WHAT'S ON

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What is What's On?

EHRS's monthly newsletter highlights what our lively community offers for you to participate in, enjoy and learn from.

Full details of all events and services can be found at www.ehrs.uk/event and our 'Our Week Ahead' emails or call the Synagogue Office.



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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 by either a credit or debit card. Please can we ask you not to send cheques and certainly please do not bring in (or send) cash.

BEREAVEMENT

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

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 You can contact them directly: Rabbi Mark Goldsmith (Senior Rabbi) 020 8238 1020, rabbi.mark@ehrs.uk Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers 020 8238 1019, rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk Rabbi Sandra Kviat 020 8238 1018, sandra.kviat@ehrs.uk Cantor Tamara Wolfson 020 8238 1010, cantor.tamara@ehrs.uk Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovich is in Georgia until September 2025 Outside office hours our 24/7 EHRS Emergency Line is 07708 731862, it will be answered by one of the Clergy Team.

For information about our "Together Groups" see ehrs.uk/togethergroups

Subscription Payments for 2025

If you are paying by standing order and wish to continue paying monthly, please call us with your bank sort code, account number and name so that we can switch you to a direct debit mandate to pay over 10 months.

If you wish to pay in full, this can still be made by card or bank transfer.

Thank you for all you do to enable EHRS to be a thriving Jewish community by paying your membership subscription on time.

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

If you find it difficult to book events on the computer, please call the synagogue office so that we can help you. Tel: 020 8238 1000

Dates for your diary at EHRS in 2025

First Night Seder, April 12
Communal 2nd Night Seder, April 13
Passover, April 12–19
First Day Services, April 13
Seventh Day Services, April 19

Erev Yom HaShoah, April 23

Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut at EHRS, May 1

Tikkun Leil Shavuot, June 1
Shavuot, June 2

Monthly Musings

Cantor Tamara Wolfson

The Jewish Spirit of Community



As I write this the week after Purim, having thoroughly washed the green paint from my face, I am reflecting on how lucky we are that EHRS is filled with so many committed and engaged volunteers. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z'l wrote in 2012 that "the Jewish community could not exist for a day without its volunteers" – and Purim could not have happened without the time and talents of the many volunteers who helped to build it alongside the staff and clergy teams.





On the Shabbat just after Purim, we read in our Torah portion that "all those whose hearts moved them" contributed to the building and decorating of the mishkan, the holy tabernacle in which the presence of God dwelled. This is one of my favourite verses in Torah, because it speaks to how deeply Jewish it is to volunteer. At Purim, there were volunteers at every age and stage of life participating in the festival whether painting faces at the young families Purim party, reading verses of Megillah, prepping food, serving drinks, or singing in the schpiel. Part of what made Purim so special for me this year was seeing how many different community members from near and far joined in with making the festival happen, making it their own, and making it meaningful for the community.

Rabbi Harold Kushner teaches that "We don't go to synagogue or church at a stipulated time because God keeps 'office hours.' We go because that is when we know there will be other people there, seeking the same kind of encounter we are seeking." As we move towards Pesach, the festival that defines our Jewish peoplehood, I am grateful to be part of a community that understands why we gather: to be with like-minded friends who are seeking encounters with community, spirituality, and tradition. I am especially looking forward to gathering together at our communal Seder table here at EHRS on the evening of 13 April: another event which will bring together our volunteers and staff team to celebrate that which makes our EHRS community so special.

Mazel Tovs & Simchas

Baby Naming

19 April

Felicity Moss, daughter of Dani and Ashley Moss, and granddaughter of Dani Moss and the late Howard Moss

Special Birthdays

Mazel Tov to Natasa Davidov on the occasion of her 50th birthday.

This year marks 50 years since the first female Rabbi was appointed in the UK.

Please visit lbc.ac.uk/50-years-of-female-rabbis to see how Leo Baeck College are celebrating 50 years of women in the Rabbinate and raising much-needed funds.

Have you Got News for Us?

Whether it be a birth, anniversary, special birthday or achievement, please let us know so it can be announced.

Please email communications@ehrs.uk

New Members

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

We look forward to getting to know them.

