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We are delighted to invite our members to a siyyum (celebration of a new scroll) in the name of Rabbi Neil Kraft z'l

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The normal office operating hours are Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 5pm, Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm, Sundays 10am to 12.30am. You are welcome to call or visit during these times. The office is not staffed on Shabbat and festivals. If you wish to see a specific member of staff, please call in advance to ensure that they are available. The telephone is operated during the normal office hours. You can email to admin@ehrs.uk. Emails and messages will be checked during the normal operating hours.

If you need to advise of a death or arrange a funeral, outside of the normal hours, please call the JJBS directly on 020 8989 5252

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

Our EHRS Rabbinic Team are always happy to hear from you, please contact their Personal Assistant, June Lewis on 020 8238 1002 or june.lewis@ehrs.uk

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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

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

3 Sept - Harley Joseph, son of Adam and Lara.

10 September - Jacob Garner, son of James and Harriet.

17 September - Charlotte Wilson, daughter of James and Sarah.

24 September - Ruby Icklow, daughter of Paul and Katie.

1 October - Lola Rosenthal, daughter of Robert and Tanya.

8 October - Jayden Seder, son of Arron and Natasha.

15 October - Max Wilson, son of Toby and Joanna.

22 October - Harrison Press, son of Jason and Natalie.

AUFRUFS

10 September - Maya Solnitzky and Alex Gold.

1 October - Lucy Tash and Michael Lewis.

8 October - Rebecca Wainer and Dexter Baum.

WEDDINGS

Mazel Tov to Steven and Suzanne Lazarus on the marriage of their daughter, Rosie Lazarus to Shlomi Hai in Israel. Mazel Tov to grandparents Marilyn and Alan Lazarus.

BIRTHDAYS

Mazel Tov to Henry Mincer on his 83rd birthday and second Bar Mitzvah.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mazel Tov to Jack and Jeanette Marks on their Platinum Wedding Anniversary.

SPECIAL MAZEL TOV

We wish Mazel Tov to Anton Jaffe who was the 1000th Bar and Bat Mitzvah twin with Yad Vashem, twinning his Bar Mitzvah with that of Jehudah Juger who was murdered in the Shoah.

CONDOLENCES

To Shirley Rosen on the loss of her husband, and Patricia Rosen on the loss of her father, Ronald Rosen.

To Arlene Gerold on the loss of her husband, Melvyn Gerold.

To David Diamond on the loss of his wife, Pamela Diamond.

To Richard Spencer on the loss of his mother, Sybil Sinclair.

To Shelley Fields-Portelli on the loss of her mother, Lesley Fields.

To Martin Dannell on the loss of his brother, Geoffrey Dannell.

To Sue Casale on the loss of her brother, Barry Faber.

To the family of Minnie Russell-Harris.

To the family of Ruth Gitlin.

To the family of Adrienne Gilmore.

To the family of Richard Berelson.

TOMBSTONE CONSECRATIONS

4 September

14:00 at Cheshunt Cemetery – in memory of Martin David Brody.

30 October

14:00 at Cheshunt Cemetery – in memory of Ian Lee.

NEW MEMBERS:

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

Sophia Hardy

Gabriella Fields

AGM

This year's EHRS Annual General Meeting will take place on **Sunday 16 October at 13:00.**

Please do come along as we say thank you to our current Chairman Janet Brand and vote in our new Chairman and the rest of our Council.

The AGM follows our big event 'EHRS Fest', please see the centre pages of this edition of LeDor VaDor for details. We look forward to seeing you.

SERVICES

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

Our Erev Shabbat Service takes place every Friday Evening. 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.

Danescroft Dinner

Friday 28 October, 19:20-21:00

Rabbi Mark warmly welcomes you to a bring and share Shabbat dinner after our Friday night service. Please bring a non-meat dish to share, main course or dessert. Everyone of all ages is welcome and we would be especially delighted to welcome members of EHRS who were members of Hendon Reform Synagogue prior to our merger in 2017. Our two ex-EHRS members' get togethers earlier this year at EHRS were a delight and this Friday night dinner was one of the ideas that came from them! Please let us know that you are coming by emailing admin@ehrs.uk or call 020 8238 1000.

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!

Kuddle Up Sukkot in the Sukkah

Friday 14 October, 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.

Shabbat Morning Service 10:30-12:30

Our Shabbat Morning Service is held in the EHRS Beit Tefillah (sanctuary). The service is also available on the EHRS Livestream Classic Channel.

Shabbat Service to celebrate three decades of the 3rd Edgware Brownies

Saturday 26 November, 10:30

Were you a Brownie in the 3rd Edgware unit at any time in its history? The Brownies has recently closed at EHRS

after an excellent run of many years under the leadership of Marilyn Albert and many other dedicated women. Come and join Marilyn and your fellow Brownies past and recent as we celebrate all that they achieved - from gleaming High Holy Days silverware to greatly appreciated social service.

We would love to involve you in the service if you can let june.lewis@ehrs.uk know that you are coming or phone 020 8238 1000.

Early Risers Service

Saturdays 10 September & 8 October, 9:30-11:00

This especially friendly 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 our Rabbis.

Shabbat Shirah

Saturdays 10 September & 8 October, 11:15-12:15

This is EHRS's Shabbat morning experience for 0-100's with rhythm in their souls, featuring a live band, an energetic Shabbat service suitable for children of all ages, a Torah reading and the chance for everyone to participate in making the music. Led by our Rabbis. If you play an instrument and would like to be part of the band let Rabbi Mark know at rabbi.mark@ehrs.uk so he can invite you in.

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.

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.

Shabbat Club and Birthday Blessings

Saturdays 24 September & 29 October, 11:15-12:15

Our Shabbat experience for up to 11 year olds to enjoy parasha and Shabbat themed activities, stories and songs. If it is your birthday this month or in August then at the end of the service in the Beit Tefillah (main Synagogue) we would love to celebrate with you with a birthday blessing just before Kiddush at 12:30.

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.

Friday Night Lights

Friday 7 October, 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.

Spirituality of Sukkot Service

Saturday 15 October, 10:30-12:15

Join Rabbi Debbie in the Sukkah (weather permitting, or the Bet Midrash if it rains) to explore the inner, spiritual side of this most physical of festivals. Poetry, song and learning will combine for this special morning service. We will join the congregation for Kiddush.

Sunday Shacharit 09:30-10:00

Join our weekly Sunday Shacharit in the EHRS Beit Midrash.

