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CONTACT US

The normal office operating hours are Monday to Thursday 9:30-17:00, Friday 9:30-15:30, and Sundays 10:00-12:30. 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, 020 8238 1000. 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 You can contact them directly:

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Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovich.

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

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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

BIRTHS

Zigi Reuben, a son for Emma and Daniel Harrod, a grandson for Jeremy and Rosemary Harrod.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Mazel Tov to Elie Fisher, son of David and Dganit, grandson of Maureen Parkus, on the celebration of his Bar Mitzvah.

11 Nov - Jessica Rosen, daughter of Jonathan and Natalie.

18 Nov - Michael Dikusar, son of Oleksandr and Aksana.

9 Dec - Annabel Bryk, daughter of Jonathan and Donna.

BIRTHDAYS

Mazel Tov to Barry Gold on his 90th birthday.

Mazel Tov to Ruth Jacobs on her 80th birthday.

Mazel Tov to Ruth Abraham on her 80th birthday.

Mazel Tov to Linda Herman on her 80th birthday.

Mazel Tov to Marilyn Lazarus on her 83rd birthday.

Mazel Tov to Jacqui Garfinkel on her 70th birthday.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mazel Tov to Margot and Ian Lee on their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

CONDOLENCES

To Gillian Colvin on the loss of her husband, Alan Colvin.

To Michael Grenfell on the loss of his father, Joseph Grenfell.

To Gary Ellis on the loss of his mother, Evelyn Ellis.

To Helen Fine on the loss of her mother, Louise Black.

To Suzanne Burgess on the loss of her father, David Ryde.

To Sonnie Bennet on the loss of his brother, Barrie Bennett.

To Timothy Beasant on the loss of his brother, Marcus Beasant.

To Yvonne Albert on the loss of her brother, Melvyn Angel.

To Sylvia Redondo on the loss of her son, Stephen Daniel Redondo.

To the family of Sylvia Goldman.

To the family of Alma Robinson.

To the family of Janet Cohen.

To the family of Valerie Shannon.

To the family of Estella (Stella) Fifer.

To the family of Barrie Vandermolten.

TOMBSTONE CONSECRATIONS

5 Nov at Cheshunt Woodlands – 11:00 in memory of Daphne Rose. at Edgwarebury Cemetery – 13:45 in memory of Daniel Habib.

12 Nov at Cheshunt Cemetery – 11:15 in memory of Penelope Pack.

26 Nov at Cheshunt Cemetery – 11:00 in memory of Ronald Glanz.

NEW MEMBERS:

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

Nicholas, Michal, Sebastian & Arabella Markson.

Dean, Noah, Jonah & Cole Abrahams.

Braham and Susan Hochenberg.

Allyson and Brian Larholm.

Alex Rodin & Kate Lindley Baron Cohen.

Olivia Abrahams.

Lauren Winer.

Maria Black.

Charlie Crow.

Oscar Lewis.

James Lewis.

Ellie Segrue.

Edward Mendelblat.

Stephen Bright.

Yasir Ashfaq Ali.

Jose Perez Osorio.

Pancho Mulongeni.

Eric Samuel.

Noah Rosenthal.

Joseph Kabel.

Tyler Peltz.

Cobi Aitman.

SERVICES

For Service Zoom details please see forthcoming Our Week Ahead emails, or email admin@ehrs.uk

Kuddle Up Shabbat

Friday 17 November, 16:15-16:45

Our special interactive Shabbat service for Primary aged children and their siblings. Songs, stories and activities.

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.

Kuddle Up Chanukah

Friday 15 December, 16:15-16:45

Our December Kuddle Up is a celebration of Chanukah on the last day of the festival. Bring along your Chanukiah, if you have one, so we can light it for the final time this year, play dreidel games and enjoy a last doughnut for this Chanukah.

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.

Eco Shabbat Service & Dinner,

Friday 1 December, 18:30-20:30

Join us for our Erev Shabbat service, led by Rabbi Tanya, with the musical accompaniment of the Shirah Band and some Eco themed readings. You are welcome to stay after the service for a bring & share plant based dinner. We would love the opportunity to tell and show you some of the work the Eco Team have been doing to fulfil the synagogue's commitment to combatting the climate crisis.

Shabbat Coffee Stop

Saturdays 25 November & 23 December, 9:45-10:25

Meet for tea, coffee and biscuits at our Shabbat Coffee Stop in the Lounge this Shabbat and then go into the Shul together. Our Shabbat Coffee Stop could be especially helpful for those who are alone and who may be commemorating a Yahrzeit.

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.



Induction Service for Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovich

Saturday 4 November, 10:30

Our service in the Beit Tefillah (Sanctuary) this morning includes the induction of our Rabbi Tanya. Over the year that Rabbi Tanya has been part of the EHRS clergy team, she has made a great impact on our community and made many friends within the community who appreciate her dedication, skills as a teacher, pastoral carer and community leader. On this Shabbat we celebrate that she is now part of our permanent Rabbinic team. This service will be in the style of our HaKol B'Seder services, including the voice of Cantor Dimitry Karpenko, in person. Followed by a Kiddush in her honour.

Bible Building Shabbat

Saturday 4 November, 10:30-11:15

Rabbi Mark invites all young people in our community to join him on this special Shabbat, where we welcome Rabbi Tanya to our EHRS clergy team, for a session of building episodes from the beginning of our Torah from lego, clay and other materials to help us to know these foundational stories of our Bible. Your results will be shared at Rabbi Tanya's Kiddush!

Remembrance Shabbat Service

Saturday 11 November, 10:30

Our classical service on this Shabbat will include our act of remembrance for those who lost their lives in the wars that Britain has had to fight over the past century, together with recognising the role in our national life of those who currently serve our nation. On Sunday morning 12 November at 10:30 we will gather at the Edgware War Memorial for our annual interfaith act of remembrance culminating at 11:00 with the two minute silence.

Early Risers Service –

Saturdays, 11 November & 9 December, 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 11 November & 9 December, 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 and Shlichei Tzibbur (prayer leaders).

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.

Cornerstone Explanatory Service

Saturday 18 November, 10:30

You are warmly invited to join Rabbi Debbie and the Cornerstone class for an explanatory and participatory Shabbat Morning Service. In the Beit Midrash.

Shabbat Club and Birthday Blessings

Saturday 25 November, 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 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 for the Soul

Saturday 2 December, 10:30-12:15

This service, led by Rabbi Mark, combines our traditional prayers with moving poems and meditations to create a restful Shabbat experience. At EHRS or on Zoom.