Daniel & Mandy Antell
Fiona Antell
Ben Harris
Sarah Isaacs

Maurice Sampson
Hayley Wagner
Peter Isaacs & Astrid Winters
Jim Wooton

Services

Erev Shabbat Service

Our Erev Shabbat Service takes place every Friday Evening. Led by our Rabbis in person at the 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.

Shabbat Morning Service

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

Children's Shabbat Experiences

We aim for there to be a special Shabbat experience for children every week at EHRS. Our *Shabbat Shirah* and *Shabbat Club* on respectively the second and fourth Shabbat each month are especially created for children to enjoy. On the first and third Shabbat, from 10:45–11:15 our clergy and educators run *Torah time* or *Build a Bible* sessions for any children that would like to join them. See Our Week Ahead for what is on this week. All are suitable for collecting CRP points for Jewish schools.

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.

Early Risers Service - Second Shabbat of Each Month 9:30-11:00

This especially friendly service is mostly in Hebrew, uses 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.

Sunday Shacharit

Half an hour of morning prayer with a friendly bunch of folks, includes the Kaddish if you are remembering a loved one. On the first Sunday of each month, it includes a bagel breakfast.

Pesach 1st Morning Hava Nashira Service - Sunday 13 April, 10:30-12:30

Our service includes the special liturgy and music for this central festival of the Jewish year and our coming together to celebrate our freedom. This will be a Hava Nashira service where the community and Clergy lead the singing and every voice is welcome.

Pesach 1st Morning Family Service - Sunday 13 April, 11:00

Join Rabbi Debbie and our EHRS Education and Youth Team for an interactive Pesach experience and service, as if you were an Israelite ready to leave Egypt.

Pesach 7th Night & Shabbat Service - Friday 18 April, 18:30-19:20

This year the last night of Pesach is also Erev Shabbat. Join Cantor Tamara for a service enhanced by songs of Pesach.

Pesach 7th Morning and Shabbat Hava Nashira Service - Saturday 19 April, 10:30-12:30

Our service includes the special liturgy and music that ends the festival of Pesach, together with a Yizkor to remember those who are no longer with us. This will be a Hava Nashira service where the community and Clergy lead the singing and every voice is welcome.

Coming Soon

Evening Service for Yom Hashoah Wednesday 23 April at 19:30-21:00

This year we will be hearing from the young people who twinned their B'nei Mitzvah with young people murdered in the Shoah, through the Yad Vashem Bar/Bat Mitzvah Twinning project. The evening will include moving music and testimony.

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 or call 020 8238 1000.

Yom HaAtzmaut and Yom HaZikaron Thursday 1 May at 19:00-21:30

This year we will commemorate Yom HaZikaron, the day to remember Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism with a Tekes (Ceremony) of Remembrance, and celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's 77th Independence Day with a special Israeli Sing-a-long Concert, Israeli poetry session and Israeli Dance Session. We aim to include a live discussion with friends direct from Israel on the current situation in Israel.



SECURITY HELP NEEDED

If you can help with Shabbat morning security this week or any future weekends, please contact security@ehrs.uk.

No experience is needed as you will be guided by our CST-trained team leaders.

Week at a Glance 31st March to 6th April

Event details are correct at time of printing but may be subject to change.

Please visit www.ehrs.uk/events and see our "Our Week Ahead" emails for up to date information.

Monday 31st March

11:15-12:30 Folk Dancing 14:00-15:30 Singing Circle

Tuesday 1st April

14:00-16:00 The League of Jewish Women 19:00-20:30 Scouts 19:00-21:30 Cornerstone

Wednesday 2nd April

10:30-12:00 Coffee & Chat 20:00-22:00 Bridge for Beginners

Thursday 3rd April

11:00-11:45 Sing & Sensory 13:30-15:30 JACS at EHRS 18:30-22:00 TV Addicts Club – Supper & Film – Resistance 18:45-20:00 Cubs

Friday 4th April

10:30-11:45 Shabbat Stay & Play 18:30-19:20 Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday 5th April

9:15-10:15 First Shabbat Shiur - Rabbi Ignaz Maybaum - Theologian of a Changed World 10:30-12:30 Shabbat Morning Service 10:45-11:15 Torah Time 11:30-12:15 Deep Torah Dive 19:00 Young Adult Dinner & Drinks

Sunday 6th April

10:00-11:00 Talmud Class 10:30-12:30 Sunday Morning Craftalong 19:00-21:45 **Swinging Sixties LIVE Music Event!** 20:00 Football





Week at a Glance 7th to 13th April

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Please visit www.ehrs.uk/events and see our "Our Week Ahead" emails for up to date information.