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.



and EHRS has been, with every passing month, increasingly a hive of activity. Our Synagogue services are back to normal and our Synagogue halls thrum with the delight of Zumba Gold and the Kaytana & Kadima Summer camp among so many great community-involving activities. Jewish communities have reinvigorated themselves so many times in our history - we have overcome wars, persecutions, oppression and even apparent cultural irrelevance, and EHRS has found its way out of a global pandemic with care, innovation and enthusiastic, safe community building.

This year is going to include for our Synagogue a major campaign to make membership of EHRS ever more worthwhile. We begin with the EHRS Fest on Sunday 16 October, of which you will find details on the centre pages of this edition of LeDor VaDor. Almost fifty stalls will entice you with a wide variety of ways to get involved in your community, though our Together Groups, run by members, through committees

that drive the work of the Shul, through classes to increase your Jewish learning, through care volunteering and so much more. In this year when the cost of living is bound to rise, your Synagogue brings you so many opportunities to enhance life for free or at minimal cost. We are also here to help with our EHRS Welfare Fund and our EHRS Jewish Participation Fund just a phone call or email away to one of our Rabbis to aid when you are struggling or when you want to join into a Summer Camp or Jewish learning opportunity but cannot afford it.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur ask us to review our lives, especially the past year. Then Sukkot and Simchat Torah, the two most joyful festivals of the year shout 'L'Chaim', find your way to life with all its blessings. That is what your Synagogue is for, a constant support and enhancement of life.

Rabbi Debbie and I wish you L'Shanah tovah u'metukah. Let EHRS help you to enjoy a good and sweet year ahead.

Rabbi Mark Goldsmith

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For full details of everything we have on offer this year, please visit the website www.ehrs.uk/hhd or refer to the High Holy Day Brochure for 2022.

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.

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Erev Rosh Hashanah - Sunday 25 September

We will begin with our Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 19:30-20:40, and offer a study session Know for whom the Shofar blows, 20:00-20:30

First Day Rosh Hashanah - Monday 26 September

We will hold an early Kitzur (Shortened) Shacharit and Musaf (Additional) Service at 8:30, and a Shacharit & Musaf (Additional) Service, at 10:30. We also have an Early Years Service, Primary Years Service, and a Youth Service running parallel. From 17:00-17:30 we will have our Tashlich in the Park in various local locations.

Second Day Rosh Hashanah - Tuesday 27 September

Our morning Shacharit and Musaf Service will take place at 10:30 with a parallel study session Bite of Apple & Honey Torah Study, Earth's Birthday Family Service, and Earth's Birthday Youth Activities.

Kol Nidre - Tuesday 4 October (Fast Begins 18:17)

Our Kol Nidre Service will begin at 19:00, and we will have a Chill Nidre, for young people aged 11+. We will also have a study session on this evening, How does Yom Kippur work when you are not sure about God?

Yom Kippur - Wednesday 5 October (Fast ends 19:16)

Throughout the day on Yom Kippur, you will have the choice of our classic services such as Shacharit, Musaf, Minchah, Yizkor and Neilah, as well as a variety of parallel adult study sessions such as Yom Kippur B'Bayit, Neshamah Avodah, No Beer Still a Shiur and Talmud study session. We also have many young children and youth services on offer. The day will end with Havdallah.

Sukkot - Sunday 9 - Monday 10 October

On Erev Sukkot Sunday 9 October, please join us for our Sukkah Decorating Party, 11:00-12:30. For full details and to book please go to www.ehrs.uk/sukkahparty2022. We will also be holding a Pre Sukkot Tea Party, 17:45, and our Erev Sukkot Service, 18:30-19:30.

On Sukkot Monday 10 October our Morning Service, 10:30-12:30 where we will be joined by EHRS Emeritus Rabbi Danny Smith. There will also be a Natural Treasure Hunt Family Sukkot Service, 11:00-12:30. During Sukkot you will also be able to join our Rabbis for a cup of tea and a wave of the Lulav in our Sukkah.

Simchat Torah - Sunday 16 - Monday 17 October

On Erev Simchat Torah Sunday 16 October, we will hold our Simchat Torah Procession Preparation Party, 18:00, followed by the Erev Simchat Torah Service, 18:30-19:30 which includes the Hakkafof where we dance with our Sifrei Torah.

On Simchat Torah morning, all families are invited to join us for the Toratastic Family Service, 10:30, which will run parallel to our Simchat Torah Morning Service, 10:30, where we will celebrate this year's Chatanim. The names of our Chatanim can be found on page 9 of this edition of LeDor VaDor.



I find it hard to believe we are already in the lead up to Yom Tov - where has this year gone! Since my last new year message EHRS has sprung back into life in so many areas after the pandemic. While we are still being careful, it is wonderful to see so many activities and people back in the building.

I am particularly thrilled that so many activities are now taking place for members organised by the members themselves in our Together Groups. With a little help from our wonderful admin

staff to point them in the right direction, we now have groups that meet on such diverse things as Whiskey Tasting, Foraging and TV Addicts to name but a few. We also have new groups about to spring into action, such as music of the Shaking Sixties. It is wonderful to see members coming together for something other than services, to enjoy all that we have to offer as a community. So, if there is something you enjoy and wonder if others might have similar hobbies, come to the office and we'll help you put the word out there.

While mentioning services, this has been another tricky year. Numbers are slowly increasing for our regular Shabbat services, but I understand that some of you may still find it difficult to come into the building for these. I am ever grateful to our tech team who continue to bring the services into our homes for those who cannot attend in person. Other services, such as those for young people, and our parallel services, are gaining in popularity. Having changed our Bar Mitzvah classes to a Friday afternoon, our Friday night services are growing with young people, many of whom are learning how to take services themselves. It is very exciting to see the next generation growing in confidence.

I must mention all our wonderful Rabbis at this point. Last Yom Tov we were eagerly awaiting the arrival of Rabbi Mati Kirschenbaum as our third Rabbi. He joined us in November 2021, but unfortunately has had to leave due to personal reasons. We wish him well for all his future endeavours. Since then, we have continued to enjoy the benefits of having fantastic locums - Rabbi Jackie Tabick and Rabbi Roberta Harris-Eckstein have done a great job helping us out during this time. Rabbi Tabick will be supporting us during the coming High Holy Days, and I wish her well with that. Moving forward we have been fortunate to secure Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovitch on a one year contract from this November until after next year's High Holy Days, while we start another recruitment process for a permanent third rabbi. Rabbi Tanya has worked with Rabbis Mark and Debbie before, and they are looking forward to renewing that relationship.

Talking of Rabbis Mark and Debbie, I want to thank them for their constant support, hard work and effort during this year. I know it has not been easy for them being only two instead of three, and I really appreciate all they have done and are continuing to do to move this community forward.

