

What's On

December 2024

EHRS

What is What's On?

Our regular Synagogue magazine LeDor VaDor is taking a short break while EHRS recruits our new Communications and Marketing Manager. In the interim this What's On at EHRS newsletter will help you know what our lively community offers for you to participate in, enjoy and learn from. Fuller details of everything in it can be found at www.ehrs.uk and our 'Our Week Ahead' e-mails or call the Synagogue Office.

Contact Us

The normal office operating hours are Monday to Thursday 9:30-17:00, Friday 9:30-15:30, and Sundays 10:00-12:30. You are welcome to call or visit during these times. The office is not staffed on Shabbat and festivals. If you wish to see a specific member of staff, please call in advance to ensure that they are available. The telephone is operated during the normal office hours, 020 8238 1000. You can email to admin@ehrs.uk. Emails and messages will be checked during the normal operating hours. If you need to advise of a death or arrange a funeral, outside of the normal hours, please call the JJBS directly on 020 8989 5252. Please try to make any payments via the synagogue website at www.ehrs.uk/

payment, via bank transfers or otherwise please phone to pay with a credit or debit cards. Please can we ask you not to send cheques and certainly please do not bring in (or send) cash.

BEREAVEMENT

During office hours: in all cases of bereavement please contact June Lewis, the 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:

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

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

Subscription Payments for 2025

Please note that from 2025, direct debit subscription payments will be paid over 10 months, starting from February. 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. If you wish to pay in full, this can still be made by card or bank transfer.

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 in 2025

Cantor Tamara Induction Weekend
10 / 11 January

EHRS Business Breakfast
22 January

Burns Night
25 January

Tu b'Shvat Seder
12 February

Talk and showing by Lucie Kon, We Will Dance Again
20 February

EHRS Supper Quiz
23 February

Young Adults Friday Night Dinner
28 February

Purim

Begins sunset of Thursday, March 13,
Ends nightfall of Friday, March 14

Passover

Begins sunset of Saturday, April 12
Ends nightfall of Saturday, April 19

Monthly Musings

Rabbi Mark Goldsmith



Chanukkah has a long history of observance but also a long history of transformation. It began as the celebration of the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian Greek Empire in 164BCE and the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem, bringing the Jewish Hasmonean dynasty into power as the rulers over Israel.

By the time of the Talmud in the fifth Century, the Hasmoneans had long since blotted their copybook by having fallen into internecine feuding and then having the great idea of asking the Romans to help, who then ended up taking over Israel for the next four centuries.

So, in the Talmud, Chanukkah becomes the festival of the miracle of the Menorah in the Temple lasting lit for eight days on one day's supply of oil. It became God's miracle and not the Maccabees'!

Chanukkah remained a minor festival then for centuries until Jews became ever more involved in societies which were Christian, and were no longer confined to ghettos.

By the Nineteenth Century, especially in Northern Europe, the popularity of Christmas as a big scale celebration with Christmas markets, light displays, Christmas Trees, presents for children and much more beyond the original church festival meant that Jewish families needed to find something just as delightful to help their children to feel equally excited, around the same time of the year. So Chanukkah became the time when Jewish children could gently one-up their Christian friends by saying that they got eight nights of presents and not just one! The light of the family Chanukkah was just as heart-warming as any Christmas tree and family and Synagogue gatherings made Chanukkah seem no longer to be a minor festival.

As this historical journey took place it may also be that both Chanukkah and Christmas rediscovered their pre Jewish roots, as festivals of light in midwinter, common to so many cultures. You can't beat a festival of light to push out the winter blues.

In December's What's On you will find personal, communal and local area ways to bring light. There is our wonderful Chanukkah programme, including a candle lighting by Zoom or in person every night of Chanukkah, culminating in our Chanukkah Fireworks event on January 1st in our new EHRS Courtyard.

There is our reminder that the EHRS Community Needs Fund is always available to EHRS members to help when heating or any of the necessities for safe and comfortable life are not affordable – so that we bring light to each other. Also on page 14 you will see the invitation to volunteer to bring light to the homeless people of our area by volunteering at the EHRS Homeless Shelter this winter.

You too can join the Maccabees and the Almighty in making little miracles happen.

**Are you struggling to cope financially?
The EHRS Community Needs Fund enables us to help each other.**

The fund makes grants of up to a few hundred pounds to help members access health services, prevent eviction from home, put food on the table, renew or repair basic equipment when it is broken (such as a bed or a fridge), afford school uniforms and many other needs.

