar especially for you.

Primary Years Service, 10:30-11:30

Our interactive family service for anyone aged 6-11 and their families, led by Rabbi Mark, with our up close Torah reading using EHRS's own TorahCam and great music.

Youth Service, 11:45-12:30

Especially for people aged 11+ and their families, Rabbi Debbie and EHRS Youth Leader Jack Murphy lead our service that takes you into the next year of your life.

Stay and Schmooze and Youth Tashlich, 9:45-12:00

On the ground floor of the Community Centre, we invite you to hang out following the Early Years Service or before or after the Primary Years Sevice, for a cuppa and conversation for adults and craft for the children. There will be the opportunity to perform Tashlich (symbolically throwing our sins to the waters) in the specially created Nagila River.

Tashlich in the Park, 17:00-17:30

Our Rabbis and EHRS Team members are leading outside events in four local parks on Rosh Hashanah and you are warmly invited to come and join us for a beautiful feeling of community.

Tashlich is the ceremony of throwing bread on the waters to represent washing our sins away on the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

Locations are:

- -Edgware with Rabbi Mark
- Borehamwood with Rabbi Debbie
- Hendon with Rabbi Jackie
- with Val Joseph, Head of EHRS Community Care
 Please bring breadcrumbs or preferably duck food.



Second Day Rosh Hashanah Tuesday 27 September

Where Zoom is listed as an option please email admin@ehrs.uk for details

Shacharit and Musaf Service, 10:30-12:45

The morning service in the Beit Tefillah includes the reading of Torah, the Akedah, with Abraham and Isaac, and Haftarah with the D'var Torah given by Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers, continuing with the special service for Rosh Hashanah where we again hear the haunting and inspiring sound of the Shofar and build upon the significance of the New Year. Livestreamed on the Classic Channel

Bite of Apple & Honey Torah Study, 10:30-11:30

Rosh Hashanah is framed by the stories of Ishmael and Isaac. This year, join Rabbi Jackie Tabick in the Upper Synagogue or on Zoom as we go deeper into the text of the Hagar and Akedah narratives and the tough issues these Torah portions raise.

Earth's Birthday Family Service, 10:30-11:30

This service, in the Community Centre, is for young people up to age 10 and their families, led by Rabbi Debbie and Marian Cohen. Together we are going to create a birthday for the world in the tradition of Rosh Hashanah. Celebrate another year in the life of your planet.

Earth's Birthday Youth Activities, 10:30-11:30

Join EHRS Youth Leader Jack Murphy in the EHRS Beit Midrash to celebrate the Earth on her traditional birthday. For young people aged 11+.

The Ten Days

The days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are opportunities for us to prepare ourselves for the extraordinary experience that is Yom Kippur. You can prepare cognitively, spiritually and physically through these three sessions. Our Machzor, Days of Awe, includes daily readings to help keep you on a journey of repentance (p248-258).

Where Zoom is listed as an option please email admin@ehrs.uk for details

First Shabbat Shiur Saturday 1 October, 9:15-10:15

Baking the Machzor Pudding. Since the inception of the project in 2012 a group of Reform Rabbis and Cantors have been working on creating our new Machzor for the High Holy Days which will replace the 1985 edition of Days of Awe. The Chair of the Machzor Editorial Group is EHRS's Rabbi Mark Goldsmith. How are we doing? Is the Machzor nearly ready? At EHRS or on Zoom.

Shabbat Shuvah for the Soul Saturday 1 October, 10:30-12:00

This service, led by Rabbi Mark, will use some of the new prayers, poems and meditations from our forthcoming Reform Judaism Machzor to help you to get ready to make the most of Yom Kippur this year. At EHRS or on Zoom.

Reverse Tashlich at Welsh Harp Reservoir Sunday 2 October, 10:45-12:15

EHRS and West London Synagogue come together to help take the rubbish out of the water (rather than throwing bread into it!) at Welsh Harp Reservoir, on the A5. Together we are part of the global Jewish waterfront clean up, www.repairthesea.org/rt2022. Rabbi Mark and the EHRS Environment Action Team invite all to join us to make a difference. Please let us know you are coming. Please email admin@ehrs.uk and we will send you the details.

Kol Nidre

Tuesday 4 October Fast Begins 18:17

Kol Nidre Service, 19:00-21:10

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, opens with the plaintive song Kol Nidre in this service that sets the pattern for the day. Three Torah Scrolls represent our spiritual Beit Din at the opening of the service. Sermon given by Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers. Our service in the Beit Tefillah (Sanctuary) will have no instrumental music. This service will be Livestreamed on the EHRS Classic Channel.

Our service in the Upper Synagogue will include two pieces played by Samuel Weinstein, Cello Scholar at the Royal College of Music.

Chill Nidre, 19:10-20:10

This experience, for young people aged 11+, led by EHRS Youth Worker, Jack Murphy, will take place in the new Sensory Room on the Upper Floor Community Centre to help you to find a spiritually nourishing place to start your Yom Kippur experience for this year.

