

# LEDOR & VADOR

Edgware & Hendon Reform Synagogue, 118 Stonegrove, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 8AB

## FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

### YOM HASHOAH, YOM HAZIKARON & YOM HAATZMAUT

Join us for our choral evening service for Yom Hashoah, a Tekes ceremony to commemorate Yom HaZikaron, and celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut with a special Stonegrove Serenade Concert, a conversation on Israel & Zionism, and an Israeli Dance session *Page 4*

### SHAVUOT

Enjoy Shavuot with a Tikkun Leyl, Shavuot Services, a Family Fun Morning, and some cheesecake of course! *Page 17*

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You can make your mark on the new Machzor by dedicating a set for our Synagogue to celebrate this exciting moment *Page 19*



## 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](mailto: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/](http://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 Clergy's 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](mailto:info@jewishfunerals.org.uk)

### THE CLERGY

Our EHRS Clergy Team are always happy to hear from you, please contact their Personal Assistant, June Lewis on 020 8238 1002 or [june.lewis@ehrs.uk](mailto:june.lewis@ehrs.uk). You can contact them directly:

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Outside office hours our 24/7 EHRS Emergency Line is **07708 731862**, it will be answered by one of the Clergy 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](mailto:communications@ehrs.uk)**

### BIRTHS

Esther (Esty) Leah Miriam, a daughter for Nicola and Jaysen Lewin, a sister for Tzvi, a granddaughter for Janice Golden and the late David Golden z'l.

Avigail Bracha, a daughter for Penina and James Bennett, a granddaughter for Frances and Tim Beasant.

### BAR/BAT MITZVAH

**11 May** - Harry Delane, son of Emma & Joel.

**18 May** - Pearl Harris, daughter of Victoria & Justin.

**8 June** - Audrey Kattan, daughter of Jemma & James.

**29 June** - Jake Perloff, son of Josette & John.

### AUFRUFS

**1 June** - Joanne and Michael Beaumont.

### BIRTHDAYS

Mazel Tov to Pamela Rokenson on her 90th birthday.

Mazel Tov to Marion Lewis on her 90th birthday.

### CONDOLENCES

To Susan Wiseman on the loss of her husband, Gerald Wiseman.

To Julia Miles on the loss of her husband, Michael Miles.

To Sharman Cardash on the loss of her husband, Alan Cardash.

To Valerie Gershon on the loss of her husband, and Sue Newton on the loss of her father, Michael Gershon.

To Helen Karbaron on the loss of her husband, and Marc Karbaron on the loss of his father, Monte Karbaron.

To Peter Wiseman on the loss of his wife, and Martyn Wiseman on the loss of his mother, Barbara Wiseman.

To Gideon and Mark Israel on the loss of their mother, Rachelle Israel.

To David Chalom on the loss of his mother, Huguette Chalom.

To Nicholas Moser on the loss of his mother, Susan Moser.

To Carol Davies on the loss of her mother, Rai Hatter.

To Raymond Cohen on the loss of his brother, Selwyn Cohen.

To Alan Yager on the loss of his brother, Peter Yager.

To David Moss on the loss of his sister, Ruth Turek.

To the family of Cynthia Gershon.

To the family of Rachelle Israel.

To the family of Mark Farry.

To the family of Babette Sultoon.

### TOMBSTONE CONSECRATIONS

**2 May** at Edgwarebury Cemetery – 12:00 in memory of Audrey Ross.

**5 May** at Edgwarebury Cemetery – 12:30 in memory of Myra Craig. 14:30 in memory of Sidney Budd.

**12 May** at Cheshunt Cemetery – 11:00 in memory of Alan Rosenthal.

**19 May** at Edgwarebury Cemetery – 10:00 in memory of Marian Altman. 12:30 in memory of Sandra Baker.

at Cheshunt Cemetery – 11:15 in memory of Anne Braverman.

at Cheshunt Woodlands – 12:30 in memory of Rhona Cavaye.

**24 May** at Cheshunt Cemetery – 11:15 in memory of Sylvia Simons.

**2 June** at Cheshunt Cemetery – 11:15 in memory of Norman Hodis.

**9 June** at Edgwarebury Cemetery – 10:00 in memory of Beryl Fisher.

at Cheshunt Cemetery – 14:00 in memory of Marcel Biron. 14:45 in memory of Antionette Harris.

**23 June** at Edgwarebury Cemetery – 10:00 in memory of Sylvia Goldman. 12:30 in memory of Peter Tischler.

**30 June** at Edgwarebury Cemetery – 10:00 in memory of Harry Gamp. 12:30 in memory of Michael Gerard.

### NEW MEMBERS:

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

Paul, Kelly, Jackson, Ari, and Savannah Scott.

David Clucas and Olivia Jones.

Corrine & Tristan Music.

Gaby Cohen.

Edwin Wooton.

Jack Silverman.

Eytan Kaye.

Vita Charkham.

Saskia Simons.

Alicia Bogard.

Mia Sherman.

Ava Solomon.

## SERVICES

For Service Zoom details please see forthcoming Our Week Ahead emails, or email [admin@ehrs.uk](mailto:admin@ehrs.uk)

### **Kuddle Up Shabbat**

**Fridays 10 May & 7 June, 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. In May will have an Israeli flavor as we celebrate Israel's 76th birthday, and in June our theme will be the story of Ruth for Shavuot.

### **Erev Shabbat Service**

**Every Friday Evening, 18:30-19:20**

Our Erev Shabbat Service takes place every Friday Evening. Led by our Clergy in person at our Synagogue and through the Livestream Classic Channel. They give a beautiful sense of rest and togetherness to help you to cope with the stresses of the world.

### **Kabbalat Shabbat Shirah & Dinner**

**Friday 14 June, 18:30**

Join our Shabbat Shirah Band, Rabbi Tanya and Cantor Tamara for a joyful and relaxing Friday night service followed by a bring & share dinner and a sing along to some Shabbat and Israeli songs during the dinner. Please book online at

[www.ehrs.uk/event/kabbalat-shirah](http://www.ehrs.uk/event/kabbalat-shirah)

### **LGBT+ Pride Shabbat Evening**

**Friday 28 June, 18:30**

In this Erev Shabbat service, led by Cantor Tamara and Rabbi Mark, we especially celebrate EHRS's LGBT+ members. This will include a D'var Torah from Keshet UK which works for a world where no one is forced to choose between their LGBT+ and Jewish identity.

### **Friday Night Lights**

**Friday 7 June, 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.

### **Early Risers Service**

**Saturdays 11 May & 8 June, 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 and other features to create a participative experience, ending with a hospitable Kiddush. Led by members of congregation and Shaliach Tzibbur, Jeremy Harrod in May, and Rabbi Mark in June. Hosted by our Clergy.