To access the fund there is a simple, non-intrusive, form which is available from any of the EHRS Clergy or the Community Care team. Just phone or email any of them at the Synagogue.

All grants are absolutely confidential and should not be seen as charity, but rather as enabling our members to do the mitzvah of Gemilut Chasadim, spreading loving kindness in the world.

Services

Please see the calendar pages for timings - ehrs.uk/event/

Erev Shabbat Service

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

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.



Musical Erev “Rock Shabbat” Service with Chavurah 6 December



Rock Shabbat UK infuses the timeless tunes of Friday night, with the energy of rock music for all the family to enjoy.

We look forward to seeing and hearing you join in with many of the traditional and instantly recognisable melodies during the service.

This family friendly service begins at 18:30 and will be followed by a bring and share Chavurah supper.

Booking essential - ehrs.uk/event/rock-shabbat-friday-night-service/

Children’s Shabbat Experiences

We aim for there to be a special Shabbat experience for children pretty much 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 a Story, Snack and Song 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. In December it’s a Kuddle Up Chanukkah special to get you ready for the Jewish festival of light.

Early Risers Service

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.

Shabbat Morning 21 December

This service is our Hava Nashira service. Singers will be dotted around the congregation rather than concentrated in the choir space. Enjoy singing with us all.

EHR'S PRESENTS STARS OF DAVID

JEWS IN ENTERTAINMENT

ehrs.uk/event/stars-of-david/
Please book your place

How Yiddish
theatre
invented
Hollywood

When
Cantors
were stars!

Louisa Clein
Actress &
EHR'S member

Judi Herman
Writer,
Broadcaster
& Director

Adam Lenson
Director of
Cable Street

An EHR'S Star is
Born - Whose
improv is it
anyway?

Roy Rodgers
Movie Sculptor
(Star Wars,
Harry Potter
etc.)

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

10:00-12:30

£5 MEMBERS - £10 NON-MEMBERS



Stronger Together

MITZVAH DAY 2024 AT EHRS: A COMMUNITY UNITED IN ACTS OF KINDNESS



Mitzvah Day is always a highlight on the EHRS calendar, and this year was no exception. It brought together our community, young and old(er), in a celebration of generosity, shared values, and connection. The week leading up to the day and the activities on Mitzvah Day itself showcased the power of coming together to make a difference.

Caring for Our Planet at Boxtree Park

EHRS's Eco Team, led by Rabbi Tanya, partnered with The Friends of Harrow Weald to transform Boxtree Park into a haven for wildlife and people alike. This year's focus was on supporting the tiny creatures—bugs and birds—that are vital to our ecosystem. Volunteers of all ages joined in, creating habitats and enhancing the green space for the benefit of all.



Nappies for Sebby's Corner

Our EHRS young families, Nagila Nursery, Bookies Babes childcare and the wider community took part in our nappy drive for Sebby's Corner. We collected 100's of nappies, which the Beavers and Cubs helped to sort and pack ready to be donated.



A Heart-Warming Interfaith Cook-a-Long

In the spirit of unity, our interfaith cook-a-long welcomed friends from the local Hindu, Muslim, and Christian communities. Together with EHRS's dedicated team of cooks, participants baked tahini biscuits and halva strudel for the synagogue's winter night shelter. Beyond the delicious treats, this meaningful event fostered connections and strengthened relationships across faiths, united by the shared goal of helping those in need.



Cookies, Songs, and Smiles for AppleTree Care Home

Our Chedar group "Orot," accompanied by Cantor Tamara and teacher Caroline, decorated cookies to show their appreciation for the staff at AppleTree Care Home. Delivering the treats, the children brought joy to the residents with their beautiful singing, spreading warmth and love in abundance.



Friendship Cards and Thoughtful Gestures

The youngest members of our community, from toddler group to Shabbat children's service, crafted friendship cards and cookies for members in care homes. These heartfelt creations served as a reminder that they are cherished and remembered by their community.



Acts of Kindness by Kaytana Youth

Our Kaytana youth group took on multiple projects, from baking cookies for Homeless Action in Barnet to cleaning toys for baby groups and sprucing up the outdoor areas of the synagogue. Their enthusiasm and energy were an inspiration to all.



A Grand Finale with Tea and Togetherness

Mitzvah Day concluded with a joyous intergenerational community tea. Guests brought baked goods and food donations for the homeless, while live music and the warmth of community spirit created an unforgettable afternoon. It was a fitting end to a day filled with love, compassion, and generosity.



Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the success of Mitzvah Day. Together, we've shown how small acts of kindness can create a ripple effect, making our community and the world a better place. Let's carry this spirit forward into the year ahead!



Photos taken by Yakir Zur, Maurice Hoffman and community members

Week at a Glance

1st to 8th December

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.

Sunday 1st

09:15-12:30 Orot
09:30-10:00 Sunday Shacharit
10:30-12:30 Craftalong
20:00 Football

Monday 2nd

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

Tuesday 3rd

14:00-16:00 The League of Jewish Women
14:00-15:30 Art Appreciation
19:00-21:30 Cornerstone – EHRs's basic Judaism and Hebrew class for adults
19:00-20:30 Scouts
19:30-21:00 Rabbi Kraft Memorial Book Club

Wednesday 4th

12:30-15:30 Bridge at EHRs
19:30-21:00 Rosh Chodesh
20:00-21:30 **Pimms & Poetry**

Thursday 5th

11:00-11:45 Sing & Sensory
13:30-15:30 JACS at EHRs
17:45-18:45 Beavers
18:45-20:00 Cubs

Friday 6th

10:30-11:45 Shabbat Stay & Play
18:30-19:20 Classic Erev Shabbat Service or
18:30-21:00 Rock Shabbat with bring and share Chavurah Dinner - see page 4

Saturday 7th

09:15-10.15 First Shabbat Shiur - meet Judith, heroine of the Chanukah story!
10:30-12:30 Shabbat Morning Service
10:30-11:30 Chumash Babies
10:45-11:15 Torah Time

Sunday 8th

09:30-10:00 Sunday Shacharit
09:45-12:30 Orot
10:00-12:30 Stars of David - see page 5
20:00 Football

Rabbi Kraft Memorial Book Club

3 December 19:30 on Zoom

"The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese.

A shimmering evocation of a lost India and of the passage of time itself, *The Covenant of Water* is a hymn to progress in medicine and to human understanding, and a humbling testament to the hardships undergone by past generations for the sake of those alive today.

Art Appreciation

Come and discover your inner creative self, explore your sensitive side, and delve into the artistic world!

Angela Wilson presents a selection of the most beautiful, unusual, avant-garde and disturbing paintings in the world. No previous knowledge necessary.

3 December 14:30-16:00

Craftalong

Sunday 1 December, 10:30
Join Rabbi Debbie as we create beautiful mosaic boards for our chanukiyot.

£5.00 per person for materials.
Booking Essential.



Pimms & Poetry



Share your favourite poems and personal compositions!
Enjoy a friendly, informal atmosphere.
Pimms, snacks and warmth for all.

Week at a Glance

9th to 15th December

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

Monday 9th

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

Tuesday 10th

13:30 Lunch Club

19:00-20:30 Scouts
19:00-21:30 Cornerstone

Wednesday 11th

10:30-11:30 Schmoozing with the Clergy
10:30-12:00 Coffee & Chat
12:30-15:30 Bridge at EHRS
20:00-21:30 Bridge for Beginners

20:00-21:30 Beer & Shiur

Thursday 12th

10:00-11:00 Zumba Gold
11:00-11:45 Sing & Sensory
13:30-15:30 JACS at EHRS
14:00-16:00 Rummikub Group
14:20 EHRS Israel Trip departs for Ben Gurion Airport
17:45-18:45 Beavers
18:45-20:00 Cubs

Friday 13th

10:30-11:45 Shabbat Stay & Play
18:30-19:20 Erev Shabbat Service
18:30-21:30 BBM Service & Dinner

Saturday 14th

09:15-10:15 Kol Echad Jewish Music Workshop

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

Sunday 15th

09:30-10:00 Sunday Shacharit
09:45-12:30 Orot
20:00 Football

Beer & Shiur
Our monthly Young Adults opportunity to learn together



20:00 – 21:30 on Zoom
Please email rabi.debbie@ehrs.uk to be added to the regular young adults updates.

Calling all Rummikub players!



Rummikub Group
Thursday 12 December
14:00-16:00
Donation £3 per person.
Booking essential

Join Cantor Tamara for an hour of relaxed, informal singing before the Shabbat service on 14 December. We'll sing old Shabbat favourites alongside one new melody that we'll learn together. All ages and abilities welcome!

Monthly Lunch Club – 10 December

With a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, you will have the chance to spend time with other people and feel a greater sense of belonging to our Community. The lunches are held in the synagogue hall at 13:30 every second Tuesday of the month.

Booking in advance is essential!