Friday Night Lights

Friday 15 December, 20:00-20:45

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

HaKol B'Seder

Saturday 16 December, 10:30-12:15

Join Rabbi Mark for a special service which includes new music from the Reform and Conservative Jewish world, an interpretative Torah reading and plenty of participation. The service uses our regular Reform Judaism Siddur. You can join us in person at EHRS or on Zoom.

Sunday Shacharit 09:30-10:00

Join our weekly Sunday Shacharit in the EHRS Beit Midrash.

COMMUNITY CARE

A recent email from the Jewish Volunteering Network (JVN) referred to the following article in Credo in 2005 where Rabbi Sacks wrote: "The paradox of volunteering is the more we give, the more we are given. I lose count of the number of times I have thanked people for their voluntary work, only to be told: 'It is I who want to give thanks for the chance to serve'. Lifting others, we ourselves are lifted. Happiness, the sense of a life well lived, is born in the blessings we bestow on others. Bringing hope to someone else's life brings meaning to our own".

For all current EHRS volunteers and for those who have volunteered previously in their lives and are no longer able to do so, you will know this to be true. Indeed, Marissa and I know from volunteer feedback how much they themselves get out of what they do and how this makes them feel. Since the end of the Covid pandemic, nationally less people are coming forward to volunteer, yet here at EHRS we are proud that our volunteer family remains strong and is indeed growing, with more members coming forwards this past year than ever before to volunteer within our community. We have especially seen a growth in those wishing to befriend and we are keen to develop this further by establishing a care home visiting team. We know some of you already do this through your own contacts and we urge you to let us know where you visit, how often and what you do when you visit. For those of you not currently volunteering, please consider it, we will welcome you and work with you to find the right fit for you.

At present, we still urgently need Telenet volunteers, this is

a vital telephone support system for members aged 85 years and above and without your help we cannot keep in touch with them all. You can do this from the comfort of your own home at a time that is convenient to you and it will enrich the lives of the members you call but your own lives too. Please contact Val or Marissa on 020 8238 1013 or 1015 to discuss.

Our Shabbat Coffee Stop is open to everyone at Shul and could be especially helpful for those who are alone and who may be commemorating a Yahrzeit. Join us for a coffee or tea and biscuit before the service and the opportunity to meet other members; we meet in the lounge on the fourth Shabbat monthly.

Our Bereavement Social Groups, Lunch Club (14 November & 12 December), and Memory Way Café (15 November & 20 December) are running as normal, please see the EHRS website or call us for details.

Val Joseph
020 8238 1013,
Marissa Rosenthal
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community@ehrs.uk



Val Joseph

Eco Team

September was a busy month for the team with another successful Reverse Tashlich at the Silver Stream Burnt Oak. We started building and decorating the Sukkah with some Eco themes in mind. Our corner featured hanging baskets planted with herbs and strawberries as an example of how to grow your own when you don't have a garden. We hung our fruit in an old pair of tights and "Turtle" string bags produced by a company appalled by the number of plastic bags floating in the oceans which Turtles mistake for their favourite food, jellyfish. There was also a chart to show which fruits & vegetables are available until December to encourage everyone to eat seasonally. The children grew cress seeds in egg boxes and enjoyed some vegan sweets.



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OUR FAITH IN THE PLANET



Coming up:

Sunday 19 November: Mitzvah Day Eco Activity planting flowers

Friday 1 - Sunday 3 December: an Eco Weekend including a special service on Friday night with the Shirah band

Sunday 3 December: making Hanukiyot

Saturday 9 December: Eco Havdalah with the Havdalah Group

If you have any ideas which you would like us to promote or explore as we work our way towards a net zero carbon future, email ecoteam@ehrs.uk

Eco Shabbat Service & Dinner

Friday 1 December, 18:30

Our service, led by Rabbi Tanya, with the musical accompaniment of the Shirah Band and some Eco themed readings. You are welcome to stay after the service for a bring & share plant based dinner. We would love the opportunity to tell and show you some of the work we have been doing to fulfil our shul's commitment to combatting the climate crisis. If you need a lift or can offer one, please let us know at ecoteam@ehrs.uk

www.ecojudaism.org.uk

Mitzvah Day

Mitzvah Day 2023

What Mitzvah will you choose from our EHRS Mitzvah Day Menu?

To start:

Monday 13 November

Visit to Neasden Temple, 14:00-17:00

Neasden Temple have kindly invited our members to visit as part of our Mitzvah Day Menu & their New Year Celebrations, Annukat. This is a wonderful opportunity to see this magnificent complex & build relationships between our communities. Booking is essential so to find out more and reserve your place please go to www.ehrs.uk/event/neasden-temple

Main Course:

Sunday 19 November

at Boxtree Park, 10:00-12:00

Join the Eco Team's Mitzvah Day Event, where we will be supporting the work of The Friends of Harrow Weald at Boxtree Park, by rolling up our sleeves to restock plant boxes, giving nature and bugs a cozy new home. Plus, we are going to tackle the less glamorous side of things with some litter picking and railing clearing. To find out more and to book your place please go to www.ehrs.uk/eco-mitzvah

at EHRS, 09:30-12:00

- Bring in your donations of children's pyjamas and pre-loved toys in aid of Little Village (www.littlevillagehq.org). Items can also be donated in advance during the week of 13 November at sessions of Sing and Sensory and Stay & Play
- Bring in your donations of dried food items, including pet food, in support of our local foodbank OneStonegrove (www.sct.london/foodbank)
- Bring in your donations of new children's toothbrushes in support of Comfort Cases (www.comfortcasesuk.org)
- Volunteer to help take in donations, and sort and pack the items

at EHRS, 10:00-12:30

- Join Rabbi Debbie making sweet treats for the wonderful residential care home staff that look after many of our elderly members
- Make Chanukah Cards for our members in care homes
- Join others worldwide in writing a personal letter to an Israeli soldier on the front lines to show them support & encouragement for defending the Jewish people & The State of Israel
- Bring in your premade knitted and crochet keepsakes in support of Simba Charity & 4 Louis, or join our Knit and Knatter /Crochet and Kvetch in the main hall to create items to be sent out in memory boxes. To download the full instructions/ patterns and specifications please visit www.simbacharity.org.uk/media/2115/knitting-patterns-full.pdf

To find out more and to volunteer your time on Mitzvah Day please email debbie.drapkin@ehrs.uk

YOUNG FAMILIES

It was wonderful seeing so many families over the High Holy Days. As a Youth & Education team, we had a lot of fun decorating the community centre to our themes of 'Save the Bees' and 'Save the Ocean' all in line with our shuls Eco mission. Excuse the pun, but there really was a real 'BUZZ' to all the services and activities taking place.

