

The background of the poster is a dark, textured surface. In the upper left, a glass honey dipper is filled with golden honey. To its right, a pomegranate is partially open, revealing its red seeds. Below the honey dipper, several individual pomegranate seeds are scattered. In the bottom right corner, a large, ripe apple with red and yellow skin is visible. A wooden honey dipper lies horizontally across the bottom left, resting on a green leaf.

High Holy Days

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Edgware & Hendon
Reform Synagogue

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****SAVE THE DATE****

An EHRS Celebration – The Eras Tour of EDRS & HRS

Sunday 19 October, 10:30–12:30

followed by the EHRS AGM



This will be a memorable and engaging morning for everyone of all ages as we celebrate the foundation of Edgware and District Reform Synagogue in 1935 and the building of the Danescoft home of Hendon Reform Synagogue in 1955, the main ingredients of EHRS! Fun, history, entertainment, celebration and community stories.

Register at www.ehrs.uk/EHRS9070

How to join us

In Person and Livestream

Your Choices for the 5786 High Holy Days

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our High Holy Days services, learning and activities this year. We will be sending every member of EHRS their own High Holy Days ticket, in the form of our 5786/2025 membership card, so there will be no need to apply for tickets as all members are entitled to be with us. This year's membership card is cream-coloured. If you still have it, please bring your green EHRS card from last year back to the Synagogue and pop it into the recycling box so that we can dispose of it in the most environmentally friendly way.

You do not need to let us know which services you plan to attend. Just come on in and enjoy. Guest tickets for non-members will of course be available from the Synagogue Office and through our website: www.ehrs.uk/hhd

Our services for Rosh Hashanah morning and all day Yom Kippur will use the new Movement for Reform Judaism Machzor, Seder HaTefillot (9th Edition).

Though the best experience of all that EHRS offers will be in person here at Stonegrove, you can also join us online for most of our services at www.ehrs.uk. Then click 'Pray Together' at the top of the webpage and click Classic Channel (for our services from the Beit Tefillah - Synagogue sanctuary). Some of our parallel services, learning & discussions include a Zoom option so that you can join us interactively from home. The details of how to join us are included in this booklet.

If you are at EHRS during the High Holy Days and would prefer some privacy whilst feeding your baby, there will be a quiet room available for parents and babies on the first floor of the Community Centre. There will also be a room available in the Community Centre for those who need to eat on Yom Kippur.

The New Machzor

Introducing our new Machzor which we began to use last year

The new Movement for Reform Judaism High Holy Days Machzor took just over ten years or over 180 years to compile and publish depending on your perspective.

The first edition of 'Days of Awe' was published in 1842 and this, the ninth edition, started with our heritage of prayer. Since late 2013, a group of Reform Rabbis and Cantors, chaired by EHRS' Rabbi Mark Goldsmith, worked together with editors Rabbi Professor Jonathan Magonet and Rabbi Paul Freedman to create a Machzor for our generation, the first new edition since 1985. We met every month to review our High Holy Days services detail after detail, find new study passages and make the whole Machzor more accessible with notes on every prayer, transliteration and an easy-to-follow layout. We worked to ensure that the issues we grapple with today such as gender balance, climate change, our ability to help repair the world, our questions around theology and our global perspective as Jews are integrated into the experience of High Holy Days.

We built on the 1985 Machzor's extraordinary resource of study readings and brought them in from even more diverse sources. The Machzor was published and launched at the March 2024 Chagigah Conference with great celebration. The entire first print run sold out this year and we have had to reprint. We know that it will keep the experience of High Holy Days fresh for many years to come whilst also immersing us in generations of Jewish tradition.

The New Machzor

How can I get hold of the new Movement For Reform Judaism Machzor?

There will be plenty of copies of the new Machzor at EHRS for you to use. Hundreds of them have been dedicated by members of the Synagogue to celebrate or commemorate loved ones and, for a generation, will keep their name alive in the Synagogue.

If you have not yet dedicated one or more copies then please consider doing so. You can find all the information here on the Synagogue website:

www.ehrs.uk/machzor

You are most welcome to purchase a personal copy directly from the Synagogue office at £45 for the two-volume set (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur). You will find it a wonderful resource for making the most of the season, full of thought-provoking study passages and preparatory readings and poetry for the Days of Awe. Our services will not be using the 1985 Days of Awe Machzor.

