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EHRS **FEST**

Sunday 20 October, 11:00-13:00
followed by the EHRS AGM

Please join us as we showcase our fantastic Synagogue and all it's offerings, with stalls, food, and LIVE demonstrations for you to enjoy on our main stage. Come and see us and find something you would like to get involved with in your community. There is definitely something for everyone at EHRS!

Register at www.ehrs.uk/fest

How to join us

In Person and Livestream Your Choices for the 5784 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 5785/2024 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 green. If you still have it, please bring your blue 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 2024 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 child, 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 will be using from this year onwards

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. Almost the entire first print run was sold out within weeks of publication. 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 click **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 magazine LeDor VaDor, 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 pp15-36)

Sunday Morning Craftalong

Sunday 1 September, 10:30

Stone Painting for Elul. As we traditionally take time in Elul (the month prior to Rosh Hashanah) to visit our loved ones graves, Rabbi Debbie will explore the tradition of placing stones on graves and help us make it personal.

Elul Shabbat Shirah Friday Night Service & Dinner

Friday 6 September, 18:30-21:00

Please join our Shirah Band & Rabbi Tanya to begin the Elul season. We will kvel (feel happy & proud) on our achievements, reflect on our losses and prepare ourselves for a meaningful and hopeful new beginning. You are welcome to stay after the service for a bring & share dinner, during which we will hear all about the EHRS trip to Poland from which a group of EHRS members just returned. If you will be joining us for dinner please book on the EHRS website.

'Kol Echad' Jewish Music Circle

Saturday 7 September, 9:15-10:15

We are excited to launch once-monthly Kol Echad music workshops which will take place just before our Shabbat morning service led by Cantor Tamara. These gatherings will be a chance to sit together in an informal way, sing our favourite Jewish liturgical melodies, and learn one or two new tunes as well. You don't need to be an experienced singer or know how to sightread; if you love music and the melodies of our Shabbat services, then please do come along! All are welcome to warm up our voices and souls together. The launch of the Kol Echad music workshops on

Elul

7 September will include music of Shabbat as well as melodies to prepare us for the month of Elul and the upcoming High Holy Days.

Please feel free to contact Cantor Tamara with any questions at cantor.tamara@ehrs.uk

Into the Woods - Elul Village Experience

Sunday 15 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

EHRs Elul Business Breakfast with Jeremy Brier KC

Wednesday 18 September, 08:30-10:00 (offsite)

We are guests of EHRs member Paul Herman of Bluebox Corporate Finance in Marylebone. Our speaker will be EHRs member Jeremy Brier KC, a barrister who specialises in cases concerning complex commercial litigation, banking, insurance and fraud. Jeremy will share with us and ask us to discuss the ethics of some tricky cases in his work. We can also enjoy networking with each other over coffee and Danish. Hosted by Rabbi Mark.

For the full location and to book please go

www.ehrs.uk/event/business-breakfast

Kuddle Up Tishri

Friday 20 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 Machzor Shiur

Saturday 21 September, 09:15-10:15

This year we will be using the new 2024 Movement for Reform Judaism Machzor, which is the 9th edition of Days of Awe. Rabbi Mark, who chaired the Editorial Group which created it, will guide you through what is special about it and how it can help you to make the most of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In person or on Zoom.

Renew Your Body and Spirit

Sunday 22 September, 10:00-12:30

Join us on this wonderful and peaceful morning where you can enjoy reflexology, yoga, krav maga, tai-chi, sound bath, mini massage, grazing table refreshments, and health & wellness talks and stalls, run by trained professionals. Please book your place via the website,

www.ehrs.uk/event/renew



Honey & Apple Cake Cookalong

Wednesday 25 September, 19:30

Join Rabbi Debbie and Bonnie Lemer in the Synagogue kitchen for our annual Honey Cake bake (this year with an apple and honey cake!) for the congregation to enjoy on Rosh Hashanah. As places are limited please book via the website, www.ehrs.uk/event/apple-honey

Selichot

Selichot Choral Service & Film

Saturday 28 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. Led by Cantor Tamara and the EHRS Choir with our Rabbis.

We will start the evening joining with Reform Jewish communities around the world through video technology to build a feeling of Jewish solidarity as we come to the end of a very challenging year for Jews everywhere.

We continue with the film **'The Jazz Singer'**. This 1980 update of the 1927 Al Jolson original is a musical tear jerker starring Neil Diamond. Will Yussel Rabinovitz follow his dreams and become a singer & songwriter in America, or will he follow his father's dreams for him and be a Cantor in the Synagogue?