This is my last message to you as Chairman of EHRS as I will be stepping down after 40 months, at the coming AGM on Sunday 16 October. Due to the pandemic, it has not been the chairmanship I thought it would be, but has been challenging in different ways. I want to thank all those volunteers, too numerous to mention, for their support. I also want to thank the admin staff, particularly Perry and Martine, for their help and guidance, the caretaking staff, our wonderful choir, wardens, tech team, youth and teaching staff, and of course, our Rabbis, for making this time so special for me. If I have left anybody out, it is not intentional, and I hope you will forgive me. I believe EHRS is a much-changed place from the shul I took over - I hope the changes are for the better for our future. I just wanted to say it has been a real and genuine privilege to be your chairman during this time. Wishing you a healthy and happy new year.

Janet Brand

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HAPPY SUKKOT

Please bring fruit and/or vegetation to decorate!

Free Community Event For All

What a perfect time to introduce you to the 'EHRS Sensory Room', a space for children and young people to take time out in a dedicated, calming, environment.

Sunday 09 October 2022
11:00-12:30

- Visit our Sensory Room
- Craft & Sukkah Decorating Activities
- Vegetarian Lunch Provided
- Explore our 'Sensory' Activities
- Baby & Toddler Play Area
- Etrog Jam Session

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Community Care and Wellbeing at EHRS offers practical and emotional support, advice and advocacy to members of all ages and their families. We maintain strong community networks and strive to support our members, providing guidance, support and information on all aspects of welfare and social care.

Honey Cakes and Volunteers Needed

Please let us know at communitycare@ehrs.uk by Tuesday 6 September if you are able to bake a nut free honey cake or two to be distributed to our isolated and vulnerable members this Rosh Hashanah. Your cakes will need to be wrapped in either cling film or tin foil with a list of ingredients attached, ready to be distributed. Cakes need to be delivered to EHRS between 10:00-12:30 on either Monday 19 or Tuesday 20 September (or before by pre-arrangement) ready for them to be collected by volunteers between 10:00-12:00 on Wednesday 21, Thursday 22 or Friday 23 September for delivery before Rosh Hashanah which commences on the evening of Sunday 25 September. If these times/dates are not convenient, please contact us to arrange an alternative, if this is possible. If you do not bake but want to do something, then please consider buying a couple of honey cakes for distribution— this little act of kindness will mean so much to the recipient.

We also need volunteers of all ages to deliver the cakes within the community, please contact us now if you wish to be involved.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful volunteers who support us and our community. At last it seems that we can put the past couple of years behind us and this year many of you have been able to take advantage of the many activities held here at EHRS including our monthly lunch club and memory way café. For those who cannot leave their homes or find it more difficult, our volunteer befrienders and Telenet volunteers visit or telephone as often as they can and we are truly grateful to you for keeping in contact with our more isolated members as we could not do this without you.

Meet for tea, coffee and cake from 10:00 at our **Shabbat Coffee Stop** before the Shabbat morning service and then go into the Shul together. We are trialling our new Shabbat coffee stop on 27 August and 3 September in the Beit Midrash which is open to everyone at Shul those mornings but could be especially helpful for those who are alone and who may be commemorating a Yahrzeit. If you would like to know more please contact Val on the number below or just turn up.



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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Our **Bereavement Groups** continue to go from strength to strength and in January we introduced our third group Phoenix which has proved extremely popular. If you would like to know more about these groups check out the EHRS website or call us for details.

Our popular **Monthly Lunch Club** continues to run on the second Tuesday monthly. We will be closed during September and will resume lunches on 11 October. As always booking is essential and if you have not been before and would like to know more please call us.

Our well established **Memory Way Café** is held on the third Wednesday monthly and we provide tea, cake, support and advice in a warm and welcoming environment for those living with dementia and their family carers. Our next café will be on 19 October and if you are interested and would like to know more please call us.

We continue to encourage members to look out for the welfare of each other. Please also tell us if you or another member is unwell or in need of support - don't assume we know! Please provide the EHRS admin team with any Next of Kin details as without this additional information we cannot always get hold of members.

SAVE THE DATE!

MITZVAH DAY 2022 will be on Sunday 20 November. More details coming soon.

We wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year and please don't forget we are here at EHRS to support you with your welfare needs.

**Val Joseph 020 8238 1013,
Marissa Rosenthal 020 8238 1015
communitycare@ehrs.uk**



Val Joseph

Cornerstone Tuesdays, 19:00-19:45 & 20:00-21:30 (returns 13 September)

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 streams from beginners to intermediate) 19:00-19:45, and/or for Jewish Studies 20:00-21:30, Tuesday evenings during term time. Contact rabbidebbie@ehrs.uk for more details.



EHRs Chatanim Honours

The Honorary Officers & Council are delighted to honour the following members of our community at Simchat Torah this year.

Ari Coen – Chatan Torah
Anna Flash – Kallat Torah

Laurence Stein – Chatan Bereshit
Shirley Lever – Kallat Bereshit

Reece Crugman – Youth Chatan Bereshit
Jack Dannell – Youth Chatan Bereshit

Mazel Tov to you all.

Please do join us on Monday 17 October for our Simchat Torah Morning Service at 10:30, where we finish reading the Torah at the end of Deuteronomy and start again in Genesis, with the help of our Chatanim including the Hakkafot where we dance with our Sifrei Torah.



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Life-saving research at Hadassah



Hadassah researchers have discovered the reason behind recurrent life-threatening infections in infants that lead to bone marrow failure. A young Palestinian girl with a serious blood disorder, Thalassemia Major, received a bone marrow transplantation at Hadassah and was cured of this debilitating disease.

During the first Covid-19 lockdown, Hadassah located a bone marrow donor from Germany urgently needed to save the life of a six-month-old boy in Jerusalem. The baby has a deadly disease called Juvenile Osteoporosis, where the bones become solidified, causing blindness and deafness.

Hadassah Emergency Medical Mission on the ground

Hadassah Hospital sent two teams together with medical supplies at the start of the Ukrainian war, to Lublin Hospital near the Polish/Ukrainian border and a forward base at Przemysl on the border crossing point. The teams assessed the medical needs of the Ukrainian refugees and helped train the Polish medical teams in mass casualty triage & A&E. The two delegations brought with them an intimate knowledge of war-time and disaster relief medicine and the physical and human infrastructure needed to handle sudden large mass influxes of patients.



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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 COOKALONGS

Our Cook-a-Long's led by Rabbi Debbie are open to all adults. We have recently enjoyed a fabulous in person Community Cookalong making soups. When on Zoom, details will be provided via OWA.

Wednesday 21 September, 20:00, Honey Bake Cookalong! Join

us 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.

Wednesday 26 October, 20:00 - We're on a Roll!