Using the EHRS Website to book into events

The quickest way to make bookings, where they are needed for events in this leaflet, is to go to **www.ehrs.uk/event** and then find the event by the date. Click on the event and it will take you straight to the booking page. Of course, if you have any difficulties in using our online booking system you are most welcome to phone the Synagogue office on 020 8238 1000. Our staff team will be delighted to help you.

Elul

Elul is our month of preparation to get us ready for the spiritual work of the High Holy Days. Please check in our monthly What's On magazine, the Our Week Ahead email or www.ehrs.uk/hhd for full details of what is on offer. Our Machzor, Seder HaTefillot, includes daily readings to help keep you on the spiritual journey (Rosh Hashanah volume p.15-36).

Purple – children/youth

Bark Mitzvah

Saturday 23 August, 11:00–12:00

The first day of Elul is traditionally the Jewish new year for animals. Bring your dog to EHRS this morning for our outdoor service with Cantor Tamara which celebrates the role of animals in our lives and our world.

EHRS Student Event

Thursday 4 September, SAVE THE DATE (Early evening)

Together with the Union of Jewish Students (UJS) and other local progressive communities, join our Student Send off Evening. Please see Our Week Ahead for more details.

How Would a Martian Know it's the High Holy Days?

Saturday 6 September, 9:15

A spaceship from Mars crash-lands in Stonegrove Park, and a very confused alien stumbles towards EHRS. When he hears the sound of our prayers emanating from the Synagogue, he immediately knows that it's the High Holy Days. How? Join Cantor Tamara to find out. Best in person but also on Zoom. Please email cantor.tamara@ehrs.uk for Zoom details.

Sunday Morning Craftalong

Sunday 7 September, 10:30

Soul Candles for Elul: Join Rabbi Debbie as we explore a tradition practiced in the Shtetls and reimagined over the last few decades, as we lovingly create bees wax candles with which to remember our loved ones

Elul

Cornerstone: EHRS's Classes in Essential Judaism

9 September (Rosh Hashanah), 16 September (Yom Kippur) & 7 October (Sukkot & Simchat Torah), 20:00–21:30

Join us for a back to basics opportunity to learn about the holidays. Please email rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk if you'd like to join as we have resources we will send out before the class, which you can join in person or on Zoom.

Shofar Blowing Workshop

Wednesday 10 September, 19:00–19:45

Learn to blow the Shofar with Rabbi Mark, or polish up your technique for Rosh Hashanah. Bring your Shofar or use one from the Synagogue.

Beer and Shiur: A Year of Fear?

Wednesday 10 September, 20:00–21:30

Young adults are invited to come together with Rabbi Mark as we look back on the year and forwards to next year. Are we a Jewish community living in fear? Do we need to be?

Shabbat Shirah She'ba'lev Service and Dinner

Friday 12 September, 18:30–19:30 (Service), 19:30–21:00 (Dinner)

This is EHRS's beautiful Friday night service with our acapella choir and Rabbi Mark, singing for Shabbat and this month of Ellul. Our D'var Torah will be given by our two young Israeli guests from the Leo Baeck Center in Haifa, Ayala and Yael. Followed by a bring and share (vegetarian or fish) Friday night dinner and Shabbat sing-a-long. If you are staying for the dinner please book at www.ehrs.uk/event/shirah.

Kol Echad Jewish Music Workshop—Music of the High Holy Days

Saturday 13 September, 9:45–10:15

Join Cantor Tamara before the Shabbat morning service for an opportunity to sing our favourite High Holy Day melodies together, and talk about what they mean to us.

Elul

Into the Woods – Elul Village Experience

Sunday 14 September, 15:00–17:00 (offsite)

Sarah Koster and Rabbi Mark look forward to leading you into the Stanmore woods to build a village together in a clearing in the forest. This is perfect for outdoorsy families with nursery and primary school children. It includes songs, stories, building shelters and the sound of the shofar! To find out the location and join us for the experience please book at www.ehrs.uk/event/into-the-woods-2.

