



Welcome to



EHRS Day of Jewish Learning

Sunday 4 December 09:30-12:45



**History, Herstory, Ourstory
A Journey Through Jewish Time...**

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This event is brought to you by the All Things Jewish Team.

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EHRS Jewish Day of Learning – The Programme

History, Herstory, Ourstory – A Journey Through Jewish Time

Dynamic, inspirational workshops for all ages

09:30-09:45

Welcome and registration, continental breakfast (Crèche available, if registered)

09:45-10:00

Introduction to the morning for all (Main Hall)

10:00-10:45

Choice of workshops for adults:

Session 1: Rabbi Mark Goldsmith (Rooms 6-8)

‘Jewish History in 45 Minutes:’

Rabbi Mark takes you on a Jewish time machine ride through 5783 years of Jewish history. What are the key events and trends that made us the people we are? How did a small people in one corner of the Middle East make such an impact on the world? What can we learn from our past resilience to shape our future?

Session 2: Rabbi Steven Katz (Beit HaMidrash)

‘My Favourite 20th Century Rabbi is Stephen Wise: ’Rabbi USA’

If you join the group I will also reveal the identity of my 2nd and 3rd favourite and reveal their impact on Jewish history.

Session 3: Naomi Clucas & Jasmine San (Kitchen)

‘From Bagdhad, to Bombay to Barnet! a taste of Mizrahi culture.’

My family history as an Iraqi/Indian Jew, and our baking traditions including a hands on cooking demonstration.”

10:50-11:35

Choice of workshops for adults:

Session 4: Laurence Stein (Rooms 4-5)

‘The Jews of England’.

We will explore when and why William the Conqueror brought Jews to England, where they settled, how they coped with antisemitism. We will look at the attacks on Jews in places such as Norwich and York and discuss whether enough is being done to ensure that anti-Semitic attacks like those will not be repeated.

Session 5: Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers (Rooms 6-8)

‘Jewish women you should meet’

Come and learn some Herstory with a whistle stop introduction to women who help made Jewish history and who you might not have heard of! From Asenath Barzani to Licoricia of Winchester, we will travel the world to hear their amazing stories.



Session 6: Rabbi Mark Goldsmith (Beit Hamidrash)

'1491 - The Year Before The Course of Jewish History Changed'

It is the year before a cataclysmic event for the Jewish people, the expulsion of the Jews from Spain after more than a thousand years, including three hundred years at the centre of the Jewish world. The whole Jewish people will be reshaped by events next year. What was happening that meant that within five years Judaism would be impossible to practice in Spain and Portugal? Rabbi Mark asks how the Jewish world in 1491 still deeply influences Judaism today.

11:35-11:45

Coffee Break and Book Stall

11:45-12:30

Choice of workshops for adults:

Session 7: Jonathan Bergwerk (Room 6-8)

'Shylock - Villian or Victim?'

Shylock - the fictional antagonist in *The Merchant of Venice*, who became a byword for anti-Semitism. Was that what Shakespeare intended? How should we understand the play today?

Session 8: Rabbi Tanya (Rooms 4-5)

'What does the history of the Pale of Settlement teach us?'

The Pale of Settlement is a very important part of our Jewish history. Many Jewish families around the world trace their roots back to the Pale. The Pale of Settlement was formed on the territory of the 5 modern countries: Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, parts of Poland and Moldova. Officially, the biggest Jewish Ghetto in the history of humanity lasted for 126 years and made a profound impact on Jewish and the world's history at the time.

Session 9: Rabbi Roberta Harris (Beit HaMidrash)

'The First Traces of Jewish History'

Where did Jews and Judaism begin? We will look at the history & the archaeology of Bible times and earlier - and even, perhaps later.

12:30-12:45

Please come to the Community Centre first floor hall for our Siyyum (completion) of our travel through Jewish history together.



EHRS Jewish Day of Learning – Children’s Programme

09:30-09:45

Welcome and registration, continental breakfast (Crèche available, if registered)

09:45-10:00

Introduction to the morning for all (Main Hall)

10:00-10:45

Choice of workshops:

Session 1: Rabbi Debbie - ‘Children In Jewish History’

Suitable for all ages, come and learn about the approach Judaism has taken to children and childhood throughout Jewish history.

Session 2: Jack Murphy - ‘Great Jewish Sports Stars’ for Reception-Year 3

A look at Jews in sport and the influence they had in sport and how their influence is still felt today.

10:50-11:35

Choice of workshops:

Session 3: Jack Murphy - ‘Great Jewish Sports Stars’ for Years 4-6

A look at Jews in sport and the influence they had in sport and how their influence is still felt today.

Session 4: Rabbi Tanya - ‘Do you know that if you can read and understand

Hebrew then you could speak with Jewish people who lived thousands of years ago?’ Reception-Year 3

How come that such an ancient language has not changed at all? Or has it? Come to Rabbi Tanya’s session to find out more about the history of Hebrew language as well as to learn an Israeli poem called *ParPar* (Butterfly in English). Bring your acting skills with you too as we will act the poem together.

11:35-11:45 Break time

11:45-12:30

Choice of workshops:

Session 5: Rabbi Mark - ‘A Suitcase of Jewish History’ for Years 3-6

You are an interplanetary astronaut. You have been asked to pack a bag to take the whole of Jewish history on the space ship to another planet to show the life-forms that live there what the Jewish people are all about. Rabbi Mark has lots of ideas and exhibits that we could put in there – but it’s up to you to decide what matters! We will share our suitcase contents at the end of the morning with everyone else at the History, Herstory, Ourstory day.

Session 6: Caroline - ‘Come on my magic carpet back to the days of the Maccabees’ for Reception to Year 2

Music, song and acting but especially lots of fun!