Join Bonnie Lemer of 'Bonnie Bakes For You' on Zoom as we make our own shortcrust pastry and fillings for delicious chicken or vegetarian sausage rolls. Please email bonnie.lemer@ehrs.uk for the ingredients list and Zoom details



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

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**.

FORAGING GROUP

Join us on **Sunday 4 September, 10:30-12:00** for our Summer Foraging. Join our fantastic Foraging Together Group for the last in our series honouring Shmitta. We will venture onto Stanmore Common with Foraging maven and member Peter Bradley (who has expertly guided and fed us homemade treats through our foraging this year). We will discover what late summer bounty can be harvested, and how to eat it! To register your interest and receive location details, please go to the Together Groups page of the website.

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. September and November's meetings will be in person for the first time since the club was set up. There will be no meeting in October.

Tuesday 6 September, 19:30 at EHRS – 'The Memory Keep of Kyiv' by Erin Litteken.

Tuesday 1 November, 19:30 at EHRS – 'The Ocean Liner' by Marius Gabriel.

THE SHAKING SIXTIES

Launching on Thursday 13 October, 20:00-21:30

If you lived through the 1960s or just love 60s music, then this group is for you! From Cliff Richard, Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, Neil Sedaka, Marty Wilde, Billy Fury, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, and The Supremes, to great singers such as Matt Monroe, Dusty Springfield, Tom Jones, Scott Walker, together with many other memorable groups and singers from that era. We look forward to welcoming you each month with videos and songs on a very informal basis, where we will play many of your favourites!

YIDDISH GROUP

Do you speak Yiddish? We are gauging interest for a Yiddish redendike Together Group. We're not entirely sure what form this would take just yet, but it's likely to be a conversation group for us to shmues af mame-loshn. Please register your interest with on the Together Groups page of the EHRS website.

TV ADDICTS CLUB

Do you enjoy documentaries, TV shows, and films? Do you like films, but not the cinema? This group will meet in the EHRS Lounge, to enjoy brand new and old classics of the screen. Come along and meet people with the same enthusiasm, safe and comfortable, and relax in front of the box, with delicious treats to enjoy whilst we watch. These features show real life situations and conversations, and are relevant to the context of the feature.

1 September, 19:30-22:00: 'West Side Story' (2021)

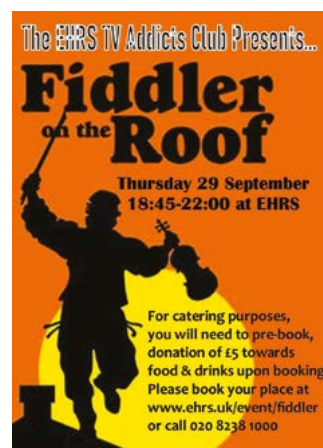
Love at first sight strikes when young Tony spots Maria at a high school dance in 1957 New York City. Their burgeoning romance helps to fuel the fire between the warring Jets and Sharks – two rival gangs vying for control of the streets.

15 September, 19:30-22:00: 'Elvis' (2022)

From his rise to fame to his unprecedented superstardom, rock 'n' roll icon Elvis Presley maintains a complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker, over the course of 20 years. Central to Presley's journey and happiness is one of the most influential people in his life - Priscilla. Featuring many of The King's incredible songs and iconic outfits, the movie ends with real life footage of Elvis at one of his very final shows.

29 September, 18:45-22:00: 'Fiddler on the Roof'

Oscar-winning adaptation of the Broadway musical about life among the Jewish community of a pre-revolutionary Russian village. A poor milkman, determined to find good husbands for his five daughters, consults the traditional matchmaker - and also has a word with God. **This evening will start at 18:45, and a light supper will be served. For catering purposes, you will need to pre-book, suggested donation of £5 towards food. Please book at www.ehrs.uk/event/fiddler**



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When
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Thursdays 6:45pm-8pm (ages 8-10½)

Tuesdays 7pm-8:30pm (ages 10½-14)

What
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Where
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CST wishes our community a peaceful, healthy & safe New Year

This Rosh Hashanah, we look forward to being able to join together and celebrate as fully as we have been able to for some time. Throughout the pandemic, CST has been here, working to continue to protect our community, navigating the many challenges that the last two-and-a-half years have provided.

Reports of anti-Jewish hate in the UK reached an all-time high in 2021 when Israel was at war; events in Buffalo, New York and Colleyville, Texas have shown that extremists from across the ideological spectrum often hold antisemitic beliefs at the core of their worldview, and are prepared to carry out terrorism at any time, anywhere. We know from bitter experience that hatred festers in times of economic uncertainty and that, unfortunately, the Jewish community suffers the sharp edge of society's need to find a scapegoat. We must be alive to the dangers that confront us.

In light of these realities, and as the world returns to something approaching what we knew before, CST's commitment to guaranteeing the safety of our community to the best of our ability is unwavering. This is a duty we always approach with a great sense of responsibility, humility and pride. After a period when all activity has been somewhat limited, we

emerge strong, focused and ready to play our part in facilitating the thriving of Jewish life in the New Year.

To fulfil this purpose, we rely on the work and dedication of our fantastic volunteers. They are the people without whom our entire mission would fall apart.

Our volunteers receive the most up to date training in modern-day security tactics. On our training courses you will be given the knowledge and skills needed to not only protect yourself, but the friends, family and community you are perhaps sitting among today. Our dynamic sessions, delivered by expert instructors, will not only educate you on the various threats to the Jewish community, but also how to combat them. Physical training in self defence, problem solving under pressure, teamwork, camaraderie and fun are all components of the course. All CST's training courses are free of charge.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a CST volunteer security officer, or any other training offered by CST please contact us at recruitment@cst.org.uk.

From everyone at CST, we wish you a safe, Happy New Year and meaningful fast.

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EHRS GROUPS

NEW OPTIONS

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

Schmoozing with the Rabbis –

A light hearted topical discussion, in an informal setting. Join **Rabbi Debbie** on **Wednesday 7 September**, and **Rabbi Mark** on **Wednesday 12 October, 10.30-11.30**. In person at the Synagogue or on Zoom. Zoom details will be provided in the Our Week Ahead email.

Bridge - 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.

Last session before our break is **7 September**, and we will restart on **12 October**.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT EHRS

JACS (JEWISH ASSOCIATION OF CULTURAL SOCIETIES)

JACS takes place at EHRS on Thursdays, 13:30.

20 October: Paul Cavendish - The Teenage Magician

27 October: Brian Nathan - A talk about some of the Great Stars who appeared at The London Palladium in its heyday around the middle of the last century.