Reverse Taschlich with EcoJudaism & Repair the Sea

Sunday 14 September, 10:30–12:00 (offsite)

EHRs will go out this morning to help take the rubbish out of the water (rather than throwing bread into it!) at the River Brent in Brent River Park. Our Clergy & the EHRs Environment Action Team invite all generations to join us to make a difference. To join us, meet at the kids' playground in the park (by the Dollis Valley Greenwalk) NW11 9JY.

10 Tunes for the 10 Days: an EHRs Elul Playlist

Monday 15 September, 19:00–20:30

The 10 days between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur will often have us humming our favourite melodies from the High Holy Day liturgy in between these sacred festivals. This year, members of the EHRs team will compile their favourite "10 Tunes for the 10 Days" and explain why they mean so much to them. Come along to listen, learn, sing, and share.

Cookalong—Honey Cake for Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday 17 September, 19:00–21:00

Come and join us in the Synagogue kitchen as we enjoy cooking together and making enough honey cake to feed an EHRs Rosh Hashanah community! Places are very limited. To book please go to www.ehrs.uk/event/cookalong-apple-honey-cake

Elul

Kuddle Up Tishri

Friday 19 September, 16:15–16:45

Come and join our Clergy in the Synagogue for songs, stories about this month of festivals and the chance to blow the Shofar, especially for our youngest children and their parents & carers. You are welcome to arrive and play from 15:45.

Bite of Torah: Choose Life

Saturday 20 September 9:15–10:15

On this Shabbat, our Parasha Nitzavim includes the essential philosophy of Judaism – L'chayim – to live. Join Rabbi Mark as we seek to understand why this is such a central principle to Torah and Rosh Hashanah. In person and on Zoom. Please email rabbi.mark@ehrs.uk for Zoom details.

Selichot

Selichot Choral Service & Film

Saturday 13 September, 20:00–00:15

Selichot is a beautiful way to bring yourself towards the High Holy Days and to enhance their spiritual impact. We come together on a Saturday evening to hear for the first time the sound of the High Holy Days and the poems which search our souls.

We will start the evening with Havdallah and the hard hitting and tough film **'The Believer'**. This 2001 film, starring a young Ryan Gosling, begins with the words of our Rosh Hashanah Torah portion, the Akedah. It follows a young Jewish man who develops a fiercely anti-semitic philosophy and is based on the factual story of a KKK member in the 1960's who was revealed to be Jewish by a New York Times reporter.

After a break for refreshments, at 23:00 we will begin our beautiful choral service led by Cantor Tamara, the EHRS Choir, and our Rabbis. This service is also available on our Livestream Classic Channel.

Memorial Services

Every year EHRS arranges short collective Memorial Services led by our Clergy in the Prayer Halls at the following cemeteries, following which people can visit the graves of family and friends to say a prayer & Kaddish:

Sunday 7 September

Southgate (11:00) Edgwarebury Lane (11:00)

Sunday 14 September

Cheshunt Western (11:00) Cheshunt Woodlands (12:00)

On the **14th**, we will also hold a service at **EHRS** at **11:00** in person and on the Livestream Classic Channel for those whose relatives were cremated or who are buried elsewhere or who cannot attend in person.

The High Holy Days at EHRS

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Tradition, Choice and Jewish Spiritual Innovation

The EHRS High Holy Days Co-ordinator, Sharon Garson, our High Holy Days Committee, our Rabbis, Cantor, Choir, Education, Youth and Administration teams start work on the High Holy Days every year around Pesach time.

We work together to create, with our congregation, experiences of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to help you be comfortable in our services, with time honoured prayers and melodies. We also hope that you will gain from experiences that challenge and build your perspective of what it means to stop every year, review the past and resolve to make next year better.

This year we are using the new High Holy Days Machzor which was published in 2024 by the Assembly of Reform Rabbis and Cantors UK with EHRS' Rabbi Mark Goldsmith as Chair of the Machzor Editorial Group. We aim for the whole of this sacred time to be engaging for all ages and to give plenty of choice so you can find what will work well for you.

The High Holy Days at EHRS

Two special visitors will help to enhance our services. In this year of the creation of the Movement for Progressive Judaism, we have invited its Co-lead, Rabbi Charley Baginsky, who is also niece of EHRS's veteran High Holy Days Stewards, Sidney and Linda Baginsky, to give the Second Day Rosh Hashanah sermon. Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovich is coming to EHRS especially, from her home in Georgia, to lead the Upper Synagogue Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services and other activities.