### **Shabbat Coffee Stop**

**Saturdays 25 May & 22 June, 9:45-10:25**

Meet for tea, coffee and biscuits (Pesadik snacks in April!) 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. On 18 May we will be including a celebration of Milissa Seiler's 25 years at Nagila Kindergarten of which she is now the Head Teacher, and on 15 June we will celebrate Marian Cohen's 25 years as EHRS's Director of Education and Youth.

### **Healing Service**

**Saturday 4 May, 10:30-12:00**

Join with your EHRS family and Rabbi Debbie in a space where we will pray and reflect together and hold one another through life's challenges. Feel free to come in person to EHRS or join us over Zoom.

### **Torah Time**

**Saturdays 4 May & 1 June, 10:45-11:15**

Join us for this interactive storytelling experience with music and activities, on the first Shabbat of the month. Followed by a mini Kiddush and schmooze. This service is ideal for ages 4-10.

### **Teen Schmooze**

**Saturdays 11 May & 8 June, 10:30-11:30**

For everyone in school years 7 upwards. It's a Shabbat schmooze especially for you with Rabbi Mark in May and Rabbi Debbie in June - talk, music and prayer together.

### **Shabbat Shirah**

**Saturdays 11 May & 8 June, 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. Includes a Torah reading and the chance for everyone to participate in making the music. Led by our Clergy 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](mailto:rabbi.mark@ehrs.uk) so he can invite you in.

### **Build a Bible**

**Saturdays 18 May & 15 June, 10:45-11:15**

Get creative with all different types of construction to explore the week's Torah portion, on the third Shabbat of the month. Followed by a mini Kiddush and schmooze.

This service is ideal for ages 4-10.

### **Shabbat Club and Birthday Blessings**

**Saturdays 25 May & 29 June, 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.

### **Cornerstone Service**

**Saturday 1 June, 10:30**

Join Rabbi Debbie and the Cornerstone class for an explanatory Shabbat morning service which takes time to learn about the prayers and service rather than just praying them together. We will join together with the Classic Service for Kiddush.

### **Shabbat for the Soul**

**Saturday 15 June, 10:30**

Join Rabbi Tanya for an uplifting and relaxing Shabbat morning service themed around Parashat Nasso. How do we maintain personal and communal purity and sanity living through some difficult and confusing times?

### **Shabbat B'Ya'ar - Shabbat in the Forest**

**Saturday 22 June, 10:30-11:45**

Join Rabbi Mark for a very special Shabbat morning service outside among the trees of Stanmore Common. We will meet at the Warren Lane Car Park near the junction with The Common at 10.30am for a special morning exploring our connection to the world around us and the prayers we say. Siddur provided but do bring a camping chair or something waterproof to sit on if it is looking wet!

### **Chumash Babies - A sensory Shabbat experience for your five senses**

**Saturday 6 July, 10:30- 11:30**

This is a special Shabbat experience for our very youngest children, their parents, siblings and grandparents. It brings together baby sensory play and Jewish ways of experiencing the wonder of Shabbat for a delightful half hour with Cantor Tamara and Sarah Koster. See, hear, feel, taste and smell Shabbat with your baby! Followed by a Shabbat brunch to help us all get to know each other. Booking essential so that we cater properly! Please contact [sarah.koster@ehrs.uk](mailto:sarah.koster@ehrs.uk) 020 8238 1025.

### **Sunday Shacharit, 9:30-10:00**

Join our weekly Sunday Shacharit in the EHRS Beit Midrash. Half an hour of morning prayer with a friendly bunch of folks, which includes the Kaddish if you are remembering a loved one. On the first Sunday of the month, breakfast is served.

# CHORAL EVENING SERVICE FOR YOM HASHOAH

Monday 6 May, 20:00-21:30


in person at EHRS and on the EHRS Classic Channel Livestream



This year we will be hearing testimony from EHRS member Fred Kalb, and from the group from EHRS who returned a day before from Prague and Sobeslav, the hometown of our Sefer Torah rescued from the Shoah.

An important part of our memorial service is to commemorate the names of victims of the Holocaust who were relatives of our synagogue members, and then say a communal Kaddish in their memory. If you know of members of your family who perished in the Holocaust, please let us know their names and their relationship to you.

Please email [june.lewis@ehrs.uk](mailto:june.lewis@ehrs.uk) or call 020 8238 1000.

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## Yom HaZikaron & Yom HaAtzmaut

Tuesday  
14 May,  
18:30-21:30  
at EHRS

We will commemorate Yom HaZikaron, the day to remember Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism with a Tekes (ceremony) of remembrance. We will then celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut - Israel's 76th Independence Day, with a special Stonegrove Serenade welcoming Yoav Oved who will lead musicians in a concert celebrating the diversity of Israel, or you can join a conversation on Israel & Zionism with Hannah Weissfeld director of Yachad, ending with an Israeli Dancing and refreshments.

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### ORDER OF THE EVENING

18:30-19:30

Café 118 open for supper

19:30-20:00

Tekes (Ceremony)

20:00-21:00

Stonegrove Serenade OR  
Israel & Zionism Conversation

21:00-21:30

Israeli Dancing & refreshments

Please book at

[www.ehrs.uk/hazikaron-haatzmaut](http://www.ehrs.uk/hazikaron-haatzmaut)



**Hatzola** - Further to our article in the last edition about Hatzola Edgware, we have been informed that they do in fact now have a base in Borehamwood which covers the WD6, namely Borehamwood and Elstree areas. Please keep the following details handy if you live in this area: Hatzola Herts: 020 3388 7061 / info@hatzolaherts.org.uk / www.hatzolaherts.org.uk To remind you, Hatzola Herts and Edgware are a volunteer ambulance services with a mission to help the local community and save lives. They have dedicated volunteers who work alongside the NHS 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to provide professional, highly trained emergency care. Their volunteer medics have undertaken extensive first aid training and are equipped with life-saving medical equipment including defibrillators, oxygen and resuscitation devices. Hatzola Edgware: 0203 813 6446 / www.hatzola-edgware.org

**Bereavement social groups** - At EHRs we have three bereavement social groups, please see below. If you would like to know more about them please either sign up under the Get Together tab on the EHRs website or email/call Community Care for more details.

**Genesis** - social group run by EHRs member Sue Casale for those in their 60s to early 70s, also provides bereavement support.

**Phoenix** - social group for those in their mid 70s plus, provides social activity and bereavement support.

**Coffee and Chat** - run by EHRs member Shirley Lever, open to all ages and meets every second and fourth Wednesday morning at EHRs for tea, coffee and cakes in the Beit Hamidrash.