After a break for refreshments, at 23:00 we will begin our beautiful choral service led by Cantor Tamara, our Rabbis, and featuring the EHRS Choir and an accomplished guest Cellist.

Memorial Services

EHRS is arranging 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 8 September

Cheshunt Western (10:00) Cheshunt Woodlands (12:00)

Sunday 22 September

Southgate (10:00)

Sunday 29 September

Edgwarebury Lane (11:30)

We will also hold a service at **EHRS (10:00)** 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 EHRIS

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Tradition, Choice and Jewish Spiritual Innovation

The EHRIS 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, for the first time since 1985 we will be using a new High Holy Days Machzor. This was published in 2024 by the Assembly of Reform Rabbis and Cantors UK with EHRIS' 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. 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 combine tradition, choice and Jewish spiritual innovation.

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

Except where specified in the description, there is no difference! The content of the services is the same. Our Beit Tefillah of course is much larger, holding several hundred people, whilst our Upper Synagogue on the first floor (with lift access) holds around two hundred. 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.

Rosh Hashanah

Why do we no longer offer an Early Service on Rosh Hashanah morning?

This service was originally offered at 08:30am when there was insufficient space in the services at 10:30am. This has not been a problem since the Covid pandemic in 2020. Thus from last year we have been able to move all of our Rosh Hashanah services aimed at adults to a start time of 10:00 with an earlier finishing time of around 12:45. This follows popular requests and, from last year's experience, it seems to work better for all.

Where Zoom is listed
please email admin@ehrs.uk for details

Erev Rosh Hashanah Wednesday 2 October



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. The service will begin with the inauguration of the new High Holy Days mantle for the Rabbi Neil Kraft z"l Memorial Sefer Torah which has been crafted by Lana Young. Also Livestreamed on the Classic Channel.

An Awesome Day in a Terrible Year, 19:00-19:30

Join Rabbi Tanya on Zoom or in person in the Upper Synagogue to reflect on a year like no other, and have an opportunity to support one another as we look into the New Year.

Rosh Hashanah

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Thursday 3 October

Shacharit and Musaf (Additional) 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 Debbie (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.

Rosh Hashanah Kiddush, 12:55-13:10

If you are at home come together as a community for Kiddush on Zoom. With one of our Clergy.

Community Centre - Children & Young People
Ages are a guideline only. Please feel welcome to attend the service that works best for your family.

Early Years Service, 9:30-10:15

This service is created for children aged 4-6 (Key Stage 1) and their families, led by Rabbi Mark. Enjoy apple and honey to taste the sweetness of the New Year and this active service with songs, stories and Shofar especially for you.

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

Following the Early Years Service, or on either side of the Primary Years and Chumash Babies services, we invite you to hang out with other families on the ground floor of the Community Centre. Cuppa and conversation for adults, and crafts for the children. Led by Marian Cohen, Sarah Koster and Jack Murphy. There will be the opportunity to perform Tashlich (symbolically throwing our sins on the waters) in the especially created Nagila River.

Rosh Hashanah

Chumash Babies, 10:30-11:00

Taking place in the Nagila Kindergarten, this is a special sensory Rosh Hashanah experience for our very youngest members aged 0-3 led by Sarah Koster.

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 Mark. 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 Mark leads our service that gives the New Year meaning as you step forward on your journey through life, with the EHRS Shirah Band.

Tashlich in the Park, 17:00-17:30

Our Clergy are leading outdoors events in three local parks on Rosh Hashanah and you are warmly invited to come and 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.

Locations are:

- in Edgware with Rabbi Mark
- in Borehamwood with Rabbi Debbie
- in Hendon with Rabbi Tanya



Rosh Hashanah

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Friday 4 October

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

The morning service in the Beit Tefillah includes the reading of Torah, the Akedah, with Abraham and Isaac, and Haftarah with the D'var Torah given by Rabbi Mark, continuing with the special service for Rosh Hashanah where we again hear the haunting and inspiring sound of the Shofar and build upon the significance of the New Year. Livestreamed on the Classic Channel.

Repair the Universe Youth Activities, 10:00-11:00

Join Rabbi Tanya in the EHRS Beit Midrash to repair the universe from the damage humanity has caused as we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, it's traditional birthday. For young people aged 11+.

Repair the Universe Family Service, 10:00-11:00

On Rosh Hashanah we celebrate the creation of the world! Children up to the age of 10 and their families are warmly invited to join Rabbi Debbie and Marian Cohen as we go where no family service has gone before! Expect science, play, food and fun, and maybe a bit of prayer!