We launched a new service for Rosh Hashanah 'Chumash Babies' for 0-2-year-olds. This was a huge success, full of singing, music, and sensory toys. Something we definitely want to repeat next year.

A real highlight for me was Sukkot. Falling on a Friday evening, it was lovely to have our decorating party and Kuddle Up, side by side and the Sukkah just looked fabulous with everyone's contributions.

In the last edition of LDVD, I mentioned the work we are doing around SEN and our successful talk on ADHD and Autism. I am delighted to announce that we have a new Parent support group for those members with children that have SEND to meet each other and get support. This is launching on Tuesday 7 November, 19:30 at EHRS and will meet monthly. Please find more information in the panel above and do be in touch for more details.

We are looking forward to getting involved in this year's Mitzvah Day. We will have our EHRS Mitzvah Day Morning on Sunday 19 November. Leading up to this we will be asking for donations of new or preloved good condition children's Pyjamas, books, and soft toys to make up packages for the charity Little Village. On the morning itself there will be a Mitzvah Menu of activities at the shul you and your family can get involved with. Check out the website for more information.

Sunday 10 December will see our annual families Chanukah Party. Save the date and keep the morning free and watch out for more information to be released! It will promise as always to be an extravaganza of fun, donuts, and light for all!

Shabbat Stay & Play

Friday mornings 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



SEND Parents Support Group

Monthly meetings launching on Tuesday 7th November, 19:30-21:00 at EHRS

For parents/carers of children with SEND. A safe space to meet others, share experiences, enjoy a hot drink & support each other.

Facilitated by Miriam Saffer
Consultant in inclusion & special educational needs

Visit the website for future dates & booking information

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For more information please contact Sarah Koster - youngfamilies@ehrs.uk



catch up. Please book on our website in advance. You can collect CRP points for attending.

Sing & Sensory

Tuesday mornings, 11:00-11:45 (Term time)

A music & sensory class for babies - 1-year olds, with a different theme each week, followed by chill out time in our state of the art Senitt Sensory Room. Booking required.

Kuddle Up Shabbat

Our special interactive Shabbat service for Primary aged children and their siblings. Songs, stories and activities. 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.

Friday 17 November, 16:15-16:45: Kuddle Up Shabbat
Friday 15 December, 16:15-16:45: Kuddle Up Chanukah

Shabbat Club & Birthday Blessings

Saturdays 25 November, 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. 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

Saturdays 11 November & 9 December, 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.

Sarah Koster, Young Families Lead
youngfamilies@ehrs.uk
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We have had a busy but wonderful few weeks in Orot celebrating the High Holy Days, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. In September we hosted 4 other chedarim from Radlett Reform and HaMakom for a special joint Rosh Hashanah activity morning for children and parents. See some of the photos from that event. Our children loved the invite to the pre-AGM Israeli breakfast and enjoyed the delicious foods. We had open morning that day for anyone interested in coming to Orot and we also had an invite your friends to the sukkah One of the child guests who attends another cheder was amazed at just how many children come to Orot; as we know chedarim have seen a huge decline in recent years across the spectrum, so I have



been told by parents that actually we aren't doing too badly in terms of numbers. We have new children who are coming from Hitchin every Sunday, children who are non-members and a prospective new child from Stevenage. Obviously our happy cheder reputation is getting around. If would like to try us out on a Sunday morning please do call or email Marian. We would love to welcome you and your child to our Orot family.

Our new BBM term has started and this term our focus is on Torah; over the weeks the students will be challenged to think and discuss ideas such as what does the Torah say about how I live my life? Who wrote the Torah, what is Midrash and Talmud? They will argue and debate theology and theodicy; all important and challenging topics that will enrich their Jewish lives. So if you have a child who is in Year 6 and you have not yet booked an interview to set a date for their bar or bat mitzvah please do contact Trish our Education and Youth Administrator on 020 8238 1012 to set up a meeting with one of our Rabbis.

We have been very proud to see two of our mentors Milly Bryk and Sam Abbey receive probably the highest honour a shul can give someone, that of Callah and Chatan Bereshit at Simchat Torah, these two young adults absolutely represent what amazing role models our young people can be given the opportunity to serve their community. A huge Mazel Tov to Milly and Sam and Col HaKavod to them and all our young people who volunteer every Friday to supplement the work of the 1-2-1 tutors to help our BBM students confidently prepare for their big day in shul.

The month of Tishri is over, a sigh of relief from all the people involved in putting on amazing programmes and events over the last four weeks, but we won't be resting on our successes for one minute as we are already preparing for our next big festival of Chanukah, please look at the Young Families page for details of this event. You can be sure of a great event!

Marian Cohen,
Head of Education and Youth
education@ehrs.uk
020 8238 1014



For more information on Stonegrove Life events and activities, please visit the website www.ehrs.uk/stonegrovelife
Where Zoom participation is required see Our Week Ahead, or email stonegrove.life@ehrs.uk

STONEGROVE LIFE

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Previously known as 'All Things Jewish', our new Stonegrove Life committee supports the Together Groups, Stonegrove Serenade, and other adult learning opportunities. An energetic team of Rabbis, staff and volunteers, this committee is at the heart of the community. There really is something for everybody with Stonegrove Life, and if you are interested in helping us, we meet once a month during the daytime. If you are interested, please email debbie.drapkin@ehrs.uk

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

These sessions are full of new insights which bring Torah and Tanakh (The Hebrew Bible) to life. In person or on Zoom.

Saturday 18 November - Parashat Toldot - As we read about Jacob's famous deception of Esau, Rabbi Debbie asks some of our Jewish sources 'is it ever ok to lie?'

Saturday 16 December - The Books of the Maccabees - Guerillas who Founded a Dynasty. The Maccabee story is at the foundation of the festival of Chanukah. As the festival ends for another year come to learn with Rabbi Mark why these books are not in the Jewish Bible and why at least one famous story is completely missing from them.

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 4 November - As we celebrate the induction of Rabbi Tanya, Rabbi Debbie takes us on a journey from Iraq to Germany to Belorussia, as we explore the often surprising history of women serving as Rabbis.