**Lunch club** - Our popular monthly Lunch Club is a great

opportunity to meet up with others in the warmth and comfort of the Shul for a hot meal. It is open to all and always held on the second Tuesday of the month, our next lunches will be on **14 May** and **11 June**. Booking is essential by the end of the week before and if you have not been previously and would like to know more please call us. In March the Nagila nursery children entertained us with songs in preparation for Purim (see photo)!



**EHRs Memory Way Café** - Our café provides support for people living with dementia and their family carers and is open to all in the local community. We meet on the third Wednesday afternoon of the month and our next cafes will be held on **15 May** and **19 June**. If you are interested for your partner or a relative and would like more information or wish to discuss any concerns, please contact either Val or Marissa. We have a useful guide on tips for supporting carers from a member of another community; please let us know if you would like to receive a copy. Please contact us if you need a confidential discussion about yourself or a family member, Val and Marissa are here to support you.



Val Joseph

**Val Joseph** - 020 8238 1013,

**Marissa Rosenthal** - 020 8238 1015

[community@ehrs.uk](mailto:community@ehrs.uk)

## Eco Team

### Misconnected Drains - Don't risk a fine!

It might seem like a long way away, but our annual Reverse Tashlich event will take place in early October. As well as thinking about what we can take out of our water, it is worth considering what we put into it and how that affects the health of our waterways.

I was speaking to Mustafa Field of the Faith Forum for London at our Interfaith Iftar last week and it struck me how fundamentally interfaith any sort of environmental action is. Litter, air pollution, and contaminated water are bad for everyone and don't discriminate on religious grounds.

Whilst a lot of these problems are systemic and should be dealt with by policymakers, there are some quite significant things that individuals can do.

As part of my voluntary work with the Riverfly Partnership ([www.riverflies.org](http://www.riverflies.org)), I undertook a recent survey of the water in the Burnt Oak Brook which goes through Watling Park and on to Edgware, eventually connecting to the Brent and then the Thames. We check the population of various water creatures including mayfly larvae, water beetles and other small critters. Unlike fish, these animals cannot move away from pollution incidents so if the water is poor, they cannot thrive.

At the end of the survey, we have a score which indicates the health of the water. It goes without saying that the Burnt Oak Brook is in a poor state. Major contributors to this are road run off, illegal dumping and misconnected drainage.

The Riverfly Partnership has recruited some local volunteers to monitor the outfalls from rainwater drains and this, in combination with the river fly surveys, means that we can now assist the Environmental Agency in pinpointing those homes and businesses that are discharging sewage directly into the streams, and hit the owners with a fine of up to £50,000 under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

**For advice on how to check whether your drains have been misconnected, please go to:**  
[www.water.org.uk/check-plumbing-and-drainage-misconnection](http://www.water.org.uk/check-plumbing-and-drainage-misconnection)

If you, or someone you know, would like to get involved with river fly surveys, please get in touch with the Riverfly Partnership, they have a close relationship with water sports enthusiasts as well as anglers and local communities.

Victoria Hiley EHRs Eco Team, [ecoteam@ehrs.uk](mailto:ecoteam@ehrs.uk)



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OUR FAITH IN THE PLANET



It seems impossible to imagine that we have now passed the 6th month mark since full scale war once again broke out between Israel and Gaza. I am not sure I will ever forget standing on the bimah, opening the Simchat Torah Service, trying to juggle the simchah of the day, with the still emerging news. In the week that followed we began to absorb the full horror of what had happened, and the devastation left for our own community's families. The next Shabbat we shared the important responsibility of trying to celebrate a Bar Mitzvah, and hold the grief we had all sat with through the week. From the bimah I can say that probably two thirds of the congregation cried at any given time during that service. We needed to come together. Many of us have cried since at the suffering we see in Israel and in Gaza, and

we continue to pray for an end to not just this war and the return of the hostages, but for a permanent solution that allows all to thrive together.

I have been involved in interfaith dialogue around Israel and Palestine for 20 years, and for at least 10 have had a policy of not posting on social media about the conflict, especially in times of conflict, but instead inviting conversations in person. There have been many many conversations since October 7th, and there has also been a lot of silence. Sometimes I was surprised by who wanted to engage in the difficult conversations. At others I was heartbroken by the breaking down of long held relationships. One of the things I started to do on social media instead of writing directly about the pain I was in, or the fear of what was unfolding, was to try and post a 'candle' every day – a small glimmer of something positive, whether it be the Muslim and Jewish owners of a kosher restaurant celebrating a birthday together (and giving us all cake) or something kind one of my kids did. One day it was a line of ducks that crossed the road on my drive down to our beautiful Woodland Cemetery.

One of the brightest candles I've experienced since October was an interfaith Iftar we were able to host

in March, in partnership with Faiths Forum for London. 100 people gathered together, evenly split between members and guests. Members invited their neighbours, old interfaith friends came, including a group from the Uigher community who we supported in our Pesach programming over the last few years. One Muslim gentleman saw the Iftar mentioned in a Times article and drove 50 miles to be with us as he thought it was so brave and hopeful.

We didn't ignore the conflict, who could? But we also remembered so many other points of connection and discussion. An amazing gang of EHRS volunteers helped us cook, and I was deeply moved to hear our Muslim friends and colleagues offer their prayers on breaking their fast. We haven't changed the world, but we did light a candle together, and while we heard each other's stories, we created space for us to continue in conversation together.

Our newly re-formed interfaith committee is hoping to ensure this work remains core to us at EHRS, and we would love to hear from you if you'd like to get more involved in this work. In the meantime, as a community, we continue to try and light candles for each other.

**Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers**



**LOUD & FOOD**  
**Sunday 2 June**  
**10:30am-12:30pm**

**Celebrate the Jews of Morocco & Egypt**

**Come to our Mizrahi Market to discover their stories, culture, music & food!**

**Celebrate heritage of Jewish Morocco & Egypt, including many of our own members.**

**An opportunity not to be missed!**

£5 EHRS Members    £10 Non-Members

Please book at  
[www.ehrs.uk/event/oudandfood24](http://www.ehrs.uk/event/oudandfood24)



**Beer and Shiur, 20:00**

Join our monthly Young Adults opportunity to learn together at our Beer and Shiur, occurs on Zoom with the occasional in person meet up.

When on Zoom details are: Meeting ID: 839 2128 5866  
 Password: 978112. Email Rabbi Debbie, [rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk](mailto:rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk)  
 for regular Young Adult updates and hear when our next Young Adults Friday Night dinner is.

**Wednesday 8 May**

On May 8th 1429, Joan of Arc led troops to victory of the English. Join Rabbi Debbie as we explore some of Judaism's warrior women! On Zoom only.