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

Rosh Hashanah is framed by the stories of Ishmael & Isaac. This year, join Rabbi Debbie and Sheikh Ali Abbas Razawi in the Upper Synagogue or on Zoom as we delve into how each of our traditions has approached the stories of our Rosh Hashanah Torah readings.

שנה טובה

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. You can prepare cognitively, spiritually and physically through these experiences. Our Machzor, Seder HaTefillot, includes daily readings to help keep you on a journey of repentance (Rosh Hashanah volume pp397-401)

Erev Shabbat Shuvah

Friday 4 October, 18:30-19:30

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

Friday Night Lights for the Ten Days

Friday 4 October, 20:00-20:45

Join Rabbi Mark on Erev Shabbat Shuvah for a warm and friendly candle lighting and Shabbat songs on the theme of the journey between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, on Zoom or the EHRS Facebook page through Facebook Live.

The Journey To The Jewish Past in Poland Shiur

Saturday 5 October, 09:15-10:15

Rabbi Tanya will take those who couldn't join the EHRS Poland trip on a journey into some of the rich history of Polish Jewish life. Join in person or over Zoom.

Shabbat Shuvah Service

Saturday 5 October, 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.

The Ten Days

Sunday Morning Craftalong

Sunday 6 October, 10:30

Soul Candles. 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 to remember our loved ones on Yom Kippur.

Reverse Taschlich with EcoJudaism & Repair the Sea Sunday 6 October, 10:30-12:00 (offsite)

EHRS will go on this morning to help take the rubbish out of the water (rather than throwing bread into it!) at the Silk Stream in Watling Park, Burnt Oak. Our Clergy & the EHRS Environment Action Team invite all generations to join us to make a difference. To attend and receive the full details please email admin@ehrs.uk

Memorial Event for Israel

Sunday 6 October, 19:00-20:30

On this night before the first anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel, EHRS is holding a memorial event including testimony, prayer, poetry and song from Yoav Oved, and the opportunity to talk with each other on this momentous day. Please book via the website, www.ehrs.uk/event/israel-memorial

Kol Nidre

Friday 11 October - Fast Begins 18:02

Kol Nidre Service, 19:00-21:10

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, opens with the plaintive song 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 given by Rabbi Mark. Our service in the Beit Tefillah (Sanctuary) will have no instrumental music whilst the parallel service in the Upper Synagogue will include two pieces played by Cellist Samuel Weinstein. Also Livestreamed on the Classic Channel.

Kol Nidre

I'm Not Religious, What am I Doing Here? 19:40-20:20

An opportunity to work with Rabbi Mark in the Beit Midrash, as we explore the meaning of being with the community on Yom Kippur, whether or not you consider yourself to be Jewishly religious. A safe space to discuss belief, doubt & commitment and the spiritual journey that we make in life.

Yom Kippur

Saturday 12 October

Fast ends 19:01

Blue - classic service

Brown - parallel for adults

Green - children/youth

**Where Zoom is listed
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Early Years Service, 09:30-10:15

Our interactive service in the Community Centre with songs and Shofar is created for children aged 4-6 (Key Stage 1) and their families, led by Rabbi Debbie.

Stay and Schmooze, 10:15-12:00

In the ground floor of the Community Centre, we invite you to hang out following the Early Years Service or before or after the Primary Years Service, for conversation for adults and craft for the children with Sarah Koster and Jack Murphy.

Shacharit, 10:30-13:30

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

Chumash Babies 10:30-11:00

Taking place in the Nagila Kindergarten, this is a special sensory Yom Kippur experience for our very youngest members aged 0-3 led by Sarah Koster.

Yom Kippur

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 Debbie.

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

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

Poetry of Reconciliation, 12:00-12:45

This year one of our new Together Groups, Pimms and Poetry, will create a special Yom Kippur space to share poems of Transition and Change. They might be your own composition or a poem you've appreciated by someone else, 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 Chill Zone, 12:30-17:15

Jack Murphy & Marian Cohen invite you to drop into the Yom Kippur Tent 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. All ages welcome.

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, 14:35-15:25

Our regular Young Adults (18-40) study is transformed

Yom Kippur

for Yom Kippur - the learning remains but the drinks are gone! Join Rabbi Debbie in person in the Upper Synagogue or on Zoom for an intimate reflection on the year gone by, the many challenges it has held, and what our tradition has to offer in coping mechanisms.

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.

Minchah, 15:30-17:15

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.

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.

Yom Kippur Discussion 16:20-17:10

As our new Machzor has its first outing over these chaggim, join Rabbi Debbie to explore some of the new writings and pieces that have stood out for you. In person in the Upper Synagogue or on Zoom.

