

What's On

January 2025

EHR'S

What is What's On?

Our regular Synagogue magazine LeDor VaDor is taking a short break while EHR'S recruits our new Communications and Marketing Manager. In the interim this What's On at EHR'S 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.



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Contact Us

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

payment, via bank transfers or otherwise please phone to pay 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" - EHRS's activity centres and clubs 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.

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

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
11 January

EHRS Business Breakfast
22 January

Burns Night
25 January

Tu b'Shvat Seder
12 February

"We Will Dance Again", talk and showing with Lucie Kon
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/Pesach

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

Monthly Musings

Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers



This January a rather strange thing is happening (indeed you may have noticed it already on December 25th/25th of Kislev). The Jewish month of Tevet is aligning perfectly date wise with January.

So the 11th of Tevet is also the 11th of January (as well as being Cantor Tamara's induction which we hope you will come and celebrate with us!) Our resident calendar expert, Kevin Darvill, says that this is only the 4th time this has happened in 124 years.

As Jews we so often juggle two calendars, it can be a useful reminder that Jewish time is a unique cycle, adding meaning and structure to our weeks, months and years in quite a different way to the Gregorian calendar.

Bringing our Jewish life and our secular lives together has been more challenging than normal for many over the last 15 months. For some it has meant putting their Jewish jewellery under their clothes, for others it has meant wearing the biggest star of David they can find!

As Reform Jews, we are well practiced in the art of holding multiple spaces in our lives, finding the right balance between what is meaningful in our Judaism, and living fulfilling lives in the wider world. Chanukah is often a good reminder of the tension of holding both Jewish and secular lives in balance, and even more so this year when the 25th of Kislev coincided with the 25th of December.

These moments are a good opportunity to remind us that we are BOTH AND not either or. We are both Jewish and British (or another nationality!) we have multiple identities that don't need to squeeze the others out in order to exist. And we hope that at EHRS (as demonstrated by this very publication) members are able to enjoy all parts of their identity, with their secular interests and their Judaism being celebrated. That is really what synagogue or Bet K'nesset means – we are a house of meeting not a only a house of prayer, and we encourage you to bring all that you are!



NIGHT SHELTER RETURNS TO EHRS IN FEBRUARY 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 don't need to volunteer every week, you can choose the shifts that work best for you.

We need volunteer cooks (at home), people to set up (this is the only shift available to under 18s), 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 must be aged 18+ and will receive full training.

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).

Mazel Tovs

Special Birthdays

December

Anthony Press on the occasion of his 80th birthday

January

Jackie Narden on the occasion of her 80th birthday

Peter Brent on the occasion of his 90th birthday

Stuart Winton on the occasion of his 90th birthday

Sylvia Rosenblatt on the occasion of her 95th birthday

Linda Brenton on the occasion of her 100th birthday

Anniversaries

Helen & Paul Rodker on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary

Toni & David Gilmore on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary

Marilyn & Alan Lazarus on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary

Births

Mazel Tov to Michael & Caroline Weber on becoming grandparents

Baby Naming

11th Jan: Asher Taub – Parents Craig & Amy , grandparents Sandy Young & Michael Lerman, Leonard & Pamela Taub

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

18th Jan: Jameson Herman – parents Paul & Nicky

25th Jan: Joshua De-Rose – parents Adam & Natalie

Marriages

Mazel Tov to Philippa Wallis & Steve Koffman on their forthcoming wedding on 2nd February and to their parents

Howard & Susan and Murray & Lorraine

New Members

**A warm welcome is extended to the following new members of our community:
We look forward to getting to know them.**

John Cook

Mark, Nicki & Oliver Witkin

Brian & Rochelle Franks

Harvey, Natalie, Jeremy & Amara Cameron

Ben, Deborah, Liora & Orli Meyer-Lewis

Daniel Zarach

Zoe Harris

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

Services

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.