**Tuesday 11 June**

Join us for a full evening of learning and laughing over Tikkun Leyl Shavuot - see Page 17 for more info! (please note this is a night earlier than our regular Beer and Shiur slot)

**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](mailto:rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk) for details.

*Sobeslav Scroll 1211*

Sobeslav Scroll 1211 (Cz 57071) is one of the 1564 Czech Scrolls that were saved in Prague during World War 2. On long term loan from the Memorial Scrolls Trust to Edgware & Hendon Reform Synagogue, it was originally allocated to Polack's House, Clifton College, Bristol in May 1971. The MST records show that it probably was written around 1900. It was retrieved from Clifton College in 2008, having been found not to have been in use for some time. Hendon Reform Synagogue had originally been allocated Scroll 1457 and Rabbi Arthur Katz had been led to believe by Rabbi Harold Reinhart that it was specially chosen because it was said to have come from the town of Sobeslav where Rabbi Katz had been its last rabbi. In fact, the records revealed in around 2005 that Rabbi Reinhart had been mistaken and that Scroll 1457 had actually been received from the town of Tabor, which is near Sobeslav. The error was discovered long after the death of Rabbi Arthur Katz, by which time his son Rabbi Steven Katz had taken over from his father as the rabbi at Hendon Reform Synagogue.

As the research director of the Memorial Scrolls Trust, I was aware of this case of mistaken identity and when, by chance, Scroll 1211 was returned from Clifton College I proposed to rectify the error by offering it to Rabbi Katz in exchange for the Tabor Scroll. Thus, the gesture that Rabbi Reinhart had intended would be made good.

The exchange was made on 26 March 2008 on condition that Hendon Reform Synagogue would arrange for a sofer to examine Scroll 1211 and carry out any refurbishment that was necessary. The scroll was examined by Sofer Stam Bernard Benarroch who carried out the necessary work that year. When Hendon Synagogue merged with Edgware Reform Synagogue to form Edgware and Hendon Reform Synagogue in 2017, Scroll 1211 from Sobeslav was brought to the Edgware Synagogue and the Memorial Scroll from Golcuv Jenikov that had originally been allocated to Edgware Reform Synagogue was returned to the Memorial Scrolls Trust and allocated to a new congregation.

In 2023, EHR'S decided to explore the bond with the lost congregation of Sobeslav and Rabbi Tanya held the first meeting with interested members of the congregation on 7 October, which will go down in history as the day of the massacre by Hamas. The first task was to obtain the Sobeslav Transport List of over 120 names of the Jews who were deported to their deaths on 16 November 1942. This May sees a group of EHR'S members visiting Prague Sobeslav, and Terezin, to find out more about this lost community, and to start to build valuable connections in order to continue this vital research.

A group from EHR'S went to The Westminster Synagogue in December 2023 to see the exhibition at the Memorial Scrolls Trust, and Rabbi Tanya brought EHR'S's Sobeslav Scroll to Westminster Synagogue on 4 February 2024 to take part in the 60th Anniversary Celebration Synagogue of the arrival of the 1564 Czech Scrolls from Prague in 1964.

There are eleven other Sobeslav Scrolls with other congregations, and these are all in the USA. What all 12 congregations have in common is the responsibility which comes with being entrusted with a Memorial Scroll, and that is to honour and remember as individuals the Jews of their lost congregation, as we ourselves would wish to be remembered, and to save them from the Anonymity of the Six Million.

Michael Heppner



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

# STONEGROVE LIFE

education | events | entertainment

Our Stonegrove Life committee supports the Together Groups, Stonegrove Serenade, and other adult learning opportunities. An energetic team of Clergy, staff and volunteers, this committee is at the heart of the community.

## 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 May - Doing Judaism: The Shulchan Aruch.** If you ask the question 'What do Jews do?' you cannot really answer it by looking in the Torah Scroll. Judaism developed over millennia and we recorded that process of development in the Mishnah and Talmud. But to know what we actually do today, it's the 16th-17th Century Shulchan Aruch code of Jewish law, created by Joseph Caro in Safed and revised by Moses Isserles in Cracow, that is the best guide. What is this four-volume work and why did it become so influential? With Rabbi Mark

**Saturday 1 June - Ethiopia: Preserver of Judaism.** In November 2023, Rabbi Mark travelled with EHRs member Kevin Darvill, Chair of Meketa, and Rabbi Sybil Sheridan to Ethiopia. They spent Shabbat with part of the Addis Ababa Jewish community, met representatives of the Gondar Jewish community, and visited the Adeni Synagogue in the city. Join us to find out how the Ethiopian Jewish community developed and lives today. With Rabbi Mark

## The Pondering Jew

(previously known as World's Minorities & Politics)

Join Phil Dave & Rabbi Tanya for an informative, thought provoking conversations on the EHRs podcast. In person & on Zoom. Please bring your opinions & expertise along and we promise to include you in the conversation! You can join us from 19:30 for a bagel supper, podcast begins at 20:00. **Dates to be announced. Please go to [www.ehrs.uk/stonegrovelife](http://www.ehrs.uk/stonegrovelife) for updates**

## Rosh Chodesh 19:30-21:00 on Zoom

Wednesdays 8 May & 12 June

On the first day of a Hebrew month, a sliver of the new moon is visible in the sky. Rosh Chodesh ('head of the month') is the traditional Jewish holiday on this day. Join us on Zoom for music, contemplation, chat and creativity to mark each new month. For more details please email [rabbi.tanya@ehrs.uk](mailto:rabbi.tanya@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 May - Parashat Emor:** Did you know that 71 of the world's 195 countries have blasphemy laws, with punishments ranging from paying a fine to death by execution? Parashat Emor begins with laws surrounding the blasphemer. In this Bite of Torah we'll look at ancient responses to blasphemy, and how it is defined in our society today. With Cantor Tamara

**Saturday 15 June - Parashat Nasso, Bamidbar:** Parashat Nasso begins with addressing the issue of community sanctity by countering threats of Impurity. We will look closely at the Biblical description of two procedures: for a person who betrays another and for a wife accused of adultery. We will discuss various post-biblical interpretations of these two clauses and reflect on the relevance of it in our lives and society. With Rabbi Tanya.

## Cantor Tamara Wolfson's 'Desert Island Texts'

Thursday 2 May, 20:00-21:30

Join us for a night where we celebrate Cantor Tamara Wolfson joining EHRs. Cantor Tamara will choose her 6 favourite religious texts, as well as offering an insight as to why they mean so much to her. We'll also hear about some of the defining stories of her cantorial journey which have led her to become the new lead for our musical team. This will be live at EHRs and will be the perfect chance to ask Tamara your questions. Refreshments provided. So make sure you join host Phil Dave, as he helps us to get to know our new Cantor a little better.