Do let your Clergy know if there is anything you would like us to make possible next year or which you found especially meaningful this year. We proudly combine tradition, choice and Jewish spiritual innovation.

What is the difference between a service in the Beit Tefillah (Sanctuary) and the Upper Synagogue?

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings there is no difference! The content of the services is the same. Our Beit Tefillah of course is much larger, holding several hundred people and the music is led by Cantor Tamara and a large choir of EHRS members with some professional support, whilst our Upper Synagogue on the first floor (with lift access) holds around two hundred with the music led by a quartet of singers and cantorial soloist, Avi Green. Some find the intimacy of the Upper Synagogue works best for them and some find the grandeur of our Beit Tefillah fits their needs better. You can choose to go wherever suits you and you can go between each service if you would like to experience both.

For Kol Nidre on Yom Kippur Evening and our Meditative Neilah service, whilst the service in the Beit Tefillah will be led by the EHRS Choir in the classic style, the service in the Upper Synagogue will include participative singing by the congregation led by cantorial soloist Avi Green.

Rosh Hashanah

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Erev Rosh Hashanah Monday 22 September

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 18:30–19:40

We open with the service which brings us into the High Holy Days, led by all of our Clergy. Sermon given by Cantor Tamara. Also Livestreamed on the Classic Channel.

How can this be a year of hope?, 19:00–19:30

After a year that has felt difficult for many, what hope can we find in our Jewish texts and traditions to help us move forward into this New Year. Come and learn and discuss with Rabbi Debbie in the Upper Synagogue or on **Zoom** (see above).

First Day Rosh Hashanah Tuesday 23 September

Shacharit and Musaf Service, 10:00–12:40

The full morning service which includes the reading of Torah, the story of Hagar and Ishmael, and Haftarah. Sermon given by Rabbi Mark (Beit Tefillah) and Rabbi Tanya (Upper Synagogue), followed by the special service for Rosh Hashanah where we hear the haunting and inspiring sound of the Shofar and recognise the significance of the New Year. Also Livestreamed on the Classic Channel. After the service, at **12:55–13:10**, there will be a **Rosh Hashanah Kiddush**. If you are at home, come together as a community for Kiddush on **Zoom** (see above). With one of our Clergy.

Tashlich in the Park, 17:00–17:30 (offsite)

Our Clergy are leading outdoor events in three local parks and you are invited to join us for a beautiful feeling of community. Tashlich is the ceremony of throwing bread on the waters to represent washing our sins away on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. Please bring breadcrumbs or preferably duck food.

Rosh Hashanah

Tashlich in the Park locations are:

- Lake Grove Recreation Ground (enter opposite 26 Dalkeith Grove) in Edgware with Rabbi Mark
- Aberford Park at the duck pond behind the basketball court in Borehamwood with Rabbi Debbie
- The Windsor Open Space on the Dollis Brook, 50m down from the end of Wickliffe Avenue, past the kids' playground in Finchley with Cantor Tamara

Children & Young People

Ages are a guideline only and have changed a little from last year in order to ensure there is enough space for everyone. Please feel welcome to attend the service that works best for your family. Most of these events will take place in the Community Centre.

Early Years Service, 9:30–10:15

This active service is created for children aged 3–6 (Key Stage 1) and their families, led by Rabbi Debbie. Enjoy apple and honey to taste the sweetness of the New Year along with songs, stories and Shofar.

Chumash Babies, 9:45–10:15

Taking place in the Nagila Kindergarten, this is a special sensory Rosh Hashanah experience for our very youngest members aged 0–2 led by Sarah Koster

Hannah Hive, 10:00–11:30

A relaxed, welcoming space for teens where we'll explore the meaning of the High Holy Days through discussion, reflection, and connection. A great way to engage, learn, and prepare together before heading into the main service. We'd love to see you there!

Stay & Schmooze and Youth Tashlich, 10:15–12:00

We invite you to hang out with other families for a cuppa and conversation for adults, and crafts for the children. Led by Marian Cohen, Sarah Koster and Hannah Weber. There will be the opportunity to perform Tashlich (symbolically throwing our sins on the waters) in the especially created Nagila River.