Cost £9 for members, £10 for non-members.

Please call the Community Care Department on 020 8238 1015 or email communitycare@ehrs.uk



Week at a Glance

16th to 22nd December

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

Monday 16th

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

Tuesday 17th

13:00 Stonegrove Serenade - see page 12
14:00-15:30 Spanish Conversation Group
19:00-20:30 Scouts
19:00-21:30 Cornerstone

Wednesday 18th

12:30-15:30 Bridge at EHRS
14:00-16:00 Memory Way Café
14:00-16:00 Not The Womens Guild
19:30-20:30 EHRS live from Israel

Thursday 19th

10:00-11:00 Zumba Gold
11:00-11:45 Sing & Sensory
11:00-12:30 Knit & Knatter
13:30-15:30 JACS at EHRS
17:45-18:45 Beavers
18:45-20:00 Cubs
20:00-21:30 Whisky Tasting

Friday 20th

10:30-11:45 Shabbat Stay & Play
16:15-16:45 Kuddle Up Shabbat
18:30-19:20 Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday 21st

10:30-12:30 Shabbat Morning Hava
Nashira .Service

Sunday 22nd

09:30-10:00 Sunday Shacharit
10:00-11:00 Talmud Class live from Israel
11:00-13:00 Family Chanukah Event - see page 13

Memory Way Café

18 December 14:00-16:00

This social group is for people living with dementia and their family carers, every third Wednesday of the month, offering tea, cake, support and advice in a warm and welcoming environment.

A donation of £5 per couple towards refreshments will be greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact 020 8238 1013 or 1015 or email us at communitycare@ehrs.uk



Live from Tel Aviv
Wednesday 18 December
19:30 - 20:30

Join Rabbi Mark and his fellow EHRS travellers, who have been in Israel this week, to hear about what they have been learning and who they have been meeting - from the Gaza 'Envelope' to the Knesset. Please email admin@ehrs.uk to get the zoom details

LIMMUD FESTIVAL 2024

Friday 20 to Wednesday 25th December
Rabbi Tanya will be helping to lead
Reform Services at Limmud 2024

limmud.org/#Limmud-Festival



Whisky Tasting Thursday 19 December

Book your space by no later than 10 December!

Offering the chance for our members to be able to experience the unusual and the extraordinary in Whisky form.

ehrs.uk/event/whisky-tasting-4/

Week at a Glance

23rd to 31st December

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 23rd

11:00-12:30 Folk Dancing

Tuesday 24th

Wednesday 25th

1st Night Chanukkah

18:30-19:00 Zoom Candle Lighting

Thursday 26th

2nd Night Chanukkah

18:30-19:00 Zoom Candle Lighting

Friday 27th

3rd Night Chanukkah

18:30-19:20 Erev Shabbat Service. **Please bring your Chanukiah to light together.**

Light candles together with
our clergy on Zoom
Check Our Week Ahead
for Zoom details

Saturday 28th

4th Night Chanukkah

10:30-12:30 Shabbat Chanukkah Morning Service

17:00-18:00 Zoom Candle Lighting & Havdalah
with Shirat HaYam Reform Jewish Community in
Ukraine.

Sunday 29th

5th Night Chanukkah

09:30-10:00 Sunday Shacharit

18:30-19:00 Zoom Candle Lighting

Monday 30th

6th Night Chanukkah

18:30-19:00 Candle Lighting in person at
EHRS

Tuesday 31st

7th Night Chanukkah

18:30 -19:00 Zoom Candle Lighting



Bring your Menorah and candles, and be part of our special last night of Chanukkah Event. Chanukiah lighting, fireworks and sparklers party here in the EHRS courtyard with latkes, doughnuts, mulled wine and hot chocolate

Wednesday 1 January 17:00-18:30

**Last Night Chanukkah
Community Chanukkah Candle Lighting
ehrs.uk/event/last-night-chanukkah/**

Must be pre-booked by Monday 23 December.