## Pimms & Poetry Wednesday 15 May, 20:00-21:30

You are warmly invited to bring a favourite poem or a personal composition to share at our first Pimms & Poetry evening. This is an informal and conversational evening, and you are welcome to come to listen if you don't wish to share.



## EHRs Summer Outing - Disraeli Day at Hughenden Manor Thursday 11 July, 09:00-18:00

Join Rabbi Mark for a day out in the Berkshire countryside at Hughenden Manor, the home of the first (and so far only) British Prime Minister of Jewish origin, Benjamin Disraeli. Following refreshments and a talk by the curator of the Manor, we will visit the house and gardens. We will then travel to Maidenhead Synagogue for a talk by Rabbi Jonathan Romain on his work to revive Judaism in Berkshire over the past forty years and the Jewish connection to the area over the centuries. Cost £45 (£35 National Trust members), includes all transport from and back to EHRs, admissions & refreshments but does not include the cost of lunch (approx. £10-15 at the Stables Café or feel welcome to bring a packed lunch). **Please book your place at [www.ehrs.uk/event/hughenden](http://www.ehrs.uk/event/hughenden) by 20 June.**

## Talmud Class Sundays 12 & 26 May, and 16 June, 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](mailto:rabbi.mark@ehrs.uk) to get the Zoom details and the Talmud texts we are studying.**

For information on our wonderful **EHRs Together Groups**, please see the opposite page.

These 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. Whether you enjoy listening to music, watching films, reading, singing, dancing, cooking, playing games, or even just being outdoors, we have something for everyone.



**Art Appreciation** Tuesdays 14 & 28 May, 11 June 14:30-16:00

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 8 & 22 May, 5 & 19 June, 20:00-21:30

Led by Annita Tischler, Beginners Bridge will enable you to learn the basics of the game in a friendly and welcoming setting. Booking is essential via the website. Donation: £2 per session for EHRs members, £3 per session for non members

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

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

**Cookalongs** Wednesdays, 20:00 monthly

**Wednesday 22 May, 20:00 - A Shavuot Fruit Feast** - Join Rabbi Debbie on Zoom as we learn how to make our own fruit leather, and a delicious strawberry sorbet that doesn't require an ice cream maker, both of which will keep until Shavuot (unless you can't wait!)

**Wednesday 26 June, 20:00 - Quick & Dirty Challah Making:** Join Rabbi Mark in person at EHRs as he returns for a second year!

**Cycling** Sunday 5 May, 9:30

This group is aimed at all who is confident at riding on a road in a group for 20 miles at a leisurely pace. Full details on the website.

**Folk Dancing (previously known as 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.

**Football** Sundays, 20:00 weekly

EHRs'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** Sunday 30 June, 14:00-15:30

Join our resident expert Peter Bradley as he takes us out to discover local edible delights available for those who know where to look! For details of where to meet please register with [rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk](mailto:rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk)

**Juke Box Gold** Thursdays 16 May & 20 June, 20:00-21:30

Join us each month as we listen to great singers & 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 from 19:30. Hosted by Richard Hartman.

**Opera Appreciation** Thursdays 9 May & 27 June, 19:15-21:30

Do you like opera? If so then please join our opera appreciation group at EHRs with other like-minded members. This group meets monthly at EHRs 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** Tuesdays, 19:30 monthly

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

**Tuesday 7 May: 'One Damn Big Puzzler' by John Harding ~ Tuesday 4 June: 'Tangled Undergrowth' by Marian Gold**

**Rambling** Sundays 26 May & 30 June, 10:30

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. Full details can be found on the website.

**Rummikub** Tuesdays 7 & 21 May, 4 June 14:00-16:00

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

**Singing Circle** Mondays, 14:00-15:30 weekly

The Singing Circle is for anyone who enjoys bursting out into song. You don't need perfect pitch or be able to read music. Most of our 150+ song repertoire consists of popular songs, and songs from the shows which we sing along to while watching YouTube videos.

**Spanish Conversation** Tuesdays, 11 & 28 May, 11 & 25 June, 14:00-15:30

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

**TV Addicts Club** Thursday 27 June, 18:30-22:00

In celebration of Pride Month, we will be showing the 2014 British made comedy-drama 'Pride', starring Bill Nighy, Imelda Staunton, Andrew Scott and Ben Schnetzer. Based on the inspirational and uplifting true story, it depicts a group of gay and lesbian activists who raised money to help families affected by the British miners' strike in 1984. During the strike, the two seemingly contrasting communities come together to form a surprising and ultimately triumphant partnership. (This film shows real life situations, conversations and dialogue, sometimes using strong language, that is relevant to the context of the feature.)

**Light buffet supper at 18:30, film will start 19:30, and all are welcome. £5 donation towards food. Booking is essential so we know how many to cater for. Please go to [www.ehrs.uk/event/pride](http://www.ehrs.uk/event/pride) to book.**

**Whisky Tasting** Dates to be announced

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.

# PURIM IN PICTURES



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## YOUNG FAMILIES

The biggest highlight recently was our Purim celebrations. Our world of Purim imagination went down a treat! (excuse the pun). The Community Centre was transformed into Wonka's Chocolate Factory for our Families Purim Party, and everyone enjoyed crafts, candy floss, chocolate fountain and a musical megillah reading by Cantor Tamara and myself. From our Purim themed baby sensory class, Stay & Play's Purim party, and Saturday evening family pre megillah party, we had so much fun celebrating with all our EHRS families.

At Pesach it was wonderful spending 2nd night Seder with some of our families at the EHRS Communal Seder. Our Chocolate Seder was as sweet as ever and I know families enjoyed the Matzah Ramble the next day to walk off some of those extra calories.

We are excited to be holding another event with our Let's Talk group on Wednesday 5 June. This time we will be joined by Ashley & Gemma Blaker to talk all things SEND. Gemma is the Head teacher at Clore Shalom Primary School, and Ashley an acclaimed stand-up comedian, writer and producer. Together they have six children, three of whom have an SEN diagnosis and we are thrilled to welcome them to EHRS to hear their highs, lows, and advise on being a 'Normal Schmormal family!' Please visit the website to book.

If you need any support with Jewish Schools CRP point collection and school applications do be in touch. We have a useful PPT with all the information you should need for this process on our website.

After the success of our first Families Friday Night dinner back in February, we are delighted to announce we will be holding our next dinner in July.



This time we will be joined by our amazing acappella choir during our interactive service.

We are thrilled to have launched two new children's services that started in April, Torah Time and Build a Bible. Please do join us.