Rosh Hashanah

Primary Years Service, 10:30–11:30

Our interactive family service for anyone aged 7–11 (Key Stage 2) and their families, led by Rabbi Debbie. With our up close Torah reading using EHRS's own TorahCam and great music featuring the EHRS Shirah Band. If you would like to join the band please email rabbi.mark@ehrs.uk.

Secondary School Years Youth Service, 11:45–12:45

Especially for people aged 11+ and their families, Rabbi Debbie leads our service that gives the New Year meaning as you step forward on your journey through life, with the EHRS Shirah Band.

Second Day Rosh Hashanah Wednesday 24 September

Shacharit and Musaf Service, 10:00–12:15

This service in the Beit Tefillah includes the reading of Torah, the Akedah, with Abraham and Isaac, and Haftarah. Sermon given by Rabbi Charley Baginsky, Co-lead of Progressive Judaism and Chief Executive Officer of Liberal Judaism. Continuing with the special service for Rosh Hashanah where we hear the sound of the Shofar and build upon the significance of the New Year. Livestreamed on the Classic Channel.

Rosh Hashanah Youth Club, 10:00–11:00

Join Hannah Weber in the EHRS Beit Midrash to wake up the world. For young people aged 11+.

Rosh Hashanah Club, 10:00–11:00

On Rosh Hashanah we celebrate the creation of the world and our place in it! All the family are warmly invited for an hour of fun-filled activities, music and prayer. 4–10 year-olds led by Rabbi Mark and Marian Cohen. 0–3 Baby Club led by Sarah Koster.

Bite of Apple & Honey Torah Study, 11:15–12:00

The Akedah, binding of Isaac, is the Torah portion for Rosh Hashanah. Join Rabbi Mark and Art Historian Julia Weiner as we study how the portrayal of this great story in art has been a remarkable Midrash on the Torah. In person in the Upper Synagogue and on Zoom (see p.11).

The Ten Days

The days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are opportunities for us to prepare ourselves for the extraordinary experience that is Yom Kippur. Our Machzor, Seder HaTefillot, includes daily readings to help keep you (Rosh Hashanah volume p.397-401).

Ten Tunes for Ten Days

On the EHRS Facebook Page every day

Every day of these ten, our Cantor and Rabbis will be sharing an inspiring reflection of the journey between the two High Holy Days together with a song which helps to build the flavour of this special time for us.

Erev Shabbat Shuvah

Friday 26 September, 18:30-19:30

Our intimate Friday night service helps you to rest from the week and to continue your High Holy Days journey. Led by Rabbi Mark in person and Livestreamed on the Classic Channel.

Shabbat Shiur with Jonathan Bergwerk

Saturday 27 September, 9:15-10:15

Sleeping on the job, swallowed by a fish – and still God's chosen prophet? What makes Jonah one of the most relatable (and frustrating) characters in the Bible? In person and on **Zoom** (see p.11).

Shabbat Shuvah Service

Saturday 27 September, 10:30

Our Classic service in the Beit Tefillah brings you together with the EHRS community in person or on the Livestream Classic Channel, with special readings and a sermon to continue your High Holy Days experience.

Orly Erez-Likhovski – Repairing Israel in our Name

Tuesday 30 September, 19:30-21:00

Orly is the Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Centre, the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism's activist arm. IRAC is one of the beneficiaries of our HHD Appeal. They work to ensure that the values of Reform Judaism are woven into the Jewish state. How have they made a difference this year? Orly will join us from Jerusalem on Zoom. In person with Rabbi Mark or on **Zoom** (see p.11).

Kol Nidre

Wednesday 1 October – Fast Begins 18:24

Kol Nidre Service, 19:30–21:40

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, opens with the plaintive song of Kol Nidre in this service that sets the tone for the day. Three Torah Scrolls represent our spiritual Beit Din at the opening of the service. Sermon will be given by Rabbi Mark. Our service in the Beit Tefillah (Sanctuary) will have no instrumental music, and the singing will be led by the EHRS High Holy Day Choir.

In the Upper Synagogue, our service will include two pieces played by Cellist Samuel Weinstein. The music will be led by Cantorial Soloist Avi Green and will encourage participation by the congregation. The Sermon will be given by Rabbi Tanya.