For more information please contact Stuart Winton on **020 8954 8350** or Brian Ashton on **020 8958 4904**.

NOT THE WOMENS GUILD

We are delighted to let you know that Not The Women's Guild meetings in person will be restarting on **Thursday 8 September, 14:00** in the Synagogue lounge for a social afternoon. Do come along and help us decide our future, and bring your ideas with you. We have always been a democratic group, low key and laid back! Do we want to continue as before, going to the theatre, talks, restaurants etc. with different people taking responsibility for each event? So please take the time to share your views and ideas. If you can't make the meeting but are interested in learning more, do tell one of us. All are welcome, but we must admit to being mostly older in age, though not necessarily in outlook! Please let us know if you want to attend for catering purposes, either via EHRS office **0208 238 1000**, or **Evie 0208 954 5393** or **Sandra 0208 958 7140**.

ZUMBA GOLD

Thursdays 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



Sunday 16 October

11:00-13:00

followed by the EHRS AGM

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Please join us at EHRS as we showcase our fantastic Synagogue and all it offers, with stalls, lunch, and LIVE demonstrations for you to enjoy on our main stage.

Come and see what's new at EHRS. The buildings have changed a great deal and if you haven't been for a while come and see the lounge, café, refurbished nursery, new youth facilities in the community centre and see what is planned for the future.

Ex HRS member waiting for the right time to get involved? It may have been 9 years since the merger, but a lot has happened in that time which hasn't always helped to bring the communities together. EHRS is vibrant community formed of many previous communities and individuals. Come along and meet fellow ex HRS members and find your new home at EHRS.

Paying for EHRS membership and want more from it? There are over 94 groups and activities being represented on the day and opportunities for new Together Groups where there is demand. Not everything is appropriate for everyone but there is something there for you. Come and see what is going on and find something that you didn't know was on offer, meet the people involved and see how you can get involved.



Got out of the 'Shul' habit? We often hear that people used to be involved with their community but now have got out of the habit. Perhaps because of lockdown, or just over the years. Why not make the time to spend a couple of hours meeting your fellow Shul members and see if there is something that could tempt you.

New to EHRS? If you joined since lockdown then this is the perfect way to find out everything about the exciting community that you have joined. Whether you've started to get involved or been meaning to, come along and receive a special welcome for new members. This will help you to find your way around the site and meet other members and see what you can get from your new community and what you can give to your new community.

Interested in giving back to EHRS? If you have any spare time, even from a couple of hours a year, we need your help. There are many ways that you can give back and support your community so come and meet us and talk to us and see what is right for you.

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OROT finished their term in July with a fun morning of cooking and games. Feedback from students was positive and helpful to us as we plan our new academic year. They really liked their teachers who were fun and most felt they had learned a lot. Some of our students said that they want to learn more Hebrew, and one said they would like to learn script, which is useful, if they go to Jewish school. One suggestion that came up several times was to have some organised games during the break to offer an opportunity for the children to make new friends. We will definitely be doing that.

In Jewish Studies, we have projects, this year we looked at the 'History of the Jews of England'. We learnt about the harsh life for Jews in past centuries, how they were expelled from England and brought back at the time of Oliver Cromwell, and were then able to practice their faith openly! To enhance this project we visited the Jewish Museum and the Jewish East End with Rabbi Mark. We also learnt about 'Animals in the Torah'. We were looking at all things animal and what our responsibilities are as Jews. For example: When God gave us



dominion over the animals what did we do with it? How we interact with animals now and what the Torah says we must do. Are the mitzvot related to the welfare/eating of animals valid now? A visit to Aldenham Farm was a fun way to see some of the animals mentioned in Torah. Our third project was looking at bible stories included within the Torah, focussing on major characters and personalities such as Adam and Eve, Abraham, Joseph and Moses.

When asked what the best event of the year was, nearly all cited the joint activities that we did with Young Families and the community. The Shavuot activity morning was particularly popular. Our next joint activity will be the **Sukkah Decorating Party on Sunday 9 October, see page 7 for details.**

Orot returns on Sunday 4 September, if you wish your child to join us, please contact education@ehrs.uk or call 020 8238 1012/14 for an enrolment form and further information, we accept children from Reception to Year 6. We welcome children who want to visit and try Orot out.

We said a fond l'hitraot to Orot teacher Jack Dannell who has been with us since he was a student at Orot and to Aimee Soller and Nadine Coen both whom were supervisors in our Bar/Bat mitzvah mentoring programme, all are going off to university. We wish them b'hatslacha – good luck on this next exciting part of their life journey.



Our B'nei Mitzvah classes finished the term with a Friday night service where they introduced their mitzvah projects followed by dinner for 60 people. Along with our Mega Shabbaton, the end of term Friday night services and dinners have been a wonderful highlight of this year's programme.

Some of you may know that during the year we welcome many schools to our synagogue to learn about Judaism. It's always a 'wow' moment when we open the Ark to reveal the Torah scrolls and the students love to look at our Jewish artefacts and taste challah and juice. We recently welcomed a school that came all the way from Totnes in Devon to visit us leaving at 4.00am in the morning to get here! Many of our schools usually return year after year and are returning once again after COVID. The London Academy are regular visitors. The visits are a real team effort between rabbis, education, youth and young families leaders. This is the same team working hard planning wonderful HHD, Sukkot and Simchat Torah experiences for all the families in our community. Please see the special High Holy Day Brochure for all the information you will need to come and celebrate the festivals with us.

To demonstrate the impact that our programmes have on the schools I want to share with you the latest email received from Sunnyfields Primary School who visited back in June:

"Hi Marian,

Thank you so much for having Year 4 come to visit your synagogue, it was a truly great experience and the children haven't stopped talking about it since!

As a teacher, I want to say a massive thank you to you for the running of the afternoon and how well you explained all the symbols to them. It was set up so well for children and I felt so relaxed (which I very rarely feel on a trip) and got to join in the learning with them. We had the Ofsted call this week so the children really benefitted from being able to get out of school and ask all of their questions that they have been holding onto since we were meant to go last time! I cannot thank you and Sarah enough for the session upstairs which was so impactful.

The children are used to being told to be careful and don't touch so that hands on experience was really special to them. I would love to be able to return again in the new year!

The synagogue is absolutely beautiful, clearly well loved and looked after and a real staple of the community. One of the children said "we were the luckiest class in the world to be allowed to come here" as we walked in. The children used words like beautiful and stunning throughout the day and kept asking on the bus ride back to school when we would be going back to see Rabbi Debbie again.

It was such a special experience so to you, Sarah, Jack and Rabbi Debbie, thank you very very much!"