Saturday 2 December - Seven Extraordinary Rabbis - Stories of an Odd job for a Jewish boy or girl. Rabbi Mark tells the story of seven Rabbis with very unusual careers across the world and across the centuries. Expect fights in Synagogue, an assassination & becoming the most popular cleric in Jamaica. Seven unforgettable life stories in one of the oldest professions.

Mitzvah Day Interfaith Event

Neasden Temple for Annukat

Monday 13 November, 14:00-17:00

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir is a Hindu temple in Neasden, London. Built entirely using traditional methods and materials, the temple has been described as being Britain's first authentic Hindu temple. The temple have kindly invited our members to visit as part of our Mitzvah Day Menu and their New Year Celebrations, Annukat. This is a wonderful opportunity to see this magnificent complex and build relationships between our communities.

Booking is essential. Members only. Meet at EHRs at 14:00, where we will look to car pool and then we will drive to the Temple. We am to be back at EHRs by 17:00 (depending on traffic).

The Mandir is a sacred house of God and a place of daily worship. In the interest of preserving its sanctity and ensuring worshippers can enjoy the spiritual ambience, all visitors are requested to abide by guidelines applicable in all areas of the Mandir complex.

To view the guidelines and to book please go to www.ehrs.uk/neasden-temple



Talmud Class Sundays 5 November & 3 December, 10:00-11:00

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

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

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

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

World's Minorities & Politics

Tuesday 28 November, 20:00-21:00

Join Phil Dave and Rabbi Tanya for a podcast about Israel and Palestine in person or on Zoom. We are delighted to welcome our guests Rabbi Yael Vurgan who serves 10 moshavim in the south west of Israel most affected by the recent Hamas attacks, and Rabbi Leah Jordan who is the representative of Jewish pro-Palestinian organisation Naamod. Please join us in person for a bagel dinner at 19:30.



The December Dilemma

Tuesday 12 December, 20:00-21:30

How many kosher turkeys are sold in December?

Does a Christmas tree belong in a Jewish home?

What does a Jew do on Christmas?

Can we celebrate with our non Jewish friends and family?

Come and explore the December dilemma with our Cornerstone class and the whole community.

Will you stand up for Jews enjoying a Christmas lunch, or are you strict on only eating bagels on 25 December?

Join us in person or on Zoom.

Rosh Chodesh, 20:00

To register to stay updated on our monthly meetings please do so at www.ehrs.uk/togethergroups.

Sun and Moon - Both Give Light. For this 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. All are welcome to join this group.

Seventh Night Chanukah Candle Lighting

Wednesday 13 December, 20:00-20:30

Join Rabbi Debbie on Zoom for candle lighting, and a blessing for Rosh Chodesh.



Whether it's cycling, singing, dancing, foraging, cooking, rambling, learning or watching movies, we have many groups where you can join other members with common interests.

EHR'S 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. Some groups are in person, whilst others are online.

Go to www.ehrs.uk/togethergroups for more information on our groups and how to book your place.

Art Club Tuesdays, 14:30-16:00 fortnightly

Come and discover your inner creative self, explore your sensitive side, and delve into the artistic world! Angela Wilson will be showing a selection of paintings by various artists. After the session we will have tea together and have the opportunity to discuss the art.

Bridge for Beginners Wednesdays, 20:00-21:30

Led by Annita Tischler, these sessions will enable you to enjoy playing with members of a similar standard, while improving your game in a friendly and welcoming setting. Booking is essential. £2 per session for EHR'S members, £3 per session for non members.

Coffee & Chat Wednesdays, 10:30-12:00 fortnightly

Our tea & coffee mornings at EHR'S are for those on their own who would like to meet others in the same situation. All are welcome.

Cookalongs

Wednesday 22 November, 20:00 - Healthy(er) at Chanukah. Does everything have to be fried? Of course not! Cakes and cookies made with olive oil, and a winter pudding you can set on fire! Join Rabbi Debbie over Zoom as we prepare for the festival of lights!

Cycling

This group is aimed at everyone who is confident at riding on a road in a group for 20 miles at a leisurely pace. Returning in 2024.

Football Sundays, 20:00 weekly

EHR'S's weekly football game for male members between 21-45, at Centenary Sixes, Centenary Park, Stanmore, HA7 2NW. This takes place weekly. Minimum 5 a side, Maximum 6 a side. Members: £5, Non Members: £7. Please book via the website.

Foraging

Join Rabbi Debbie and our EHR'S expert Peter Bradley on a foraging trip. Look out for dates & details on the website.

Israeli Dancing Mondays, 11:00-12:30 weekly

This class is for all adults. A warm welcome to all who want to join us for this energetic and fun morning.

Juke Box Gold Thursday 16 November, 20:00-21:30

Join us as we listen to great singers and groups from the 50s, 60s & 70s. We look forward to welcoming you with videos and songs on a very informal basis, where we will play many of your favourites! Refreshments available from 19:30. Hosted by Richard Hartman.

Opera Appreciation Thursdays 2 November & 21 December, 19:15-21:30

Do you like opera? If so then please join our opera appreciation group at EHR'S with other like-minded members. This group will meet monthly at EHR'S in the early evenings to see classical opera on DVD which will be introduced and then discussed by the group.

Rabbi Kraft Memorial Book Club

This is a small, friendly group of who meet once a month on Zoom. A full synopsis of each book can be found on the EHR'S website.

Tuesday 7 November, 19:30 - '600 Hours of Edward' by Craig Lancaster

Tuesday 5 December, 19:30 - 'An Observant Wife' by Naomi Ragen

Rambling

Rambling is a fantastic way to make new friends and learn about local lore, and you will have your love of great views, fresh air and a love of nature in common. This group takes a break for now and will return in March 2024.

Rummikub Tuesdays, 14:00-16:00 fortnightly

If you love playing Rummikub then this group is for you. Join this social and friendly group. Donation £2 per person.

Singing Circle Mondays, 14:00-15:00 weekly

The Singing Circle is an opportunity for anyone who doesn't have perfect pitch to sing a medley of EHR'S favourites and learn some new Hebrew songs based on short texts which will be transliterated. Join Lawrence Cohen for an hour of joyous harmonies!

Spanish Conversation Tuesdays, 14:00-15:30 fortnightly

Hola, hablas español? Want to brush up your Spanish conversation? This group is for those who wish to improve their Spanish.