Imagine no Religion, wouldn't we all get along better?, 20:20–21:00

An opportunity to work with Rabbi Mark in the Beit Midrash, as we explore what religion means to us on Yom Kippur, whether or not you consider yourself to be Jewishly religious. A safe space to discuss the spiritual journey that we make in life and the role of religion in the world today.

Yom Kippur

Thursday 2 October
Fast ends 19:23

Blue – classic service

Gold – parallel for adults

Purple – children/youth

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Shacharit, 10:30–13:30

This service will take us on a journey of Teshuvah and Atonement, which includes the reading of the Torah and Haftarah. It will take place in the Beit Tefillah, with a sermon by Rabbi Debbie, and in the Upper Synagogue, with a sermon by Rabbi Tanya. Also Livestreamed on the Classic Channel.

Primary Years Service, 10:30–11:30

Our family service in the Community Centre for anyone aged 7–11 (Key Stage 2) and their families, led by Rabbi Mark, which encourages us to take a good look at ourselves as we grow into the New Year.

Secondary School Years Youth Service, 11:45–12:45

Especially for people aged 11+ and their families, Rabbi Mark will lead this musical Yom Kippur service with real life stories on the theme of forgiveness. In the Community Centre.

No Pimms, Still Poetry, 12:00–12:45

Pimms and Poetry, one of EHRS's Together Groups, is again creating a special Yom Kippur space to share poems of apologies and forgiveness—either your own or a poem you've appreciated. Or just join us to listen. Facilitated by Ewen Goldsobel, this is a space for sharing and appreciating together. In the Beit Midrash.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur Chill Zone, 12:00–17:15

Hannah Weber & Marian Cohen invite you to drop into the Yom Kippur Tent in the EHRS Courtyard at any time in the afternoon for activities, craft and just being together. Some activities will take place in the Senitt Sensory Room in the Community Centre. Children can bring a nut and meat free packed lunch and we will provide healthy snacks throughout the afternoon. For ages 5+.

Musaf, 13:45–15:20

Our Musaf service, in the Beit Tefillah only or on the Classic Channel, is the dramatic service in which we remember the Temple service for Yom Kippur. As part of recognising the development from this ritual, we consider the meaning of Kiddush HaShem (the sanctification of God's name) in past times and today.

Neshamah Avodah, 13:45–14:30

Experience a meditative journey through the Yom Kippur Temple service using Yoga and Jewish meditation with Lisa Morris and Rabbi Tanya, taking place in the Upper Synagogue.

No Beer Still a Shiur – The Power of Forgiveness – Can it Really Work?, 14:35–15:25

A chance for our Young Adults (18–40) to come together for Yom Kippur learning and discussion with Rabbi Debbie in the Beit Midrash and on **Zoom** (see p.15).

Yom Kippur Walk into the New Year, 14:35–15:25

Join Rabbi Tanya for a gentle local walk and chat to help us to experience the outdoors on this Day of Awe starting at the front door of the Synagogue. Hopefully, no rain this year, but bring an umbrella just in case!

Minchah, 15:30–17:20

The Yom Kippur Afternoon service, in the Beit Tefillah only or on the Classic Channel, focuses around the reading of the Book of Jonah. Led by Rabbi Tanya and Rabbi Mark.

Yom Kippur

Talmud Study Session, 15:30–16:15

Rabbi Mark will take you into the discussions of our Rabbis two thousand years ago discussing what they made of Yom Kippur. In the style of EHRS's fortnightly popular Talmud Class. In person in the Upper Synagogue or on **Zoom** (see p.15).

Yom Kippur Discussion – Balancing the Scales, 16:20–17:15

Can we be both merciful and just? Ambitious and compassionate? How do we balance the scales for the year ahead? Led by Rabbi Debbie in person in the Upper Synagogue or on **Zoom** (see p.15).

Yizkor, 17:30–18:15

Our community memorial service to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us including the reading of the names of those we have lost this year. Led by Rabbi Mark & Rabbi Steven Katz in the Beit Tefillah and on the Classic Channel with sermon given by Rabbi Steven.