How does Yom Kippur work when you are not sure about God?, 20:20-21:00

An opportunity to work with Rabbi Mark in the Beit Midrash, as we explore the meaning of Yom Kippur, whether or not you think that God exists. A safe space to discuss belief, doubt and commitment and the spiritual journey that we can make on Yom Kippur.

Wednesday 5 October

Fast ends 19:16

Blue - classic service Brown - parallel adult session Green - children/youth session

Where Zoom is listed as an option for services, activities or study sessions all day please email admin@ehrs.uk for details

Early Years Service, 09:30-10:15

Our active service in the Community Centre with songs and Shofar is created for children aged o-6 and their families, led by Rabbi Mark.

Stay and Schmooze, 10:15-12:00

In the ground floor of the Community Centre, we invite you to hang out following the Early Years Service or before or after the Primary Years Service, for conversation for adults and craft for the children.

Shacharit, 10:30-13:30

The morning service to take us on a journey of Teshuvah, Atonement, which includes the reading of Torah and Haftarah and with the Sermon given by Rabbi Jackie Tabick, Head of the Movement for Reform Judaism Beit Din. This service takes place in the Beit Tefillah and the Upper Synagogue and is Livestreamed on the Classic Channel.

Primary Years Service, 10:45-11:45

Our family service in the Community Centre for anyone aged 6-11 and their families, led by Rabbi Debbie, with our up close Torah reading using EHRS's own TorahCam.

Yom Kippur B'Bayit, 12:00-13:00

Join EHRS members Kevin Darvill and Andie Lucas live on **Zoom Meeting ID: 811 3649 1270 Password: 255809** or on the EHRS Facebook page for Yom Kippur B'Bayit (at home), an engaging Yom Kippur experience with conversation, stories, & reflections.

Musaf, 13:45-15:35

Our Musaf service, in the Beit Tefillah only or on the Classic Channel, is the dramatic service in which we remember the Temple service for Yom Kippur and as part of recognising the loss and development from this ritual, we remember those who lost or dedicated their lives for Kiddush HaShem (the sanctification of God's name). We will include new remembrances from the upcoming Reform Judaism Machzor.

Youth Service, 14:00-14:45

Especially for people aged 11+ and their families, Rabbi Mark and EHRS Youth Leader, Jack Murphy, lead this musical Yom Kippur service with real life stories on the theme of forgiveness. Taking place in the Community Centre.

Youth Stay and Schmooze, 14:45-15:45

Stay for ten minutes or the whole session in the Community Centre with EHRS Youth Leader, Jack Murphy, with all kinds of activities for Yom Kippur to help to give the day meaning and interest.

Neshamah Avodah, 14:00-14:45

Experience a meditative journey through the Yom Kippur Temple service using Yoga and Jewish meditation with Lisa Morris and Rabbi Jackie Tabick, taking place in the Upper Synagogue.

No Beer Still a Shiur - How is Yom Kippur anything like Purim?! 15:00-15:40

The Talmud says Yom Kippur is like Purim - how does that work, and what does it mean for different Jewish communities and how they mark Yom Kippur? Join Rabbi Debbie whether you are a regular or a newbie to our Young Adults Beer and Shiur monthly learning. In person in the Upper Synagogue, on Zoom or the Learning and Soul Channel.

Minchah, 15:35-17:05

The Yom Kippur Afternoon service, in the Beit Tefillah only or on the Classic Channel, focuses around the reading of the Book of Jonah. Led by Rabbi Jackie Tabick.

Talmud study session, 15:40-16:25

Rabbi Mark will take you into the discussions of our Rabbis two thousand years ago into what they made of Yom Kippur. In the style of EHRS's fortnightly popular Talmud Class. In person in the Upper Synagogue, on Zoom or the Learning & Soul Channel.

Yom Kippur Discussion 16:30-17:05

Do you have a favourite reading or prayer from the Machzor that speaks to you each year? Or that you've particularly noticed this year? Bring it along for an informal exploration of some of our favourite pieces, whether liturgy or reflection, with Rabbi Debbie. In person in the Upper Synagogue, on Zoom or the Learning and Soul Channel.

Yizkor, 17:15-18:00

Our memorial service to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us including the reading of the names of those we have lost this year. Led by EHRS Emeritus Rabbi Steven Katz in the Beit Tefillah and Classic Channel with sermon given by Rabbi Steven. Also led by Rabbi Mark Goldsmith in the Upper Synagogue with sermon given by Rabbi Mark.

This Year I am remembering - a personal Yizkor, 17:15-18:00

A special Yizkor service, led by Rabbi Debbie, in which we will pray and take time in small groups to remember those we have lost. For those who attended our Soul Candles session in Elul this will be an opportunity to light your candle. In person in the Beit Midrash, on Zoom or the Learning and Soul Channel.

Yizkor Space for Young People, 17:15-18:30

While the Yizkor services take place Marian Cohen and EHRS Youth Leader, Jack Murphy have created a space in the Community Centre for children and young people to be together on Yom Kippur. During the session we will explore what it means to remember someone special and how in our lives we can deal with loss and change when it happens.

Neilah, 18:10-19:15

Our concluding service for Yom Kippur led by our Rabbis in the Beit Tefillah, as the Gates of Repentance draw to a close. Also Livestreamed on the Classic Channel.