Stonegrove Players Monday 27 November, 20:00-22:00

A monthly Adult Amateur Dramatics Group for those who enjoy performing, or helping with costumes, props, lighting or sound.

TV Addicts Club Chanukah Special Thursday 14 December, 19:00-22:00

On this date, we will be watching Steven Spielberg's *'The Fabelmans'*. Told through the eyes of the fictionalized Sammy Fabelman, representing a young Spielberg, the movie focuses primarily on how the filmmaker's family circumstances, particularly his parents' divorce, impacted his journey to the iconic director he became. Please book your place at www.ehrs.uk/event/fabelmans

We will be lighting the Chanukah candles at 18:30 if you would like to join us. Doughnuts and drinks at 19:00, film will start at 19:15.

The next series of the TV Addicts Club will begin on Thursday 11 January. Please check the website for updates

Whisky Tasting

Every few months you can join us for an evening of whisky tasting, sample different whiskeys and chat about your favourites with others who share the same love for this delicious tippie. Register for updates via the Together Groups website page.

EHRS GROUPS

NEW OPTIONS

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

Please email newoptions@ehrs.uk if you have any queries.

Schmoozing with the Rabbis –

A light hearted topical discussion, in an informal setting. In person at the Synagogue. Please join us on **Wednesday 29 November, 10.30-11.30** with Rabbi Mark.

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.

NOT THE WOMENS GUILD

Meetings begin at 14:00 in the Synagogue unless otherwise stated, and a warm welcome is extended to all.

For further details and to book your place, please contact **Evie** 020 8954 5393 ewoolstone@yahoo.com or **Sandra** 020 8958 7140 sandra@harrisresidence.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you.

Monday 6 November: We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Tanya, who will be telling us about her career path to the Rabbinate, and other related matters including her recent induction. This will be a good opportunity to meet Rabbi Tanya in person, if you haven't already done so.

Thursday 14 December: We are holding our Chanukah social on this day, which is always a popular event. Put the date in your diary to come and join us for an afternoon of fun and doughnuts! Everyone is welcome.



QUIZ TIME!

**Sunday 12 November, 18:30
at EHRS**

You can book a table of 8 or 10, or you can book individual tickets and we will add you to a table.
Doors open 18:00, supper 18:30, quiz 19:00

Tickets: £25 per person

with all proceeds going directly to **Comfort Cases UK**.

This charity was started by 2 EHRS members, Sarah Laster & Katie Icklow. Comfort Cases are backpacks filled with comfort and personal care items for youth entering the foster care system. Typically, children are given a bin bag to pack up their belongings when they are removed from their homes. Comfort Cases are working to end this practice while providing the essentials for a child's first few days in foster care. To find out more about their work and how you can help them please visit www.comfortcasesuk.org/comfort-cases

Please book at www.ehrs.uk/event/supperquiz2023

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OTHER ACTIVITIES AT EHRS

JACS (JEWISH ASSOCIATION OF CULTURAL SOCIETIES)

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

2 Nov: Luke Lakehurst - Questions & Answers on Israel

9 Nov: Corrine Corre - How vintage postcards expose the extraordinary era of Edwardian England

16 Nov: Michele Wolf - Life in Verse

23 Nov: David Tomback - 30 years at English Heritage & Historic England

30 Nov: Brad Ashton - So you think you cannot be scammed?

7 Dec: Roy Blass - The legends of Las Vegas

14 Dec: Chanukah Party - Paul Coleman entertains

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

THE LEAGUE OF JEWISH WOMEN

The League of Jewish Women is a national voluntary organisation and the Stanmore & Edgware Group is the largest in the country. We are a local cross-communal group, and half are members of EHRS.

We meet monthly on **Tuesdays, 14:00-16:00**, with speakers each month. **Upcoming dates: 7 November.**

For more information, please contact **Andrea Fisher** on 020 8958 0424 or email andrealjw@hotmail.com

ZUMBA GOLD

Thursdays 10:00-11:00

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



THE NEW STONEGROVE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Join us for a friendly game organised by English International bridge player Artur Malinowski, **Thursdays, 13:00 at EHRS**. £10 per person including refreshments.

For more information contact **Brian & Anthony Somers** 020 8954 5956 or anthony@hansa-uk.com

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A summary of the recent events from the Board of Deputies

International Division

The Board met Israeli Opposition Leader Yair Lapid for an 'insightful yet sombre' conversation in Jerusalem, they discussed the importance of Israel to the UK's Jewish community, as well as the current political challenges facing Israel.

Communities and Education

The Board had recently chaired the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies Five-day Conference in London, with nearly 500 delegates attending. Many Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews were in attendance.

Health/London Jewish Health Partnership: A new press release and adverts for Jewish New Year editions of Jewish newspapers regarding Measles has been produced by the Board.

Educating to fight anti-Jewish racism: The Board gave a presentation to PGCE student RE teachers at Edge Hill University on all aspects of Judaism, followed by a Q&A session. They also participated in an interfaith round-robin training event for police recruits in Leicester.

Synagogue visits and school speakers: Safeguarding guidance for those who welcome visitors into their synagogues was written by the Board and sent to all Jewish SACRE reps and Deputies.

Blue Plaques: The Board are discussing the Board's involvement in securing Blue Plaques to mark the places with which significant Jewish people or organisations have been associated.

Defence

Antisemitism: The Board of Deputies will be the UK representative of a new global taskforce on antisemitism, convened by the anti-defamation league (ADL) and made up by Jewish advocacy organisations in seven countries.

The Board made a submission to the Goldsmiths University Antisemitism Inquiry.

The Antisemitism in Culture Working Group reported to the Division in August reflecting on its work over the last quarter and plans going forward, including the development of a resource that will provide recommendations on how to tackle antisemitism in culture.

Political: The Board met Mike Freer, MP for Finchley and Golders Green, to discuss ongoing projects from the Board and future work streams. The Board met the new Public Affairs Director at the Holocaust Educational Trust to discuss upcoming work potentially of joint interest.

Interfaith: The Board met, in Israel, the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum. The Board met with the Co-Chairs of the Council of Christians and Jews to discuss strengthening relationships and opportunities for co-operation.