£5.00 for non-members, under 18's £4.00

Suggested donation for EHRS members £4.00, under 18's £3.00



Stonegrove Serenade



**Book at www.ehrs.uk/serenade
Tuesday 17th December 2024 1.0 pm**
Stonegrove Serenade welcomes:
Riccardo Pes and Elena Toponogova
who will perform a Cello and Piano Recital
Remember to book Cafe 118 for lunch at 12.00

Riccardo Pes and Elena Toponogova

Riccardo Pes is an Italian cellist and composer. He graduated as Outstanding from the Royal College of Music. His repertoire spans from the baroque, played on period instruments, to the contemporary. He has played numerous solo recitals in prestigious venues, such as the Elgar Room at the Royal Albert Hall, Kings Place, and The Queen Elizabeth Hall at the Southbank Centre.
Find out more at <https://www.riccardopesmusic.com>

Elena is a concert pianist and chamber musician based in London. Her repertoire is primarily comprised of Russian music. She has performed as a soloist and chamber musician in prestigious venues such as the Rachmaninov Hall of the Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatoire, Salzburg Wiener Saal, Amaryllis Fleming Hall, V&A Museum, and St. Martin-in-the-Fields, among others. <https://www.elenatoponogova.com>

Programme:

Amy Beach (1867-1944) Five pieces for cello and piano
Clara Schumann (1819-1886) Prelude and Fugue in B flat major for piano solo
Rebecca Clarke (1886-1979) "Passacaglia", "I'll bid my heart be still"
Mariann Acito (b.1997) "Autumn Flowers"

Save The Date!
20 February 2025

Join Rabbi Mark and his guest Lucie Kon, BBC Commissioning Editor of Surviving Oct 7th: We Will Dance Again, for a talk and showing of this insightful and moving film.

The film focuses on events at the Nova Music Festival, with a minute-by-minute account showing how a rave celebrating life turned into a brutal assault on partygoers at the Nova Music Festival - one of the sites in Israel attacked by Hamas on 7 October 2023. Lucie will be speaking with us about the challenges she overcame in getting the film made and shown.



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Family Chanukkah Party!

Must be pre-booked - ehrs.uk/event/family-chanukah-party/

Dino Donut Decorating

Meet our Menorahsaurus!

Dino Disco Glitter Tattoos

Chanukkiah Lighting Kid's Lunch

Sunday 22 December

11:00-11:30am (tiny t-rex time for our under 2's)

11:30am-1:00pm for all children



Edgware & Hendon
Reform Synagogue
ק"ק לדור ודור



PJ Library



NIGHT SHELTER AT EHRS IN SPRING 2025

EHRS will again be hosting up to 17 homeless guests one night a week over a period of seven weeks in spring 2025. We will be offering a hot evening meal, a safe place to sleep overnight and a simple breakfast upstairs in our community centre.

Our lovely EHRS volunteers will support this important project for 7 Monday nights and Tuesday mornings between Monday February 24 to Tuesday morning 8 April 2025.
You can volunteer for one or more shifts.

We will need volunteer cooks (at home), people to set up, people to serve dinner and socialise, people to sleep in the hall with our homeless guests, people to serve breakfast and clean up as well as people to deliver bedding to the next venue. All volunteers that come into contact with our homeless guests will receive full training and a volunteer handbook will be provided.

If you'd like to join the volunteering team or find out more, please contact Lisa Bard on nightshelter@ehrs.uk or by WhatsApp message 07724 897222 (no calls please).



We are looking for members to volunteer

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) school event Monday 13 January when we host over 200 students from a local school.

We are honoured to have Eva Clarke speak to the pupils once more. Her experience of being born during the war is very moving and sobering.

If you would like to be a table facilitator and help to lead a workshop to a group of students, or volunteer in another role on the day, we are holding training sessions at EHRS on **Wednesday 4th December** from 12:00-13:30 with lunch or **Thursday 5th December** from 19:00 -21:30 with supper.

However you can help us we will be very grateful.

Please join us in this enriching experience for the pupils, their teachers and the volunteers. Contact Marian Cohen by email education@ehrs.uk or by telephone on 020 8238 1014 to register your interest or for any questions.

REMEMBER

**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.**

We value your ideas & opinions

Two years ago we gathered your thoughts on EHRS' role and activities and in that time we've made several key improvements and investments, thanks to your invaluable feedback:

- Enhancing accessibility and aesthetics with an upgraded building exterior, children's playground along with new bike and buggy racks
- Redeveloping the main kitchen for expanded community use
- Launching new engagement activities for all generations
- Advancing sustainability initiatives with a dedicated Eco group, earning us an EcoJudaism Silver award in 2024
- Expanding support for young Jewish people with very popular holiday camps and work with schools and universities, especially where anti-semitism has been an issue

These are just a few of the things that have been achieved in response to the last survey results.

As we look to the future, we're committed to strengthening and sustaining our community for generations to come. Your insights are vital in helping us understand how to best serve EHRS members in a way that aligns with your values and priorities. We invite you to share your thoughts through this new survey, which will guide us in building a vibrant and inclusive community together.