This Year I Am Remembering, 17:30–18:15

A special Yizkor service, led by Rabbi Debbie, in which we will pray and take time to remember those we have lost, whether in the last year or many decades ago. A more personal memorial service and space, taking place in the Upper Synagogue and on **Zoom** (see p.15). If you have made a Soul Candle then this will also be a good opportunity to light it.

Yizkor Space for Young People, 17:30–18:15

While the Yizkor services take place, we welcome our young people to join a chilled space created just for them. Choose a craft, or relaxation activity, while you reflect, rejuvenate and are together with Hannah Weber and Marian Cohen. Taking place in the Community Centre, first floor. For primary and up.

Neilah, 18:15–19:23

Our concluding service for Yom Kippur in the Beit Tefillah, as the Gates of Repentance draw to a close. Also Livestreamed on the Classic Channel.

Yom Kippur

Neilah for Young People, 18:15–19:23

Bring Yom Kippur to an end with special time in our Senitt Sensory room finding meaning together at the end of a challenging day. Enjoy discussion, craft and meditation with Hannah & Marian. Following which, we join Havdallah with the whole community at 19:24.

Meditative Neilah, 18:20–19:23

Join our Rabbis in the Upper Synagogue for an opportunity to experience the closing of the gates in a quiet space with prayer, poetry, Kabbalistic mystical text and Jewish meditation, enabling us to take the closing hour into our souls.

Havdallah, 19:24–19:29

At the end of the Yom Kippur fast we all join together in the Beit Tefillah for the short concluding ceremony for Yom Kippur and the very first act of building our Sukkah.

Breaking the Fast Together, 19:30–19:45

Would you like to break your Yom Kippur fast with some of your fellow members of the EHRS Community? Come to the Beit Midrash after Havdallah and enjoy a drink and a snack to break the fast together.

Sukkot

Sukkot gives us a brilliant opportunity as a community to get together outdoors. The Sukkah we build together creates a beautiful space for our community, and to appreciate the harvest of the world. As last year we are delighted that Sukkot is taking place in our new EHRS courtyard which has been such a joy to use this year. Please bring fruit, vegetables, flowers & greenery from Friday 3 October (8:30–17:30) and then onwards until Monday 6 October late afternoon.

Sukkot

Sunday 5 October

Sukkah Building and Unveiling of the EHRS Memorial Sculpture to Commemorate October 7th, 10:00–12:30

Our Sukkah this year is going to be on the theme of Sukkat Shalom and we will be asking members of EHRS to send us their photos or pictures of people and places that make them feel peaceful so that they can be the Ushpizin (guests) that we welcome into our special festival structure. Come anytime during the morning and join us to help build the Sukkah itself (please bring some vegetation or fruit/veg to hang in the Sukkah). Fun for all ages.

At 12:15 we will all come together to unveil the memorial sculpture, created by Josette Perloff, which will be a permanent memorial to those who were murdered and taken hostage in Israel on October 7th 2023. It will be placed in the EHRS Memorial Garden.

Erev Sukkot – Monday 6 October

Pizza in the Hut & Sukkah decorating, 16:30–18:30

Come to all or part of the event and join our EHRS Sukkah decorating before our evening service. We will add the finishing touches to our Sukkah and add to the experience with decorations. Fueled by Pizza!

Erev Sukkot Service, 18:30–19:30

Finishing with Kiddush in the Sukkah.

Sukkot – Tuesday 7 October

Sukkot Morning Service, 10:30–12:30

Led by EHRS Emeritus Rabbi Danny Smith and our Clergy. Finishing with Kiddush in the Sukkah.

Family Sukkot Club, 11:00–12:30

All the family are warmly invited to shake the Lulav, experience the Sukkah, and the joy of the festival of Sukkot. Finishing with Kiddush in the Sukkah. 4–10 year-olds led by our clergy. 0–3 Baby Club led by Sarah Koster.

Sukkot

Cornerstone: EHRS's Class in Essential Judaism, 20:00-21:30

Learn about Sukkot and Simchat Torah with Rabbi Debbie, including how we continue our festivals when tragedies occurred on them. Please email rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk if you'd like to join as we have resources we send out beforehand. In person and on Zoom.