Monday 7th

11:15-12:30 Folk Dancing 14:00-15:30 Singing Circle

Tuesday 8th

14:00-15:30 Spanish Conversation Group

14:30-16:00 Art Appreciation

19:00-20:30 Scouts

19:00-21:30 Cornerstone

19:30-21:00 Rabbi Kraft Memorial Book Club

Wednesday 9th

09-11 Apr 2025 Pesach Play Scheme 2025 20:00 Beer and Shiur - Chametz Fest and Pesach Learning

20:00-21:30 Every Person Needs an Egypt - Study Session

Thursday 10th

09-11 Apr Pesach Play Scheme 2025 13:30-15:30 JACS at EHRS 14:00-16:00 Rummikub Group

18:45-20:00 Cubs



Rabbi Kraft Memorial Book Club Monthly on Tuesdays, 19:30-21:00

"The Island of
Missing Trees"
by Elif Shafak
Book at:
ehrs.uk/event/rabbi
-kraft-memorialbook-club-14



Friday 11th

09-11 Apr Pesach Play Scheme 2025 15:30-16:00 **Kuddle Up Pesach** 18:30-19:20 Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday 12th - 1st Seder Night

09:30-11:00 Early Risers Service 10:30-12:30 Shabbat Morning Service 11:15-12:15 Shabbat Shirah

Sunday 13th

10:30-12:30 Pesach 1st Morning Hava Nashira Service - see page 5 11:00 Pesach Family Service - see page 5 18:00-22:00 EHRS Communal Seder 2025 20:00 Football



Week at a Glance 14th to 20th April

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Please visit www.ehrs.uk/events and see our "Our Week Ahead" emails for up to date information.

Monday 14th

14-17 Apr Pesach Play Scheme 2025 11:15-12:30 Folk Dancing

Tuesday 15th

14-17 Apr Pesach Play Scheme 202513:00 Stonegrove Serenade - see page 1219:00-21:30 Cornerstone

Wednesday 16th

14-17 Apr Pesach Play Scheme 202510:30-12:00 Coffee & Chat20:00 Pesach Cookalong

Thursday 17th

14-17 Apr Pesach Play Scheme 2025 11:00-12:30 Knit & Natter / Crochet & Kvetch 13:30-15:30 JACS at EHRS



PESACH COOKALONG

Wednesday 16 April, 20:00 on Zoom

Join Rabbi Debbie from the comfort of your own kitchen to make a Sephardi feast!

We will make a traditional Pesach pie/lasagna type dish known as 'Mina d'Pesach', and a delicious Pastel de Nuez – a cake made with walnuts and wine that you would never believe is pesadich!

> To register to receive the ingredients before hand, as well as the Zoom details, please email rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk

> > ehrs.uk/event/pesach-cookalong



Friday 18th

18:30-19:20 7th Night Pesach & Shabbat Service - see page 5

Saturday 19th

9:15-10:15 Bite of Torah 10:30-12:30 Pesach 7th Morning and Shabbat Hava Nashira Service - see page 5

11:15 Chocolate Seder

Sunday 20th

20:00 Football



Coffee & Chat

Fortnightly on Wednesdays 10:30-12:00

Join our tea and coffee mornings to relax, chat, and enjoy homemade cakes. All are welcome!

Register at ehrs.uk/coffee-chat-booking-form



Week at a Glance 21st to 27th April

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Please visit www.ehrs.uk/events and see our "Our Week Ahead" emails for up to date information.

Monday 21st

11:15-12:30 Folk Dancing

Tuesday 22nd

14:00-15:30 Spanish Conversation Group

14:30-16:00 Art Appreciation

19:00-21:30 Cornerstone

Wednesday 23rd

12:30-15:30 Bridge at EHRS

19:00-21:00 Yom Hashoah Service - see

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Thursday 24th

11:00-11:45 Sing & Sensory

13:30-15:30 JACS at EHRS

14:00-16:00 Rummikub Group

19:00-21:30 Opera Appreciation

Spanish Conversation Group

Hola, hablas español?