Meditative Neilah, 18:10-19:15

Join our Rabbis in the Upper Synagogue for an opportunity to experience the closing of the gates in a quiet space with prayer, poetry, Kabbalistic mystical text and Jewish meditation, enabling us to take the closing hour into our souls.

Neilah and Havdallah for Young People, 18:30-19:21 EHRS Youth Leader Jack Murphy and Marian Cohen bring Yom Kippur to a close with a special session in the Beit Midrash of talk, prayer and craft to help young people of all ages to end Yom Kippur with meaning. You will also help to hold the Havdallah candles for the whole community at 19:16.

Yom Kippur Bedtime Story 18:45-19:05

Sarah Koster, EHRS Young Families Lead shares a story to complete the day of Yom Kippur for those who are heading to bed at this time. Join Sarah on Zoom at home.

Havdallah, 19:16-19:21

At the end of the Yom Kippur fast we all join together for the short concluding ceremony for Yom Kippur and the very first act of building our Sukkah. Also Livestreamed on the Classic Channel.

Sukkot

Sukkot gives us a brilliant opportunity as a community to get together outdoors. The Sukkah we build together creates a beautiful space for our community to be together and to appreciate the harvest of the world, as our ancestors have for millennia. Please bring your welcome gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers and greenery for the EHRS Sukkah from Thursday 6 October (08:30 until 17:30).

Erev Sukkot Sunday 9 October

Sukkah Decorating Party, 11:00-12:30

Our Sukkah this year is a treat for all our five senses. We are opening the unique sensory room in the EHRS Youth Centre on Sukkot which will provide a calming and special space for all of us on our Synagogue campus. Our aim this year is to make our Sukkah appeal to our eyes, ears, noses, hands and tastebuds! Come anytime to EHRS during the party and join us at our fruit and veg craft stalls, bring a musical instrument to join into the 'Etrog Jam Session', help build the Sukkah itself (please bring some vegetation or fruit/veg to hang in the Sukkah), enjoy lunch on one of our food stalls and have fun on one of the special attractions. An outdoor festival of fun for all ages.

Please book at www.ehrs.uk/event/sukkahparty2022. You are welcome to help build the Sukkah from 10:00.

Pre Sukkot Tea Party, 17:45

In the Talmud Rabbis called Sukkot the happiest festival so come and join our EHRS Tea party before our evening service. We will put the finishing touches to our Sukkah and add to the five sensory experiences for all who visit the Sukkah.

Erev Sukkot Service, 18:30-19:30

finishing with Kiddush in the Sukkah.

Sukkot

Sukkot Monday 10 October

Morning Service, 10:30-12:30

finishing with Kiddush in the Sukkah.

Led by EHRS Emeritus Rabbi Danny Smith and Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers.

Natural Treasure Hunt Family Sukkot Service, 11:00-12:30

Our service is a mostly outdoors journey of discovery with Rabbi Mark Goldsmith and Marian Cohen. We celebrate Sukkot in the natural world that we especially appreciate on this festival. Finishing with Kiddush in the Sukkah.

Tuesday 11 & Thursday 13 October

EHRS's Open Sukkah, 16:30-17:30 Come and join our Rabbis for a cup of tea and a wave of the Lulav in our Sukkah.



Wednesday 12 October

Beer and Shiur in the Sukkah, 20:00

Our Sukkah turns into a beer garden and restaurant for one night only as we enjoy fruit beers and a catered dinner with Sukkot themed learning for young adults with Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers. Please book at www.ehrs.uk/youngadults, the dinner cost including beers is £10.

Friday 14 October

Kuddle Up Sukkot in the Sukkah in Person, 16:15-16:45

Come and join our Rabbis in the Sukkah for songs, stories and the chance to wave the Lulav especially for our youngest children and their parents & carers. You are welcome to arrive and play from 15:45.

Simchat Torah

This is our festival where we celebrate with simchah (joy) the end of our cycle of Torah reading at the end of Deuteronomy and begin the Torah at Genesis again.

Erev Simchat Torah Sunday 16 October

Simchat Torah Procession Preparation Party, 18:00

Join our Rabbis & educators



to get your flags and banners and dances ready for our Simchat Torah Hakkafah (procession) in the service that begins at 18:30, with special treats for the festival! For all young people.

Erev Simchat Torah Service, 18:30-19:30

Including the Hakkafot where we dance with our Sifrei Torah.

Simchat Torah Monday 17 October

Toratastic Family Service, 10:30

Our family experience begins with your opportunity to make your own set of rimonim (Torah bells) to make a racket in the procession as we join the Hakkafot where we dance with our Sifrei Torah.

Simchat Torah Morning Service, 10:30

Our service where we finish reading the Torah at the end of Deuteronomy and start again in Genesis, with the help of our Chatanim and Kallot Torah and Bereshit Ari Coen, Anna Flash, Shirley Lever and Laurence Stein and our Youth Chatnim Bereshit Reece Crugman and Jack Dannell, and including the Hakkafot where we dance with our Sifrei Torah.