CANTOR TAMARA'S INDUCTION SATURDAY 11 JANUARY

Over the year that Cantor Tamara has been part of the EHRS clergy team, she has made a great impact on our community and made many friends within the community who appreciate her dedication, musical talents and community leadership. Please join us for her induction:

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

Shabbat Morning Service including induction of Cantor Tamara 10:30-12:30

Shabbat Morning Musical Family Service 10:45-11:30

Followed by a Kiddush in her honour

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.

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.

Eco Havdalah with Bring & Share Dinner 18 January -

Join Rabbi Tanya, the Eco group, the Havdalah group and the Singing Circle group, for a special Havdalah event starting at 16:30. Take part in hands-on crafting; reusing, repurposing and recycling everyday objects. Enjoy topical discussion, an eco quiz, and communal singing. Round off the week with a special Havdalah service followed by a bring & share meal. Book at ehrs.uk/event/eco-havdalah-event/

EHRS Business Breakfast with James Garner, Project Flux Wednesday 22 January, 08:30-10:00

James was nominated as one of the Top 100 People in Data 2023 by Data IQ, showcasing his dedication and impact in the field of Project Data Analytics. He also publishes a weekly newsletter and podcast called ProjectFlux. Join us as he explores our relationship with AI, by securing your spot at ehrs.uk/event/ehrs-business-breakfast/



EHRS Burns Night Party Saturday 25 January 2025 19:00-21:45

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, ceilidh dancing and maybe even a warming dram.

Book at ehrs.uk/event/burns-night-party/



Monday 13 January

We will be hosting a local school to explain the Shoah to over 200 pupils.

Sunday 26 January

Join Rabbi Mark and Cantor Tamara at 13:45 as they lead the Borough of Barnet Commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day – see page 10.

Monday 27 January

Film showing of The Commandant's Shadow at EHRS 19:00 - 21:30 including candle lighting to remember those who were murdered for who they were, and to stand against prejudice and hatred today. Book at ehrs.uk/event/film-hmd

To take part in the Light the Darkness national moment for Holocaust Memorial Day, see www.hmd.org.uk/lightthedarkness



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1

Week at a Glance

1st to 5th January

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.

Wednesday 1st

17:00-18:30 **Community Candle Lighting**

Thursday 2nd

Youth Scheme - Winter Wonderland

Friday 3rd

Youth Scheme - Winter Wonderland
18:30-19:20 Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday 4th

09:15-10:15 **First Shabbat Shiur - Rabbi Mark reports back from the EHRS Israel Trip**
10:30-12:30 Shabbat Morning Service
10:30-12:30 **Mulled Wine Walking Prayers**

Sunday 5th

09:30-10:00 Sunday Shacharit
20:00 Football

Mulled Wine Walking Prayers, 10:30-12:00

Following last year's wonderful first Shabbat of the year, we are once again bringing our prayers outdoors with the help of mulled wine and hot chocolate!
Join Rabbi Debbie for a prayerful walk from Aberford Park (meeting at the duck ponds) in Borehamwood up to the open spaces of Tykes Water. We will finish at Rabbi Debbie's home to defrost with a mulled wine and hot chocolate Kiddush. Please come dressed for the weather! Dogs welcome!

EDGWARE & HENDON REFORM SYNAGOGUE PRESENTS
LAST NIGHT

Chanukah Community Candle Lighting



Start 2025 with a BANG!

Fireworks - Sparklers

Latkes - Doughnuts

Mulled Wine & Hot Chocolate!