If you have any comments or questions please contact Tony Seymour, tony.seymour@ehrs.uk



We have just completed our October Half Term Scheme and it was so beautiful. With Mitzvah Day approaching (Sunday 19 November), we decided to run Mitzvah mornings all week during scheme. We created seed bombs and bird feeders to be given to a care home to help grow their garden and bring wildlife and joy. We also made dog toys that were given to a dog's home for them to enjoy as well as cards give to charities in Israel for all their children who need our support. We have been on a community clean up, cleaning the spaces in the synagogue as well as the outside areas that we use and appreciate. Our whole ethos for October was to be engaging our environment. We made a conscious effort to have programming that was informal but brought awareness to environmental issues as well as solutions to these. One example was our enter the beehive activity; that highlighted the role that bees play in our ecosystem and what the impact would be if we lost them. It was great to see young people openly engage with challenges a look to find solutions.

We have also started up our Hadracha programme with a new cohort. They have been enjoying getting to know each other as well as looking at what it takes to be a leader. The team has also planned an awesome Shabbaton for our Hadracha course - with 3 incredible workshops on creative thinking, organisational skills and then a special interview with our very own Marian Cohen, talking about how she became a Jewish educator and leader. And of course, that was not all



we had our usual fun and games with us having a casino night as well as a late-night film and all the food you could think about. If this sounds good to you it's not too late to join our Hadracha course, contact us via email, youth@ehrs.uk. Looking forward, our next scheme will be February Half Term. This scheme will be filled with art projects, sports, drama and some incredible workshops. We love to provide engaging programming that will help young people engage with their Judaism in a fun and interactive environment. As always, we have fun, fun

and even more fun. Your children will go home with smiles on their faces. Check out our website too book, www.ehrs.uk/youthcentre

Did you know EHRS members get perks for our schemes? Members get a discounted rate to all schemes, free early drop off at 08:30, free late pick up until 17:00, prices as low as £25 per day.

Jack Murphy, Head of Youth Development,
youth@ehrs.uk/020 8238 1024



We welcome Mia Morris who joined us at EHRS as the Part Time Youth Worker in September 2023. Mia is a creative, outside of the box thinker, with artistic endeavours being her speciality. She has been an active member of EHRS since she joined Cheder as a member at the age of 6. She studied Hadracha after her Bat Mitzvah, then became a teaching assistant at Orot before being promoted to teacher, and discovered her love of planning and delivering imaginative, meaningful and educational programmes. She continued to lead play schemes and stay connected to the youth team into her later teen years alongside pursuing her passions in fine art, music and fashion; and through exploring her artistic self, developed her creative ideology – to help people of all ages connect with ourselves, each other and the world in a positive and authentic way. She always throws herself into her practice, whether it be working with children or young leaders. In her free time she continues to make music and art, and on a normal day you can find her at the yoga studio or on a run in the woods.

NAGILA

Nagila has had a busy few months. We started our new term in September and immediately began to learn about the High Holy Days. We introduced Rosh Hashanah by reading stories to the children during circle times, and enjoyed tasting apple dipped in honey. The older group learnt why we have a round challah on Rosh Hashanah. Rabbi Mark came to visit for a special Yom Kippur circle time. It was lovely listening to his stories and singing songs with him. He blew the shofar for us, and all the children had a chance to try it (some more successfully than others!!)

Whilst the EHRS Sukkah was being built outside, we constructed our own Nagila Sukkah with the children busy making decorations to hang up. We also created a welcome banner for the EHRS Sukkah based round this year's theme of Ushpizin - the guests that we welcome into our special festival structure. The children helped to bake two delicious



Challahs for our special Nagila Kabbalat Shabbat in the Sukkah. They had to knead the dough for a very long time and leave it to prove overnight before repeating the process all over again the next day. Finally, the children filled the Challahs with fruit and glazed the top of them with egg before baking them in the



oven. To bring the celebrations to a close, Rabbi Tanya met us in the synagogue and showed us all the beautiful scrolls.

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

Special Film Screening: 'Twenty Days in Mariupol'

Thursday 30 November 19:30-21:30

Between May and July 2022 three young adults from Mariupol, Ukraine, came to live with families in the EHRS community. They had escaped from months of Russian siege and attacks on their city. All three are still living in London, now independently or with their host families. Two of the young adults will come to introduce this film about their home city and their own experiences.

'Twenty Days in Mariupol' shows a team of Ukrainian journalists trapped in the besieged city of Mariupol struggling to continue their work documenting atrocities of the Russian invasion.

As the only international reporters who remain in the city, they capture what later become defining images of the war: dying children, mass graves, the bombing of a maternity hospital, and more. It is a harrowing but truthful film which has won many awards since its release. To see this film is to understand the horror of modern warfare on civilians.

Hosted by Rabbi Mark and Rabbi Tanya who will also be on hand after the screening.

Suggested donation of £5, which will be used to support the relief effort for Ukraine.

Please book at www.ehrs.uk/mariupol



Cornerstone

Tuesdays, 19:00-19:45 for Hebrew & 20:00-21:30 for Jewish Studies

Our introduction to Judaism course. Our Cornerstone programme is open to any member of the community wanting to deepen their Jewish knowledge, or improve their Hebrew, 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 rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk for details.



NIGHT SHELTER AT EHRS IN SPRING 2024

EHRS will again be hosting up to 17 homeless guests one night a week over a period of eight weeks in spring 2024. We will be offering a hot evening meal, a safe place to sleep overnight and a simple breakfast upstairs in our community centre. Our lovely EHRS volunteers will support this important project for 7 Monday nights and Tuesday mornings between 26 February and 15 April 2024, excluding Bank Holiday Monday 1 April. We will need volunteer cooks (at home), people to set up, people to serve dinner and socialise, people to sleep in the hall with our homeless guests, people to serve breakfast and clean up as well as people to deliver bedding to the next venue. All volunteers that come into contact with our homeless guests will receive full training and a



volunteer handbook will be provided. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact me, Lisa Bard on nightshelter@ehrs.uk or by WhatsApp message on 07724 897222.

HELP REFUGEE CHILDREN ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

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, www.separatedchild.org, needs you to compile Arrival Packs and Sleep Packs which they 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 few hours on a Sunday to put new clothing and toiletries into a 'hug in a bag' for the children who arrive here on their own with so, so little, www.separatedchild.org/our-work/arrival-packs/

For more information contact, Lisa Bard on nightshelter@ehrs.uk or by WhatsApp message on 07724 897222.