Wednesday 8 October

Fruits of the World, Cheese & Wine Tasting, 20:00-21:00

Sample fruits you may never have tasted, & wines and cheeses with a history and special provenance with Rabbi Mark, as part of our joyous harvest celebration of Sukkot.

Thursday 9 October

Bring your Baby to the Sukkah, 12:00

After Sing & Sensory, come on down to the Sukkah to join our Clergy who will give your baby their first sensory experience of Sukkot!

EHRS' Open Sukkah, 17:00-18:00

Come and join our Rabbis or Cantor for a cup of tea and a wave of the Lulav in our Sukkah.

Beer and Shiur in the Sukkah, 20:00

Email rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk for more information.

Friday 10 October

Sukkot Stay and Play, 10:30-11:45

Join us for a morning of fun and creativity for babies and toddlers with Sukkot themed activities. There will be singing, toys, a lovely Kiddush and refreshments. We welcome parents, carers and grandparents.

Kuddle Up Sukkot, 16:15-16:45

Join our Clergy in the Sukkah for songs, stories about Sukkot and the chance wave the Lulav. Especially for our youngest children and their parents and carers. You are welcome to arrive and play from 15:45.

Sukkot

Chol Ha Mo'ed Sukkot Erev Shabbat Service, 18:30

See below.

Saturday 11 October

Chol Ha Mo'ed Sukkot Shabbat Service, 10:30

Our Shabbat services this weekend will end with Kiddush in the Sukkah. They will be dedicated to celebrating the 90th anniversary of the foundation of Edgware and District Reform Synagogue and the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the Danescroft home of Hendon Reform Synagogue, the two communities which came together in 2017 to create Edgware and Hendon Reform Synagogue. The service on Saturday morning will include the Hallel and waving of the Lulav for all.

Simchat Torah

This is our festival where we celebrate with simchah the end of our cycle of Torah reading at the end of Deuteronomy and begin the Torah at Genesis again.

In order to recognise that the Hamas attacks on Israel began on Simchat Torah 2023 we will continue as last year with alterations to the way in which the services take place, as a mark of respect to those who were murdered and kidnapped by Hamas and to all that has happened since. But, as Simchat Torah has been celebrated through centuries of Jewish history, we will continue to celebrate the gift of Torah and the values it represents. In the words of the Nova Festival survivors, "We will dance again."

Each of our services will begin with a Yizkor (memorial prayers), then we will participate in the spirit enhancing joyful service of Simchat Torah including the Hakkaifah (processions and dancing). We will end each service with another time of Yizkor. If you would prefer not to participate in the Hakkaifah then one of our Rabbis will be creating a meditative space to be together in the Beit Midrash during that time in the service.

Simchat Torah

Erev Simchat Torah – Monday 13 October

Simchat Torah Procession Preparation Party, 18:00 (45 minutes)

Join our Rabbis and educators to get your flags, banners and dances ready for our Simchat Torah Hakkafeh (procession) in the service that begins at 18:30, with a special tea for the festival! Perfect for primary ages and up.

Erev Simchat Torah Service, 18:30–19:30

Beginning with a Yizkor (memorial prayers) and including the Hakkafeh where we dance with our Sifrei Torah. There will be a meditative space in the Beit Midrash as an alternative to the Hakkafeh.

Simchat Torah – Tuesday 14th October

Simchat Torah Morning Service, 10:30

Beginning and ending with a Yizkor (memorial prayers) this is our service where we finish reading the Torah at the end of Deuteronomy and start again in Genesis, with the help of our Chatanim and Kallot Torah and Bereshit and including the Hakkafeh where we dance with our Sifrei Torah. There will be a meditative space in the Beit Midrash as an alternative to the Hakkafeh.

We are delighted this year to celebrate with our **Kallot Bereshit and Torah**: Angela Lipman and Michele Pannaman, **Chatanim Bereshit and Torah**: Guy Kaye and Eric Sander, and **Youth Chatan and Kallah**: Dillon Perloff and Darcey Coen.

Simchat Torah Club, 10:30

Our family experience on Simchat Torah with our Rabbis begins with your opportunity to help us to celebrate and get our banners and flags ready for the Hakkafeh where we dance with our Sifrei Torah. For all the family: 4–10 year-olds led by our clergy, 0–3 Baby Club led by Sarah Koster.