Marian Cohen, Director of Education
education@ehrs.uk/020 8238 1014



We have had a wonderful Summer in the EHRS Youth Centre with Kaytana & Kadima. 3 weeks of non-stop activities, outings, fun and laughter. The children enjoyed time travel, making their own fossils, the Greek Olympics, a night at the Oscars, and a treasure hunt around the synagogue looking for Jewish



artefacts. We also enjoyed outings to Legoland, Go Ape, and Inflata Nation. The madrichim surpassed themselves with their never ending enthusiasm, fantastic programmes and hard work, we are very proud of them all. We are now looking ahead to our October Half Term Scheme and our week



long Funnukah Scheme in December. Bookings are now open, see details below. We can't wait to see you!
Jack Murphy,
Head of Youth Development,
youth@ehrs.uk/020 8238 1024

Kaytana & Kadima presents....

'October Half Term Scheme'

Monday 24 - Friday 28 October 2022, 9:15-16:00

5 days of fun & games for all 5-11 year olds

Early Bird Prices available until Thursday 29 September

For more information and to book go to www.ehrs.uk/youthcentre

Kaytana & Kadima presents....

'FUNNUKAH!'

A fun filled 5 day activity camp for 5-11 year olds

Early Bird Prices available until Thursday 1 December

Monday 19 - Friday 23 December 2022, 9:15-16:00

For more information & to book go to www.ehrs.uk/youthcentre

YOUNG FAMILIES

We certainly have had an untypical British summer of sunshine and warm weather this year. We enjoyed a wonderful weekend camping trip in July, which was truly a beautiful Shabbat experience with our Young Families. We will definitely hold another camping trip again next year.

Now it is full throttle towards the High Holy Days, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. We are busy planning a wonderful festival period of celebrations for our young families, their parents, older siblings and family and friends. Please see the special High Holy Day Brochure for all the information you will need to come celebrate with us.

Shabbat Stay & Play

Recommencing on Friday 9 September and then every Friday morning 10:30 -11:45 (Term time)

Our baby and toddler group with toys, crafts and song session and Kiddush with our Rabbis. The perfect way to meet other parents, enjoy a hot drink and a catch up. Please book on our website in advance. You can collect CRP points for attending.

Kuddle Up In Person

Friday 14 October, 16:15-16:45

Our special interactive Shabbat service for pre-schoolers and KS1 children. Songs, stories and activities. A perfect way to introduce your little ones to a synagogue service. Best for primary aged children and their younger siblings. You can collect CRP points from attending. Early arrival is optional from 15.45. Come straight from school pick up, or just arrive early to play before the service. Selection of toys for the children and hot drinks available for the adults. Please note that we will no longer be holding online Kuddle Ups due to low attendance.

Chumash Babies

date to be confirmed

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.

Shabbat Club

On the last Shabbat of the month, Saturdays 24 September & 29 October, 11:15-12:15

For Primary School aged children and their younger siblings are welcome. Parasha and Shabbat themed activities, stories and songs in a relaxed atmosphere. Finishing in time to join the community for Kiddush around 12.15.

Monthly Birthday Blessings

On the last Shabbat of the month, Saturdays 24 September & 29 October, 11:15-12:15

We are delighted to invite all children who have a birthday in that month to join us for birthday blessing from the Rabbis in the main service. 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 birthday cake treat!



Shabbat Shirah

On the second Shabbat of the month - Saturdays 10 September & 8 October, 11:15-12:15

This is EHRS's Shabbat morning experience for 0-100's with rhythm in their souls, featuring a live band, an energetic Shabbat service suitable for children of all ages. A Torah

reading and chance for everyone to participate in making music.

New Babies:

Expectations meet Reality

Sunday 2 October, 20:00-21:30

Are you expecting a baby or recently welcomed a baby to your family? Calling all new parents and parents to be to join us for an informative panel evening and meet other local parents.

Hosted by Emma Gilmore (Postnatal Practitioner), Emma Duke-Cohan (Postnatal Doula), and Sarah Koster (Young Families Lead at EHRS). Please book at www.ehrs.uk/event/newbabies.

The evening is guided by you. Please send us questions in advance to be discussed together. Email youngfamilies@ehrs.uk.

Sarah Koster,
Young Families Lead
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Stonegrove Serenade

Tuesday 13 September, 13:00

We welcome Leora Cohen Paul Wingfield

Leora Cohen is an artist diploma scholarship student at the Royal College of Music. A prominent concertmaster of her generation, she currently leads many RCM projects. Leora plays a c.1720 Turin school violin kindly on loan from the Harrison-Frank Family Foundation.

Paul Wingfield attended Chetham's School of Music, where he studied the oboe with Sonia Wrangham and Evelyn Barbirolli, and the piano with Charles Hopkins. He lectures in Music at Cambridge University and specialises in Czech Music.

Concert Programme:

Tartini Devil's Trill Sonata ~ Brahms Songs 'Wie Melodien' and 'Immer leise' ~ Brahms Sonata for Piano and Violin no.2, Op.100



Tuesday 18 October, 13:00

We welcome The Morello Quartet

The **Morello Quartet** was formed in the autumn of 2019 by four good friends and colleagues interested in playing chamber music together. They have performed at several concerts in London, High Wycombe, North Aston, Aylesbury, and as part of the Shipwright Festival in Deptford. They are passionate about performing varied & diverse programmes including a combination of classical, folk-inspired, and contemporary music.

Concert Programme:

Charlton Singleton - Testimony ~ Dimitri Klebanov - String Quartet no. 4 (i. Allegro Moderato, ii. Larghetto, iii.

Scherzando, iv. Allegro) ~ Beethoven - String Quartet no. 10 'Harp' (iii. Presto) ~ Dvorak - String Quartet no. 12 (ii. Lento) ~ Nordic Folk Music arr. Danish String Quartet - 'Dromer', 'Ach Varmeland du Skona', 'Waltz After Lasse in Lyby', 'Unst Boat Song' and 'Shine You No More'



We invite you to enjoy a light lunch in our pop up cafe before the concert. 'Cafe 118' will be open 12:00, last orders at 12:45.

The café will re-open after the concert with drinks, cake, and a chat. Please note when booking if you will be using the café.

Audiences and musicians alike have praised Stonegrove Serenade's fantastic acoustics, intimate concert setting and warm welcome and attendees have been bowled over with the standard of talent the series has attracted. Café 118 has delighted customers with its fresh and tasty homemade food. Some of the comments we have received is that its 'an oasis of calm' and 'it doesn't matter if you're on your own, there is always someone friendly to sit with'. Stonegrove Serenade and Café 118 are run by volunteers with support from EHRS and Simply Scrumptious Catering. We pay our talented musicians - high calibre students and graduates of The Royal College of Music - providing work for them, as well as an opportunity for audiences to enjoy a very reasonably priced meal, concert and company. We are grateful for everyone's donations on the door and some generous extra donations which enable us to continue to book musicians. All funds raised go into the provision of Stonegrove Serenade and Café 118 and not to other synagogue purposes.