All answers to the survey are anonymous and are being collected on our behalf by development consultants, Development Partners.

If you have a Family or Joint Membership, please pass this on to the other members – we want to hear from everyone.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to give us your feedback. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. We are committed to sharing the findings with the community. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9WDQ9N7>

Please check your email inbox for a clickable link to the online survey, and complete it by 16 December 2024

A new and exciting Together Group Coffee Tasting Sunday 12 January 11:30 - 12:30



Unusual and extraordinary coffee
from across the globe to awaken your taste buds.

Save The Date!

Saturday 25 January 2025
BURNS NIGHT

Burns Night is a time to enjoy Scottish traditions and celebrate the renowned poet Robert Burns with a classic combination of haggis, neeps, tatties, some reciting of poetry, bagpipes, and maybe even a warming dram.

Look out for further details shortly





**LED BY RABBI TANYA
23 – 27 JANUARY 2025**

Join EHRS as we travel to Prague to join Czech political & cultural elites for a historic event when the Czech scroll will be moved from Parliament to Prague Castle to be on public display.

Highlights include:

- Day trip to Sobeslav where our Czech scroll comes from
- Friday night Service at Spanish Synagogue
- Shabbat Services with Ec Chaim community & Rabbi David Maxa
- Prague city walking tour
- Jewish Quarter Tour
- Private tour & meeting with Director of Jewish Museum
- Some free time to explore the city

To secure your place, bookings must be made by **Friday 20th December.**

<https://www.ehrs.uk/event/prague/>



Whisky Weekend in Scotland

Are you interested in being part of a unique Scottish adventure with Rabbi Mark?

We are busy planning a weekend trip for
Friday 16 May to Sun 18 May 2025

If you would like to find out more
email: Debbie.drapkin@ehrs.uk

Mazel Tovs

Anniversaries

Mazel Tov to Toni & David Gilmore on their Golden Wedding Anniversary
Mazel Tov to Valerie & Alfred Levy on their Platinum Wedding Anniversary

Births

Darcie Keala Gaunt, a daughter for Lindsay & Saul and sister for Riley. Mazel Tov to the Grandparents.
Ezra Jonathon Smith, a son for Scott & Sara. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Jon & Janine Smith
and Louise & Mark Savage
Poppy Rae Eliad, a daughter for Gina & Ben and a sister for Millie. Mazel Tov to Rami & Sandra Eliad and
Caroline & Richard Gerstein
Mazel Tov to grandparents Janet and Robert Brand on the birth of their granddaughter Lyla Betty Stein, daughter of
Hayley and Liam.

Marriages

Mazel Tov to Val & Stephen Joseph on the marriage of their daughter
Miriam Joseph to Freddie Fulton, son of Kate & Ashley Fulton

Simchas

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

07 December
Lilly Fields, daughter of Darren & Magdalena
14 December
Olly Phillips, son of Tracy & Ben

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

Wearing it Pink at EHRS

Last month, the EHRS staff team marked
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
with a cake and coffee morning, raising valuable funds for vital research



May their memories be a blessing

Condolences

To Julie Roach on the loss of her husband, to Natasha Reece and Emily Phillips on the loss of their father Jason Roach

To Michael Krieger on the loss of his mother Doris Krieger

To Shelley Davies on the loss of her mother Anita Rose

To Rochelle English on the loss of her husband, and to Paul English on the loss of his father Jack English

To Marilyn Pyser on the loss of her brother Anthony Hirsh

To Jackie Staal on the loss of her stepmother Millicent Staal

To Marlene Woolf on the loss of her husband, and to Belinda Harris on the loss of her father Alan Woolf

To the family of Annette Morant

To the family of Marilyn McAvoy

To the family of Jeffrey Wiseman

Tombstone Consecrations

15 December

Cheshunt Cemetery

11:00 Martin Wacholder

Edgwarebury Cemetery

13:45 Mark Ernest Farry

12 January 2025

Cheshunt Cemetery

11:15 David Nineberg

EHRIS 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.

The Community Care team is responsible for sourcing regular visitors or befrienders for people who are isolated or lonely. There is a high demand for befrienders and we are always looking for members who wish to volunteer to become a befriender.

Community Care organises the volunteer development within the Community Care support sphere and recruits, trains and supports these volunteers in their work.

Where appropriate volunteers are police checked.

For more information, please contact Community Care on 020 8238 1015.

Have your Simcha at EHRS

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

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

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.



Discount given to EHRS members.

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