Please join us for an EHRS outing to

The Czech Scrolls Memorial Museum

at Westminster Synagogue

On Sunday 3 December

Meeting either
outside The Czech Scrolls Memorial Museum (3rd Floor of Kent House, Rutland Gardens, London SW7 1BX) at 11:00,
or at Edgware Station for those wishing to travel together at 9:45. Following the visit we hope to be able to find a local restaurant to enjoy lunch. For all age groups. Free to members / £5 for non-members.

The Story of the rescue of 1,564 Czech Scrolls by Ralph Yablon who donated them to the Westminster Synagogue, Kent House, London where they arrived in February 1964, has passed into history as a small but remarkable episode in the tragedy of European Jewry. As an intimate link with individual congregations that were destroyed by the Nazis, the rescued Scrolls are a symbol of sorrow but also of hope as they are read and used, becoming part of the many communities, Museums and Educational Establishments around the World.

Importantly, over the nearly six decades since their arrival, the racks of the MST Museum have grown emptier as one Scroll after another has been placed to its rightful place in Jewish life, teaching and encouraging many to not only think of the six million Jews who perished but also how to stand against racism and teach the world justice, compassion, ensuring to build a better & kinder world.

The Museum's permanent exhibition which was established in 1988, tells the unique story of the arrival of the Torah scrolls from Prague in 1964 and of their restoration and distribution to communities throughout the world. The exhibits include some of these Scrolls, as well as a display of remarkable Torah Binders, some of which date from the 18th century, and other moving reminders of the vanished communities of Bohemia and Moravia.

To book please go to www.ehrs.uk/event/westminster

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High Holy Days 2023

The High Holy Days are, of course, a rather busy time. But they don't just happen; as a synagogue team we begin reflecting and planning before Pesach! Pulled together by our High Holy Day committee, chaired with great dedication by Michael Weber for the last 3 years, it's not just the rabbis that have to plan but the office staff who look after tickets, the security team, wardens, tech team who keep us all online, and our Youth & Education team who provide weeks of incredible programming and activities for the younger members of our community.

Every year is a little bit different, so we wanted to share some of our highlights, please let us know what yours were too!



We launched our first ever 0-2year old Rosh Hashanah service 'Chumash babies' specially designed for our littlest members and it was a huge success, allowing them to experience the chagim through their senses. The interactive music & sensory session saw them enjoying Rosh Hashanah songs, counting apples and dipping apples in the runny (parachute) honey. Lots of bubbles and lots of smiles and of course a shofar sounding! And as always the Youth Centre was decorated to ensure an immersive experience for our young members as they entered.

Members of all ages were able to take the EHRS experience beyond Stonegrove with 3 different places to try out Tashlich, the ritual of throwing away our sins, traditionally in the form of breadcrumbs, but as duck food with EHRS so we don't poison the life of our waterways. Before the chagim even started our Eco Judaism team led on this years Reverse Tashlich, helping to clean up a local waterway from all the sins that we humans have thrown into them; a meaningful way to engage with teshuvah/repentance.



The music of the High Holy Days is poignant for so many and our thanks are always due to our choir and cantorial soloists, this year with Nina Kanter taking the helm for the first time, and made all our services from Selichot through to Simchat Torah. Many of us were also able to enjoy the beautiful chello Kol Nidre from Sam Weinstein in the Upper Synagogue.



Our beautiful Sukkah was back in action despite having no weekend to put it up, the community came together to make sure it was as beautiful as ever, and we are particularly grateful to our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Nagila nursery. We were able to sample etrog vodka from 2018 and 2022 to compare and contrast, and the sukkah saw events happening every day of the festival, from cheese and wine to visits by national and local politicians!

Although Simchat Torah felt harder to celebrate, with terrible events in Israel beginning in the morning, we would not allow terror to take away from our Judaism and we were able to celebrate our 6 amazing chatanim and kallot, and to learn some of the fascinating story of our Czech scroll along with Rabbi Steven Katz whose father Rabbi Dr. Arthur Katz z"l came from Sobeslav- the same town as the scroll.

There were so many other highlights, from fantastic surround sound shofar blasts to popular learning sessions, and if anyone would love to help make it all happen next year do get in touch!



anniversary. At the same time it feels to me that it is even more important for us now to come together as a community and share our joys and hope with each other. We cannot allow fear and despair to overtake us.

So, I would like to invite you to my Induction service on **Saturday 4 November** to say thank you to you for your support and welcome I have received over the last year, for your understanding and patience, and for your unwavering commitment to our community and our people. I am really looking forward to sharing this special day with you, my colleagues, Emeritus-Rabbis, my friends from other faiths and a special guest from Moscow, who some of you know already, Cantor Dmitry Karpenko.

The service we are planning will be in the format of one of our alternative services called 'HaKol B'Seder', meaning in English 'everything will be fine'. It will be a blend

of the EHRS traditional tunes sung by our choir, traditional Eastern European Hazanut, prayers sung by Cantor Karpenko, and some modern tunes from our HaKol B'Seder service led by our cantorial soloist Nina Kantor and Cantor Dmitry Karpenko.

It is an opportunity for me to say thank you to you all and also to celebrate the light of our tradition and perseverance of our spirits. During these challenging times we are living through and even more challenging times for our sisters and brothers in Israel I hope my Induction service will provide a pause for joy and celebration not only of our community but also of our people. Light and darkness, sorrow and joys are commingled in our lives but we will always prevail because we choose life and light. *Am Israel Hai!*

Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovich

On 1 November I will be celebrating my first anniversary with EHRS. The year has gone very quickly. It has been a busy but happy year for me. And I am looking forward to being part of our welcoming and inclusive EHRS family for many more years to come. The recent horrific events in Israel overshadowed the joy of my



Creating our legacy together

Leaving a gift to EHRS

Our Synagogue is committed to passing on our faith and values to every generation, LeDor VaDor. We do so through meaningful and well run services and great activities.

One excellent way to ensure the Synagogue can continue to do this beyond our lifetimes is for all of us to remember its work in our will.

By doing so, we can help maintain our cultural and religious heritage, and enable EHRS to be ambitious in building Judaism for the future.

Perhaps you have benefitted from the Synagogue's support during a difficult time, or maybe you have needed a concession on your subscription. Perhaps you simply want to support the continuation of our religious and cultural life to benefit future generations.

If so, leaving a legacy to the Synagogue is an excellent way to give something back and to invest its future.

Some members have already included a gift in their will to the Synagogue and so we would like to invite you to join them in this, so that together we can create a real legacy for future generations.

We promise you that every penny will be used wisely.