All are welcome, please go to www.ehrs.uk/atj to book. Admission is free, suggested donation £5



Edgware and Hendon Reform Synagogue joins the Inherited Status process of the Movement for Reform Judaism Beit Din

For many years EHRS and its two original constituent Synagogues have enabled the children of a Jewish father whose mother is not Jewish to convert to Judaism through the MRJ Beit Din at any age up to 16, based on their Jewish upbringing and the commitment of both parents that this will continue until adulthood.

In 2015 the MRJ Beit Din introduced an additional procedure to enable a child with one Jewish parent's Jewish status to be recognised.

This is called Inherited Status. Jewish status certified in this way is accepted by most Reform and Liberal Synagogues worldwide. It also enables the children of a Jewish father whose mother is not Jewish to be accepted as Jews for all purposes, including b'nei mitzvah and marriage, by virtue of their Jewish upbringing as defined by the Beit Din. It is not called conversion as the child has not been part of a different religion and has lived within the Jewish community.

At the June 2022 EHRS Council meeting our Synagogue committed to Inherited Status joining conversion as a route by which a child with one Jewish parent can have their Jewish Status fully recognised for all purposes. This followed a number of study sessions and shiurim taught by our Rabbis together with an open community forum in May.

The meaning of this is that any Jewish father who, with the other parent has decided to bring up their children as Jews is welcome to contact our Rabbis who will help their child to claim their Jewish status and be fully able to participate in the life of the global Reform and Liberal Jewish community. Rabbi Mark and Rabbi Debbie write: "It is truly a delight to help a young person claim their Jewish status where they have always lived as a Jew. To call it conversion can be insulting to the commitment their parents and they have made to their Jewish upbringing. As an inclusive and egalitarian Synagogue it makes complete sense that men and women are treated equally with respect to Jewish status."



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ENABLED

Please find below a summary of the recent events from the Board of Deputies:

UK Education - To help educate non-Jewish school children and the wider public, details of the Jewish Living Experience Exhibition have been circulated to SACRE members by BoD. Expressions of interest have been made by several communities to host the exhibition. The current exhibition panels, accompanying materials and object collections are in the process of being edited and updated.

The BoD worked with the JLC, Mitzvah Day and the Jewish Volunteering Network to organise trauma informed training for members of the Jewish community hosting Ukrainian refugees.

Health and Mental Health - The London Jewish Health Partnership in conjunction with BoD has now been launched with the NHS and local public health in London.

Youth - The BoD is in the process of setting up a WhatsApp group of youth movement Deputies, U35 Deputies and Observers and movement leaders to focus on youth movement and young people's concerns.

Antisemitism - The BoD met Lionel Idan, the Chief Crown Prosecutor for South London. Idan apologised to the Jewish community for a number of incidents in which the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) fell short in prosecuting antisemitic hate crimes. The BoD briefed Parliamentarians attending a Westminster Hall Debate on Antisemitism and Other Forms of Racism in Football.

The BoD met Mike Freer MP to discuss topics including BDS, proscription of terrorist groups, and Iraq's new antisemitic law. Mr Freer was receptive and affirmed that the Government was investigating what could be done about the Iraqi law.

The BoD met Steve Reed MP to discuss potential reforms to the Human Rights Act, and an extension of COVID-era provisions in the health system which benefited the Jewish community.

The BoD met with the Equality Commission of Northern Ireland to discuss whether legal action could be taken to secure access to kosher food for the local Jewish community.

Campus Affairs - The Board, working closely with the Higher Education Working Group, prepared a submission to the National Union of Students' investigation into its handling of antisemitism.

Religious Freedom - The BoD met the Finnish Ambassador to the UK, HE Jukka Siukosaari, to discuss proposed legislation in Finland that would ban Shechita.

The BoD met Miranda Grell, Acting Chief Executive of the Black Equity Organisation, to discuss health and medical policy issues and to share best practice.

If you would like any further information or have any questions, please contact Tony Seymour, tony.seymour@ehrs.uk



ALL THINGS JEWISH

For Zoom details please see Our Week Ahead,
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.

To register to stay updated on our monthly meetings please do so at 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 in Our Week Ahead.

Thursday 1 September: 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.

Rosh Hodesh A New Series for 5783

Sun and Moon – Both Give Light

For this new year of months, we will be inviting guests who might typically be seen to have opposing view points, and exploring how they hold space together despite their differences. For Rosh Chodesh Tishrei and Cheshvan we will take a pause to focus on the chagim, but will begin again on **Thursday 24 November – Rosh Chodesh Kislev**

We will begin our series with a session that many have requested – Rabbi Debbie will be joined by her husband, Rabbi Gary Somers, who received Orthodox semichah in 2019 in the area of kashrut. How does a Reform Rabbi build a life with an Orthodox Rabbi?

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 EHRS or at home using Zoom.

Saturday 3 September - 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.

Saturday 1 October - 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?

Live Performance of 'The Stove'

created by lifelong EHRS member Emma Brand

Sunday 6 November, 19:00-20:30

Part participatory performance, part communal meal, The Stove invites you to forge connections through storytelling. The Stove is a virtual meeting place, a fireside, kitchen table, cooking pot composite – a place to share stories over dinner and create new worlds with people you haven't yet got to know.

The Stove was originally created online in March 2020 as an antidote to isolation, and has since become an in-person storytelling experience, complete with a shared meal. The in-person Stove, developed for Tsitsit Festival, explores the inherited tales we

bring to the table. It is a journey to the 'old country' and back again through the eyes of a Jewish child refugee.

About the creator of The Stove - Emma Brand is a theatre maker and performer, and life-long member of EHRS. Having studied Performance Making at Goldsmiths University, she has taken shows to VAULT Festival, Brighton Fringe and the Edinburgh Fringe. ('Brand creates a magical world of comfort for all to share', ****A Younger Theatre).

There are 20 tickets available, £20 per person including dinner. Please book your place at www.ehrs.uk/event/thestove

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.

Saturday 17 September - 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 Haftarah 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? Study with Rabbi Mark.

Saturday 15 October - Is it a booth? Is it a cloud? Is it a place? We will uncover what Torah and Rabbinic texts have to share about dwelling in Sukkot, and how that might change our experience of the festival. With Rabbi Debbie.