Yizkor, 17:15-18:00

Our 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 Tanya in the Beit Tefillah and Classic Channel with sermon given by Rabbi Mark. Also led by EHRs Emeritus Rabbi Steven Katz in the Upper Synagogue, sermon given by Rabbi Steven.

This Year I Am Remembering, 17:45-18:30

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. For those who attended our Soul Candles session

Yom Kippur

this will be an opportunity to light your candle. In person in the Beit Midrash or on Zoom.

Yizkor Space for Young People, 17:15-18:00

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 Jack Murphy and Marian Cohen.

Neilah, 18:00-19:01

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.

Meditative Neilah, 18:00-19:01

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.

Neilah for Young People, 18:00-19:01

Bring Yom Kippur to an end with special time in our Senitt Sensory room finding meaning together at the end of a challenging year. Enjoy discussion and meditation with Jack & Marian. Following, we join Havdallah with the whole community at 19:01.

Havdallah, 19:01-19:06

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, 19:06-19:36

Would you like to break your Yom Kippur fast with some of your fellow members of the EHRS Community & Rabbi Tanya? Come to the Community Centre Lobby 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. This year we are delighted that Sukkot is taking place in our new EHRS courtyard which will be completed in time for the festival. Please bring fruit, vegetables, flowers & greenery from Sunday 13 October (08:30-17:30) and then onwards until Wednesday.

Sunday 13 October

Sukkah Building, 10:00-12:30

Our Sukkah this year is going to be on the theme of repairing the Jewish community and we will be asking communities around the world to send us their photos so that they can be the Ushpizin (guests) that we welcome into our special festival structure. Our aim is to make it a place that the holy guests and our own guests love to be! 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.

Erev Sukkot - Wednesday 16 October

Pre Sukkot Tea Party & 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.

Erev Sukkot Service, 18:30-19:30

finishing with Kiddush in the Sukkah.

Sukkot - Thursday 17 October

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

Bring a friend to shake the Lulav, experience the Sukkah, and the joy of the festival of Sukkot with our Clergy. Finishing with Kiddush in the Sukkah.

Sukkot

Friday 18 October

Kuddle Up Sukkot, 16:15-16:45

Come and join our Clergy in the Sukkah for songs, stories about this beautiful festival and the chance to wave the Lulav, especially for our youngest children and their parents and carers. You are welcome to arrive and play from 15:45.



Friday 18 October 18:30 & Saturday 19 October, 10:30

Chol Ha Mo'ed Sukkot Shabbat Services

Our Shabbat services on this weekend will end with Kiddush in the Sukkah. The service on Saturday morning will include the waving of the Lulav for all.

Saturday 19 October

Sukkot Shiur: Nothing New Under the Sun, 09:15-10:15

Jonathan Bergwerk returns to EHRS to teach about the Megillah for Sukkot, Kohelet or Ecclesiastes. Hosted by Rabbi Mark. In person or Zoom.

Teen Schmooze in the Sukkah, 10:30-11:30

For school years 7 upwards. It's a Shabbat schmooze especially for you with Rabbi Mark in the Sukkah.

Monday 21 October

EHRS's Open Sukkah, 16:30-17:30

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

Tuesday 22 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!

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

Sample fruits you may never have tasted and wines and cheeses with a history and special provenance with Rabbi Mark, as we come towards the end of our celebration of Sukkot.

Simchat Torah

This is our festival where we celebrate with simchah (joy) the end of our cycle of Torah reading at the end of Deuteronomy and begin the Torah at Genesis again. Because of the terrible events of Simchat Torah last year in Israel, there will be some 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 Yizkor (memorial prayers), then we will participate in the spirit enhancing joyful service of Simchat Torah including the Hakkafah (processions and dancing). We will end each service with another moment of Yizkor. If you would prefer not to participate in the Hakkafah then one of our Clergy will be creating a meditative space to be together in the Beit Midrash during that time in the service.

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Simchat Torah

Erev Simchat Torah Wednesday 23 October

Simchat Torah Procession Preparation Party, 18:00



Join our Clergy and educators to get your flags, banners and dances ready for our Simchat Torah Hakkafoth (procession) in the service that begins at 18:30, with a special tea for the festival. For all young people.

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

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

Simchat Torah Thursday 24 October

Torastastic Family Service, 10:30-12:45

Our family experience on Simchat Torah with our Clergy begins with your opportunity to help us to celebrate and get our banners and flags ready for the Hakkafoth where we dance with our Sifrei Torah.

Simchat Torah Morning Service, 10:30-12:45

Beginning and ending with 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 Hakkafoth where we dance with our Sifrei Torah. There will be a meditative space in the Beit Midrash for those who choose an alternative to the Hakkafoth.