As always, please get in touch for any more information or if you need support with anything.

### SEND Parents Support Group

**Tuesdays 7 May & 4 June, 19:30-21:00**

A support group for parents/carers of children with additional support needs and/or disabilities that affect life at home and/or in school. A safe space where you can meet other parents in the community, share experiences, talk about challenges and strategies, and support each other.

### 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 Clergy. 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.

### 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

**Fridays 10 May & 7 June, 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.

### Torah Time

**Saturdays 4 May & 1 June, 10:45-11:15**

Join us for this interactive storytelling experience with music and activities, on the first Shabbat of the month. Followed by a mini Kiddush and schmooze. This service is ideal for ages 4-10.

### Build a Bible

**Saturdays 18 May & 15 June, 10:45-11:15**

Get creative with all different types of construction to explore the week's Torah portion, on the third Shabbat of the month. Followed by a mini Kiddush and schmooze. Ideal service for ages 4-10.

### Shabbat Club & Birthday Blessings

**Saturdays 25 May & 29 June, 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, on the fourth Shabbat of the month. 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 Clergy 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 May & 8 June, 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, on the second Shabbat of the month. A Torah reading and chance for everyone to participate in making music.

**Sarah Koster, Head of Development & Engagement for Families**

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## YOUTH CENTRE

We have just had the most amazing Purim and Pesach. The Purim we have all experienced was one of pure joy.

On both our Saturday and Sunday events we played host to well over 100 people all having the most amazing time. Our Wonka themed families Purim party on the Sunday morning was so well attended welcoming 100 families. Moreover the event itself was filled with amazing Wonka activities, with children running around looking for Wonka bars, a crazy candy floss machine, and a chocolate fountain.

Pesach was also the most wonderful time; we ran two Services within Pesach Play Scheme that were pure creative brilliance. Our Escape from Egypt first day Pesach service had all the children embody what the plagues could have felt like in the Land of Egypt, with them



doing silly tasks, role plays, and games to survive the plagues; this interlocked with word from the Torah and blessings from our very own Rabbi Debbie. Our Seventh day service was equally as energetic trying to get across the Red Sea! Rabbi Mark, Jack, Mia, and the Madrichim created and performed hilarious Pesach panto style skits with the children joining in to help us on our journey across the Red Sea.

Moving further into the Summer we have our famous Kaytana Youth Scheme. Kaytana is just the most wonderful Summer experience for primary school aged children. Over our 3 weeks of fun the children go on the most wild adventure. Kaytana has the most creative programming and will build so many different skills and interests for your young people. We are running from Monday 29 July - Friday 16 August.

Please see below for details and take a look at our beautiful website to get more information and to book, [www.ehrs.uk/kaytana](http://www.ehrs.uk/kaytana)

**Can you help?** We are looking for a family to host 2 young women from Israel called Yual and Mika. They are from Leo Baeck Educational Centre in Israel. They are joining us from Thursday 27 June - Monday 8 July, and will play a big part in all the Jewish life we have here at EHRS. If you are interested in helping or would like some more info please contact Jack.

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# EHRS

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*and more!*

Kaytana is our inspiring and creative multi-activity day camp where you can take part in sports, drama, dance, music, arts & crafts, cookery, team games, and enjoy some free time with your friends. We also offer weekly trips, workshops, and scheme t-shirts for children attending trips.

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As I reach the milestone of 25 years at EHRS, I can say with pride that I still love my job. The transformation from quite a solitary role to the heart of a vibrant Youth and Education team has been a pivotal chapter in my story. Together with our inspirational clergy, we have created a plethora of programmes that resonate with every generation, judging by the numbers attending our events.

Purim this year was a festival of joy, a kaleidoscope of tradition and fun that offered something for everyone. The echoes of the full megillah reading, the laughter from the family friendly activities and the sold-out success of our Choir of Ha-Man and Wonka-themed parties leave us with warm smiles and memories of everyone having a great time.

As you turn the pages of this magazine, we will have celebrated Pesach, a time of remembering our people's early history and celebration. We hope the activities and events we crafted for you added a sparkle to your family's festivities. Looking ahead, the festivals of Yom HaAtzmaut and Shavuot, and other exciting events that promise moments of connection, reflection and celebration for everyone.

Our educational programmes Orot and B'nei Mitzvah have embarked on new terms. As part of her school homework Amelia Wittenberg read a Purim story to Orot children (see photo below). We welcomed 14 new BBM students this term. Their introductory in-person evening marked a fresh start, that was a lovely opportunity for everyone to meet face to face for the first time.

I nominated Artur who is a teaching assistant in Orot for a Jack Petchey Leaders Award (see photo opposite) because he is an outstanding role model for our young people and super popular with all of them. He will be invited to the next Jack Petchey award evening to receive a medal and certificate. His award also means that we have been able to apply to Jack Petchey for a grant towards the post B'nei Mitzvah Facing History trip to Berlin in October.

We are excited for our B'nei Mitzvah Mega Shabbaton in May because we are certain it will be an unforgettable weekend, a celebration of growth and community that will leave our students with big smiles and new friends.



Stonegrove Life offers opportunities for adult members to learn, participate and celebrate Jewish life in so many ways. Just look at the ever growing Together groups! I am really excited for our 'Renew Your Soul' event in September (see the back page) which will offer something quite different as a way of preparing ourselves for the High Holy Days. So do book to come to this event. And if there are things you would like to see us doing, do come find any of your professional education and youth or clergy team to tell us.

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# Sunday Morning Craftalong

On the first Sunday of the month (following Shacharit & breakfast) join other EHRS crafters on a different project each month, or bring what you're working on to craft with others!

## Sunday 5 May

Counting the Omer – why do we do it, and how can we make it more meaningful in craft? Come along to find out!

## Sunday 2 June

Making our own havdallah sets with Moroccan spices (part of our oud and food morning)

To sign up for regular reminders email [rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk](mailto:rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk)

# Stonegrove Serenade

Join us for a series of monthly concerts featuring up & coming classical musicians.



**Tuesday 14 May, 20:00**

We welcome Yoav Oved for a special Yom HaAtzmaut evening performance. Full details of the evening on page 4.

**Tuesday 18 June, 13:00**

We welcome bass clarinetist Hannah Shivlock and pianist Viola Lenzi.

We invite you to enjoy food in Café 118 before the concert. The café re-opens after the concert for drinks, cakes, and a chat.

**Admission free, suggested donation £5.  
For details go to [www.ehrs.uk/serenade](http://www.ehrs.uk/serenade)**

## NAGILA

We have had a busy few months since the start of the year. With the cold weather in January we learnt about how birds and wildlife need extra help finding food in the winter. The children decorated bird feeders made from cut out milk cartons. They also helped prepare the bird food by mixing the seeds with softened margarine and then putting in in the bird feeders.