Tuesdays fortnightly, 14:00-15:30

Register at

ehrs.uk/spanish-class-booking-form



Friday 25th

10:30-11:45 Shabbat Stay & Play

18:30-19:20 Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday 26th

9:45-10:25 Shabbat Coffee Stop

9:15-10:15 Israel Shiur: Tamar Roig

10:30-12:30 Shabbat Morning Service

11:15-12:15 Shabbat Club

Sunday 27th

9:45-12:30 Orot

10:30-12:00 Rambling

10:00-11:30 EHRS Community Forum on

the New Progressive Movement -

see LeDor VaDor & Our Week Ahead for

details

11:30-12:30 Coffee Tasting Club

14:00-15:30 Foraging

20:00 Football

Opera Appreciation Monthly on Thursdays at 19:00-21:30

This friendly group enjoys classical opera and ballet on DVD which is introduced, and then discussed by the group.

> Book at ehrs.uk/event/operaappreciation-24





Foraging Sunday 27 April 14:00-15:30

Join our resident foraging expert Peter Bradley to discover what the local parks and green spaces has to offer in free food!

There is always something new to learn and an array of foraged treats!

Book at ehrs.uk/event/foraging-6

Week at a Glance 28th April to 4th May

Event details are correct at time of printing but may be subject to change.

Please visit www.ehrs.uk/events and see our "Our Week Ahead" emails for up to date information.

Monday 28th

20:00 Volunteers' Party to Celebrate this Year's EHRS Night Shelter

Tuesday 29th

19:00-21:30 Cornerstone

19:00-20:30 Scouts

20:00-21:30 SEND - Parents Support Group

Wednesday 30th

10:30-12:00 Coffee & Chat

12:30-15:30 Bridge at EHRS

Thursday 1st

13:30-15:30 JACS at EHRS

19:00-21:30 Yom HaAtzmaut and Yom

HaZikaron at EHRS - see page 6

Friday 2nd

18:00-20:00 Families Friday Night Dinner

18:30-19:20 Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday 3rd

9:15-10:15 First Shabbat Shiur - The Jews of Denmark

10:30-12:30 Shabbat Morning Service

10:30 Chatty Service with Rabbi Sandra Kviat

10:45-11:15 Build a Bible

Sunday 4th

9:45-12:30 Orot

10:30-12:30 Sunday Morning Craftalong



It's back! A special and memorable evening of fun and food, shared with other young families.

- · An interactive musical family service
- Falafel, pita and veggie schwarma dinner for Yom Ha'atzmaut provided by EHRS
- After dinner family fun & Israeli dancing
- Our famous Ice Cream Bar!
- Bring & share a side or desert

Perfect for families with children in school years 1-6. Older & younger siblings and extended family welcome.

Book online:

ehrs.uk/event/families-friday-night-dinner-2025





Are you interested in environmental issues?

Would you like to help EHRS achieve a net zero future? If so, the **Eco Team** is looking for volunteers.

All we need from you is enthusiasm, a willingness to get stuck in and whatever skills/experience you can offer.

Please contact angela.lipman@ehrs.uk





Tuesday 15 April Concert, 13:00 **The New Eden Consort**

A programme featuring a beautiful selection of choral works, including pieces by Finzi, Tomkins, Morley, Whitacre, and more, alongside timeless folk songs and arrangements





In order to reduce food waste, and to ensure we cater for the correct number of lunches, Cafe 118 patrons are requested to book a minimum of 3 days prior to the event.

We invite you to enjoy a light lunch in our pop up cafe before the concert.

'Cafe 118' will be open from 12:00. Please note when booking if you will

be using the café.

The café will re-open after the concert with drinks, cake and a chat.

The New Eden Consort is a four-part vocal ensemble, based in Greenwich, London. Its members - Grace, Niamh, Charlie and Dom - are all either current vocal studies students or alumni at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance.

The group originates in the conservatoire's chapel choir at the Old Royal Naval College. Their collective experience in choral singing enables them to perform with balance, nuance, and close-knit ensemble as a quartet.

The New Eden Consort performs a range of sacred and secular music, and explores works from as early as the Renaissance period to contemporary music by living composers - and everything in between. A recent highlight has been progressing to the Final of the Carne Trust Chamber Music Competition at Trinity Laban.