If you have not already made a will, then we encourage you to do so and to include a gift to the Synagogue. If you already have a will, please consider adding a gift via a codicil. It is an easy way to give valuable support.

Please take a brochure from the Synagogue foyer that tells you more about will making and leaving a legacy, or call the Synagogue Office on 020 8238 1000 and we will gladly send you one.

Please read it carefully and do let us know if you would like to talk about how your gift would make a difference to the future life of the Synagogue.



MARCH & REMEMBER SIDE BY SIDE AT THE AJEX PARADE

Book now to Parade and join AJEX at the Cenotaph in honouring and Remembering the thousands of Jewish Servicemen and Women who fought and served for our freedom.

March, walk, or watch 'Side by Side' in solidarity, honouring their legacy.

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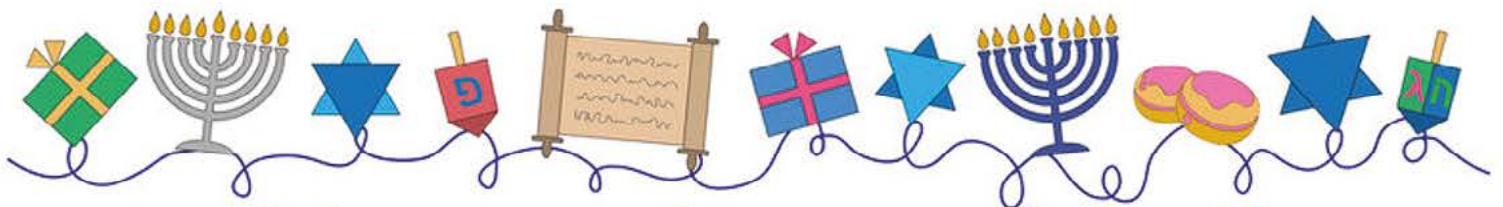
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WE WILL REMEMBER





Chanukah 2023/5784

Every night of Chanukah there will be the chance to light Chanukah candles together on Zoom or at the Synagogue and hear about our EHRS members' Jewish heroes.

Thursday 7 December

First Night, 19:30-20:00

Light candles together with our Rabbis in person or on Zoom.

From 20:00-21:00, join Lawrence Cohen in person to hear about 'The Book of R': Lawrence Cohen's new novel whose heroines & heroes are as flawed as some of those dysfunctional characters who inhabit The Hebrew Bible! Chanukahdic refreshments provided.

Friday 8 December

Erev Shabbat Chanukah Service, 18:30-19:30

Come to Synagogue to light the second night candles. Bring your Chanukiah to join all the others at EHRS. Followed by a bring and share non-meat dinner.

Saturday 9 December

Third Night, 18:30-19:00

Our EHRS Havdallah group leads our Chanukah candles lighting on Zoom as we also say goodbye to Shabbat Chanukah.

Sunday 10 December

Family Chanukah Extravaganza, 10:30-12:30

Light up your morning at EHRS with inflatables, face painting, crafts, doughnuts, balloon modelling & more. Book at www.ehrs.uk/chanukah-23

Fourth Night, 18:30-19:00

Light candles together with our Rabbis on Zoom

Monday 11 December

Fifth Night, 18:30-19:00

Light candles together with our Rabbis on Zoom

Tuesday 12 December

Down with Doughnuts Night, 20:00-21:15

Ashkenazi Jews have got used to doughnuts/sufganiot as their Chanukah food par excellence. But the Jewish world has many more Chanukah treats to enjoy. Join Rabbi Mark to taste your way around the world at Chanukah together with the stories of the communities that developed the recipes. Beginning with our Sixth Night Chanukah candle lighting. Book at www.ehrs.uk/doughnuts

Wednesday 13 December

Seventh Night, 20:00-20:30

Join Rabbi Debbie on Zoom (or in person if you are a Young Adult coming to Beer & Shiur) for candle lighting and a blessing for Rosh Chodesh.

Thursday 14 December

Chanukah Film Night - 'The Fabelmans', 19:00-22:00

It's the final night of Chanukah and a chance to enjoy this great film based on the life of film director Stephen Spielberg. Told through the eyes of the fictionalised Sammy Fabelman, representing a young Spielberg, the movie focuses primarily on how the filmmaker's family circumstances, particularly his parents' divorce, impacted his journey to the iconic director he became.

We will light the Chanukah candles at 18:30 if you would like to join us. Doughnuts and drinks at 19:00, film will start at 19:15. Book at www.ehrs.uk/event/fabelmans



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SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER
10:30-12:30

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Non-members £20 family ticket
Ticket includes 3 donut per person



Stonegrove Serenade

EHRIS is delighted to present Stonegrove Serenade, a series of concerts at EHRIS. Every month, please join us for music featuring up and coming classical musicians.



Tuesday 21 November, 13:00: We welcome The Rev'd Paulina Hławiczka

Paulina is the minister at Trinity Church in Nottingham and council member of The Lutheran Church in Great Britain, who is also a classical singer. Her performance will be accompanied on piano by our very own Rabbi Tanya.

We invite you to enjoy a light lunch in Café 118 before the concert from 12:00. The café re-opens after the concert for drinks, cakes, and a chat.

Tuesday 19 December, 19:00: The Ellis Ensemble.

Performing will be Susanne Simma on bassoon, Belinda Jones on piano and Kimon Parry on clarinet. They have plenty of international performing experience and will no doubt delight the Stonegrove Serenade audience.

We invite you to enjoy a light supper in Café 118 before the concert from 18:00. The café will re-open after the concert for drinks, cake and a chat.

All are welcome. Please go to www.ehrs.uk/serenade for more details and to book. Admission free, suggested donation £5.

YOUNG ADULTS

Beer and Shiur, 20:00.

When on Zoom, details are:

Meeting ID: 839 2128 5866 Password: 978112

Wednesday 8 November

Just after we celebrate a failed over throwing of the government on 5 November, Rabbi Debbie looks forward to Chanukah and some of the rebellious leaders that can inspire us

to today, including some amazing women. Join her on Zoom.

Wednesday 13 December

Chanukah Social - Beer and Shiur will get together to eat, drink, and light some candles (and maybe do some learning!)

For location and details email rabi.debbie@ehrs.uk, and to be added to the regular young adults updates.

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We also have a lovely spacious hall on the first floor of our Community Centre building. This hall is perfect for parties and events, and offers capacity for 180 guests.



For further information and to book one of our spaces, please call 020 8238 1011 or email banqueting@ehrs.uk

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