We celebrated Tu B'Shevat with lots of different activities. The children helped to create a very big tree using different media including twigs, bark and tissue paper. This was used as a display for the EHRS Tu B'Shevat Seder. Rabbi Tanya visited and spoke about the festival and was joined by some members of the EHRS Eco Team, who showed the children how to make bird feeders using pinecones. The children had fun planting a bay leaf and an Apple tree for our playground, using their hands to surround the roots of the trees with soil. Part of our curriculum is designed to help the children learn about the wider community. This is best achieved by real life experiences, so for Chinese New Year



we set up a Chinese restaurant in the home corner where the children spent time playing and dressing up in traditional Chinese costumes and learning about the customs associated with the Chinese New Year.

As part of a regular occurrence the children delighted some of the Synagogue's more senior members at their Monthly Lunch Club by entertaining them with some singing and a meet and greet!! We hope to do this on a more regular basis. There are many benefits to this kind of intergenerational activities for both the children and adults such as social interaction which can help make massive improvements in mental health,

helping to battle depression, loneliness, and dementia. Also the children in particular tend to develop stronger communication and social skills, develop language and reading, and increase their confidence and self-esteem.

In preparation for Purim the children all made their own Rashanim (shakers) to take home, and they all got to choose what to fill their shaker with to make lots of noise. We also filled and shaped Hamantaschen and covered them with sprinkles ready to be baked and eaten at our Purim party. We made so many that we were able to share them with the Night Shelter guests! We celebrated Purim with a wonderful party, and Cantor Tamara joined us to judge our costumes and lead us on a parade into the Beit Tefillah to see the Megillah Esther scroll.

We ended the term with our very own Seder led by Rabbi Debbie.

We are delighted to announce that from September 2024 we will be taking children from 18 months and will be open all year round. If you would like more information or want to arrange a visit to the nursery, please contact us

**Milissa Seiler, Head of Nagila**  
[nagila@ehrs.uk](mailto:nagila@ehrs.uk)/020 8238 1022

# EHRS Trip to Israel

Wednesday 26 March - Wednesday 2 April 2025

Join us on this wonderful week long trip to Israel for adults, where we will visit Tiberias, Haifa, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv, led by Rabbi Mark.

## Highlights include:

a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee at sunset, Shabbat with Israeli Reform Jews ending with Havdallah on the beach in Haifa, exploring the beauty of Caesarea, Safed, and Akko, roaming national parks, gardens and museums, walking through Jerusalem Old City to the Egalitarian Kotel, and the opportunity to haggle in the markets.

**Cost: approximately £2000 per person**

**This will include accommodation (single supplement available), food, travel during the week, security, and activities.**

**(You will need to arrange your own flights to and from Tel Aviv)**

**Please register your interest now!**

**Email [communications@ehrs.uk](mailto:communications@ehrs.uk) to be added to our email list for further information.**

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## Selling Judaism

### How Can Marketing Techniques Be Appropriately Applied To Synagogues And Jewish Organisations?

4-week live online course with Leo Baeck College Lehrhaus

Wednesdays, 1, 8, 15, 22 May, 20:00-21:30

Join Rabbi Mark for an exploration of Jewish Business Ethics as it applies to marketing religious organisations.



Are there limits as to what is appropriate, and what are they?  
Is branding right for Synagogues?  
How about price promotions for memberships or classes?  
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Rabbi Mark has been part of these decisions for the past thirty years in several Synagogues and Jewish organisations and before then established and ran a business that lived or died by its marketing prowess.

**The price for this 4-week course is £60 (discounted to £45 for EHRS members)**

You can pre-book your place by emailing [lehrhaus@lbc.ac.uk](mailto:lehrhaus@lbc.ac.uk)  
To pay the £45 discounted fee tick the discount box on the Register and Pay page.

All sessions will be recorded and available to participants for 7 days after the class.

## Have your Simcha at EHRS

We have two halls available for hire at EHRS, the perfect place to have your celebration.

The modern, light & airy Function Hall measures 16mx13m giving space to seat 160 guests and leave room for plenty of dancing. A room extension is also available if required to accommodate up to 220 guests.



We also have a lovely spacious hall on our site, on the first floor of our Community Centre Building, with plenty of space and light for your special celebration.



Discount given to EHRS members.

For further information and to book one of our spaces, please call 020 8238 1011 or email [banqueting@ehrs.uk](mailto:banqueting@ehrs.uk)



# SHAVUOT 2024/5784

Erev Shavuot Service and Tikkun Leyl Shavuot  
All taking place at Mosaic Jewish Community  
1a Halsbury Close, Stanmore Hill, Stanmore, HA7 3DY

*Tuesday 11 June*

*Erev Shavuot Service, 19:00-20:00*

Join us in partnership with Mosaic Jewish Community, Kol Chai, Radlett Reform & Elstree Liberal synagogues, as we kick off a night of Jewish learning at Mosaic Jewish Community (EHRs was last year's host!)

*Tikkun Ley'l Shavuot, 20:30-00:15*

**Ruth and other Friends and Allies of the Jews:** In collaboration with Mosaic Jewish Community, Radlett Reform, Kol Chai, and Elstree Liberal Synagogue, we embark on a night of learning: After our Erev Shavuot service we will enjoy dinner together, and embark on a variety of sessions from all our communities Clergy & lay educators. You can choose between talks, cookery, creative options and more exploring the Book of Ruth, the Megillah for Shavuot, which tells the story of a woman who most unexpectedly supported the Jewish people. We will study other ways that people have been friends and allies of the Jews through the ages. Refreshments will of course be available throughout the night. Please book at [www.ehrs.uk/shavuot](http://www.ehrs.uk/shavuot) if you will be joining us for dinner before we begin Tikkun Leyl Shavuot.

*Tikkun Ley'l Shavuot – Through the Night, 00:15-05:15*

Join Rabbi Mark for the extraordinary early hours tradition of through the night Tikkun – music, Jewish study & discussion, art and more, ending with Shacharit (Shavuot morning service & hearing the Ten Commandments) as the sun rises.

Shavuot Morning  
All taking place at EHRs

*Wednesday 12 June*

*Shavuot Morning Service, 10:30*

Our service includes the reading of the Ten Commandments and all the ingredients of a regular Shavuot. Led by our Clergy.

*Family Fun Morning, 11:00*

Our Shavuot experience for families will give you the chance to experience the inspiring story of Ruth (whose book in the Bible is the Megillah for Shavuot) enjoy the Shavuot foods (ice-cream and cheesecake) and visit the stalls which will get you into the spirit of Shavuot. Please book so we know how many people to expect, go to [www.ehrs.uk/shavuot](http://www.ehrs.uk/shavuot)



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## Shavuot Family Fun Morning

A morning of friendship & fun for all the family  
followed by an Ice-cream Kiddush!