Alongside their live performances, the group hope to reach a wider audience through their social media presence, with the aim to make classical music more accessible.

All are welcome

Admission is £5.00 payable at the door Book at ehrs.uk/event/stonegroveserenade-15



EHRS YOUNG ADULTS (20'S-40'S)

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On the second Wednesday of every month our young adults come together to learn and socialise. Sometimes on Zoom, but often in person, where the first drink is on us!

Have a topic you'd love us to explore? Let Rabbi Debbie

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

If you'd like regular updates of when our dinners will be, Rabbi Debbie can add you to our young adults mailing list.

Booking will be essential!

SOCIALS

This year we are planning more opportunities to just get together!

PUB QUIZ TEAM!

Fancy joining us for the occasional Weds night pub quiz at The Duck in the Pond?

Our first attempt had us in 3rd place - maybe you can get us to 1st?

Email Rabbi Debbie for details or to join our WhatsApp group to find out what's happening!

LED BY YOU

EHRS run a huge range of together groups driven by members interests.

You are welcome to join any of them from music to TV to foraging and cooking ... and you can also create vour own!

What would you like to be doing? Get in touch!

May their memories be a blessing

Condolences

To Linda Applebaum on the loss of her husband, and to Russell Applebaum on the loss of his father, **Neville Applebaum**

To Erica Matthews on the loss of her husband, and to Maria Jacobs on the loss of her father, **Anthony Matthews**

To Andrew and Richard Martin on the loss of their mother, Carole Martin

To Lindsey Elman and David Elman on the loss of their father, Alan Elman

To Mandy Lee, Lisa Jayson and Lawrence Kaplin on the loss of their mother, **Andrea Kaplin**

To Darryl Mydat and Amanda Sherwin on the loss of their mother, and to Stephen Rutland on the loss of his sister, **Regina Mydat**

To Judith Bennett on the loss of her husband, and to Tracy Beckman on the loss of her father, **Sonnie Bennet**

Tombstone Consecrations

Sunday 27 April

Cheshunt Cemetery 11:15 Jeffrey Isaacs 12:00 Barry Gold EHRS offers two social Together Groups for those who have lost their partners.

Genesis (age 60+) and Phoenix (age 70+)

For details about both groups, or to access bereavement support, please contact Community Care on 020 8238 1013 or email us at communitycare@ehrs.uk

In case of a bereavement please call the Jewish Joint Burial Society on 020 8989 5252 They will help and support you to make the arrangements you need. Please also call the Synagogue on 020 8238 1000.

Bereavement Support at EHRS

Our Community Care team contacts members who have been affected by bereavement as a means to offer fellowship and a listening ear. We have a small group of bereavement visitors who are volunteers trained to provide support to those in our community who have been bereaved. In some cases, we may suggest referral to approved professional support. All our work is carried out in the strictest confidence.

HAVE YOUR SIMCHA AT EHRS

WE HAVE IDEAL ROOMS AND SPACES 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.





Situated on the ground floor, this Function Hall includes a full stage, large well equipped kitchen, tables and chairs disabled access, and sound & video systems.

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.





Accessed by the lift or stairs, this hall offers 180 capacity, table and chairs, toilet facilities, sound system, and access to a separate kitchenette.



Nagila, which means "rejoice," is the excellent and highly praised nursery of EHRS.

For children aged 18 months to Reception

Monday - Thursday 07:45-17:30 Friday 07:45-12:00

OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND

At Nagila we offer a safe, secure and stimulating setting in which pre-school children are free to develop to their full potential, in a friendly and nurturing environment.

The school is purpose built with its own secure outdoor play areas, which are used daily to give the children space to move and learn.

We provide a developmentally appropriate curriculum which encompasses the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum as set down by the Department of Education

We are very proud that we have been judged an 'Outstanding' setting by Ofsted in our Ofsted inspections - 2010, 2016 and 2019

Come and see our very special nursery and meet the team. We would be delighted to discuss with you how we can nurture, educate and care for your child in our very exciting and dynamic nursery.

For more information visit our website www.ehrs.uk/nagila-pre-school or email nagila@ehrs.uk.





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