Talmud Class Sundays 18 September & 23 October 10:00-11:00

with a special in person and Zoom Talmud Class on Yom Kippur, Wednesday 5 October from 15:40 - 16:25 for a taster!

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.

SAVE THE DATE

EHRS Day of Jewish Learning - Sunday 4 December, 9:30-13:00

118 Stonegrove turns into a Jewish time machine to take you on an extraordinary journey through Jewish history.



NAGILA

It was a busy end to our year. In June the children at Nagila learnt all about Shavuot. The children created a fantastic Mount Sinai out of boxes. They also made beautiful flowers to decorate the mountain. As part of our learning, the children visited the main synagogue to see Rabbi Mark. He chatted to us about Shavuot, and the children were able to dress the scroll. We also spoke about the Ten Commandments, and how they influence our everyday life. Our curriculum, the Early Years Foundation Stage states, *"Young children begin to understand that some places are special to members of their community."* We ended our visit to the synagogue with a Nagila rendition of "God gave us the 10 commandments". The children also made delicious cheesecakes, which the children took home to eat.

We also celebrated the Queens PLATINUM JUBILEE! We got very messy exploring red, white and blue shaving foam. The children made union flags, and made a union flag trough tray.

In the last few weeks of term, our caterpillars arrived at Nagila, and we made a special area for them to grow.



The children were fascinated with how quickly they changed each day. The EYFS states, *"Young children will be learning to understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal."* The children enjoyed the story of the "Hungry Caterpillar," and created a lovely caterpillar out of paper plates.



Once they had completed their life cycle and turned into butterflies we released them in our garden.

During the summer holidays we enjoyed three weeks of 'fun in the sun' with our summer play scheme where we welcomed both Nagila children and children from other nurseries.

We were sad to see many of our children leave to move on to 'big school'. But we consoled ourselves with the knowledge that their time at Nagila had helped them to become confident, independent, self-assured individuals with a strong sense of their community, enabling them to move onto the next stage of their academic journey with aplomb!!

We still have a few places left for the academic year 2022/2023 so if you would like more information, please contact Milissa.

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

TORAH SCROLL IN MEMORY OF RABBI NEIL KRAFT z'l SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Torah Scroll, which we commissioned in the name of Rabbi Neil Kraft z'l is now on Shul premises, and we are delighted to invite our members to a siyyum (celebration of a new scroll) on Sunday 11 September.

You have the opportunity to meet the Scroll at Stonegrove Park (PARK GROVE ENTRANCE) at 10:30 and walk and sing with members of the community as our Rabbis parade the scroll to EHRS.

Alternatively, you may prefer to go directly to EHRS and meet the new Scroll there at about 10:50.

At EHRS, Sofer Marc Michaels, along with Synagogue members will complete the writing of those letters which are still incomplete.

There will be various stalls at EHRS, and Lana Young who is designing the new Torah mantles will explain the process behind creating these mantles; Rabbi Mark Goldsmith will discuss the history of our Scrolls and it is hoped that Avielah Michaels will talk to us about the tools needed to write a Torah Scroll.

This couldn't be an EHRS event without refreshments and there will be plenty available!!

Clearly, we want as many of you as possible to attend this event, it may be the only opportunity we ever have to witness the completion of the writing of a Torah, so please put the date in your diary, and email sharon.price@ehrs.uk and let her know a) whether you will meet at the park or at EHRS and b) how many people you are bringing.

We look forward to seeing you.



Details of all our volunteering opportunities are on the EHRS website at www.ehrs.uk/socialaction

COMEDY STORE FUNDRAISER FOR TOGETHER IN BARNET

If you enjoy a laugh and want to do an easy mitzvah, save the date of Wednesday 21 September. And keep an eye on London's Comedy Store website at www.london.thecomedy.co.uk checking the date when tickets go on sale as that night all funds raised will go towards supporting Barnet's night shelter charity Together in Barnet who we host the night shelter with.

NIGHT SHELTER VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Wednesday 23 November, 20:00

We will need volunteers to support the night shelter when it returns to EHRS



for 8 Monday nights and Tuesday mornings starting Monday 27 February 2023. We will need cooks (at home), people to set up, people to serve dinner and socialise, people to serve breakfast, people to sleep in the hall with volunteers, people to serve breakfast and people to deliver bedding to the next venue. If you would like to find out

more about getting involved then join us at EHRS on Wednesday 23 November from 20:00. Please email us at nightshelter@ehrs.uk to let us know you're coming for security and catering purposes. Many Thanks for your support, Lisa Bard.

HELP REFUGEE CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS OR MONDAYS

<https://separatedchild.org>

Do you have a couple of hours to spare

on Sundays between the hours of 10:00 and 14:00? Or on occasional Mondays. Why not use that time to help children who had to flee their homes and struggled to get to 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 on a Sunday or Monday 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.

Visit www.separatedchild.org/our-work/arrival-packs

Contact Lisa by email at lisa.bard@ehrs.uk for more information.

Environmental Action Team (EAT)

ECO SYNAGOGUE

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.

www.ecosynagogue.org

We welcome Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovich to EHRS

The Council of EHRS is delighted to announce that Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovich will be joining EHRS as our Rabbi from November 2022. She will be with EHRS for a year, as our recruitment process for an additional permanent Rabbi or Cantor takes place. Rabbi Mark and Rabbi Debbie have known Rabbi Tanya for many years and look forward to working together with her. Rabbi Tanya was Rabbi of Nottingham Liberal Synagogue from 2009-2021 and since then Rabbi of The Liberal Synagogue Elstree. She is Co-ordinator of Rabbinic Community Placements at the Leo Baeck College, from where she gained Semichah (Rabbinic Ordination), and Jewish Chaplain to the Rampton Hospital. Rabbi Tanya grew up in Belarus where she ran many activities for the World Union for Progressive Judaism. She brings to us extraordinary skills in her social justice and Jewish cultural work, having founded the Salaam-Shalom Kitchen in Nottingham, feeding local homeless people together with the Muslim community, and the Nottingham People's Concert. Rabbi Tanya was the first Rabbi to become a member of the Nottinghamshire High Sheriff Panel (Shrievalty Panel) in its thousand year history.



LOOKING BACK AT 5782

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YOUNG ADULTS

Beer and Shiur, 20:00

Wednesday 14 September, 20:00-21:30

Our Young Adults are warmly invited to join Rabbi Mark at the Three Hammers Pub in Mill Hill (NW7 4EA) for a drink and to explore Anger Management - what is the role of anger within Judaism? The first drink is on us!

Please email rabbi.mark@ehrs.uk with any questions, and feel free to bring friends.

Wednesday 12 October, 20:00-21:30

Beer and Shiur in the Sukkah.

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.

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