**Wednesday 12 June 11:00-12:30**

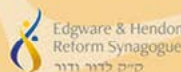
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A light hearted topical discussion, in an informal setting. In person at the Synagogue. Join us 10:30-11:30 on **Wednesday 22 May with Rabbi Mark** and **Tuesday 18 June with Cantor Tamara.**

#### 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](mailto:ewoolstone@yahoo.com) or **Sandra** 020 8958 7140 [sandra@harrisresidence.co.uk](mailto:sandra@harrisresidence.co.uk).

We look forward to seeing you.

Dates for May & June to be confirmed.

EHRS & Yitzchak Rabin B'nai Brith Lodge present

## The Rabbi Leigh Memorial Lecture 2024 Tuesday 28 May, 20:00-21:30

Every year EHRS jointly hosts a lecture together with the Yitzchak Rabin B'nai Brith Lodge on the Yartzheit of our former Rabbi from 1963-1993, Michael Leigh z'l.

The lecturer will be announced in upcoming Our Week Ahead emails and other EHRS media, So please save the date.

## Hebrew Begins With Shalom

Wednesdays 1 May - 17 July, 14:30-15:30  
(no lesson 12 June due to Shavuot)

Learn to read Hebrew fluently with a little help from Lawrence Cohen. Whether you are a beginner or a brusher up, this course is an enjoyable tool for those who would like to read the text of the Hebrew Bible (TeNaKh) or the Prayer Book (Siddur).

The course is free but there will be a charge for the course book of £8.99.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES AT EHRS

### JACS (JEWISH ASSOCIATION OF CULTURAL SOCIETIES)

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

- 9 May** Jane Rosenberg - Music for Everyone
- 16 May** Toni Lewis - Independent Living and Community Service
- 23 May** Frank Laughton - Frank's Music Hour
- 30 May** Geoff Strum - Music of the Night
- 6 June** Colin Oakes - Violent London
- 13 June** no meeting due to Shavuot
- 20 June** Roy Blass - Legends of Las Vegas
- 27 June** David Peace - David Sings Popular Songs

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 May & 4 June.**

For more information, please contact **Andrea Fisher** on 020 8958 0424 or email [andrealjw@hotmail.com](mailto:andrealjw@hotmail.com)

### OLIM WIZO

#### Womens International Zionist Organisation

This group meets monthly at EHRS on the first Tuesday of the month at 14:00 and all are welcome. £5 including coffee, cake and a speaker.

**Upcoming dates: Tuesdays 7 May & 4 June. On Tuesday 25 June we will hold a Summer Lunch with singer Johnny Moseson.**

For more information please contact Ruth Jacobs on 020 8958 3699.

### 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.

£8 per session.

For more information please contact Laurel Ingram at [dancinline@hotmail.com](mailto:dancinline@hotmail.com)

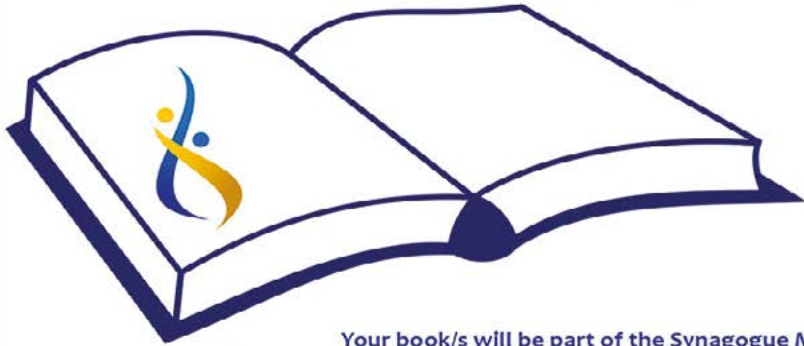


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- In loving memory of Janet Harris, missed dearly, may her memory be for a blessing
- In celebration of Mia's Bat Mitzvah, Mazel Tov from her parents Samantha and Robert Joseph
- To EHRS, a place of care and support throughout our lives, Joyce and John Hillel

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To dedicate a Machzor please go to [www.ehrs.uk/machzor](http://www.ehrs.uk/machzor) or call the Synagogue Office 020 8238 1000

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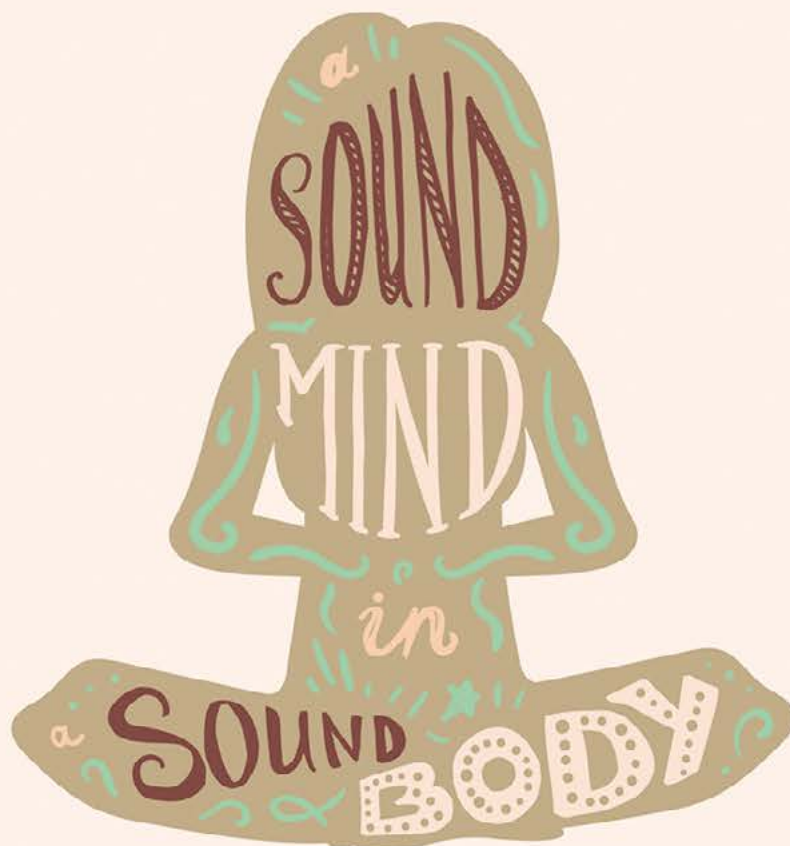
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