Wednesday January 1, 2025 | 5.00-6.30pm

All tickets must be pre-booked by no later than 23/12

ehrs.uk/event/last-night-CHANUKKAH

Week at a Glance

6th to 12th January

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 6th

11:00-12:30 Folk Dancing

14:00-15:30 Singing Circle

Tuesday 7th

14:00-16:00 The League of Jewish Women

19:00-20:30 Scouts

19:00-21:30 Cornerstone

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

Wednesday 8th

10:30-12:00 Coffee & Chat

12:30-15:30 Bridge

20:00-21:30 Bridge for Beginners

20:00-21:45 Beer & Shiur

Thursday 9th

10:00-11:00 Zumba Gold

11:00-11:45 Sing & Sensory

13:30-15:30 JACS

14:00-16:00 Rummikub Group

17:45-18:45 Beavers

18:45-20:00 Cubs

Friday 10th

10:30-11:45 Shabbat Stay & Play

18:30-19:20 Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday 11th

09:15-10:15 Kol Echad Jewish Music

Workshop

10:30-11:15 Teen Schmooze

10:30-12:30 Shabbat Morning Service -
Induction of Cantor Tamara

10:45-11:30 Family Musical Shabbat service

Sunday 12th

09:30-10:00 Sunday Shacharit

09:45-12:30 Orot

11:30-12:30 Coffee Tasting

20:00 Football

Kol Echad Jewish Music Workshop

Saturday 11 January 9:15 - 10:15

A special, informal gathering with Cantor Tamara to prepare our bodies and souls for Shabbat by singing together. All ages and abilities warmly welcomed.

Family Musical Shabbat Morning

Saturday 11 January

10:45-11:30

Folk Dancing

Mondays weekly, 11:00-12:30

This class is for all adults with a warm welcome to all who want to join us for this energetic and fun morning.

ehrs.uk/israeli-dance-booking-form/

Rabbi Kraft Memorial Book Club

Tuesday 7 January 19:30

We will be discussing "The Beekeeper of Aleppo"
by Christy Lefteri.

ehrs.uk/rabbi-kraft-memorial-book-club-booking-form/

Coffee Tasting

Sunday 12 January 11:30 - 12:30

A new and exciting Together group



Awaken your taste buds!

Whether you're a curious coffee drinker or a seasoned coffee nerd, join us as we delve into the fascinating world of coffee.

Learn the key differences between commodity (retail) coffee and specialty coffee, as we taste unique beans from around the world – and discover that there's so much more to black coffee than just "bitter".

Sample and learn about the unusual and extraordinary coffee from across the globe.

With Sebastian Lautz and Rabbi Mark
ehrs.uk/event/coffee-tasting-club/

Week at a Glance

13th to 19th January

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 13th

09:00-16:00 HMD Schools Event

19:30-21:00 **SEND Grandparents Support Group**

Tuesday 14th

13:30-15:30 Lunch Club

14:00-15:30 Art Appreciation

15:00-16:30 Spanish Conversation

19:00-20:30 Scouts

19:00-21:30 **Cornerstone**

Wednesday 15th

12:30-15:30 Bridge at EHRS

14:00-16:00 Memory Way Cafe

Thursday 16th

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

20:00-21:15 **Wedding Course**

20:00-21:30 **Juke Box Gold**

Friday 17th

10:30-11:45 Shabbat Stay & Play

16:15-16:45 Kuddle Up Shabbat

18:30-19:20 Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday 18th

09:15-10:15 Bite of Torah

11:15-12:15 Shabbat Shira

10:30-12:30 Shabbat Morning Service

16:30-20:00 **Eco-Havdalah with Bring & Share Dinner - see page 5**

Sunday 19th

09:30-10:00 Sunday Shacharit

10:00-11:00 Talmud Class

09:45-12:30 Orot

20:00 Football



2025 Wedding Course

We are delighted to invite all EHRS couples currently planning a wedding, whether it will be under our auspices, a chuppah, or a mixed faith celebration to join us on a course of learning, laughing, and meeting others on the same journey.

ehrs.uk/event/2025wedding-course-1/

JUKEBOX GOLD

If you lived through the 1950s, 1960s, or 1970s or just love music from those eras, then this group is for you!

ehrs.uk/juke-box-gold-booking-form/



Kuddle Up Shabbat



Join our Clergy and the Shabbat Dinosaur at EHRS for stories and songs to welcome Shabbat together for Primary aged children and their siblings.

CORNERSTONE

Our introduction to Judaism course

Tuesday evenings during term time

Join us for prayer-book Hebrew (from beginners to intermediate) 19:00-19:45, and/or for Jewish Studies 20:00-21:30

OUR CORNERSTONE PROGRAMME IS OPEN TO ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY WANTING TO DEEPEN THEIR JEWISH KNOWLEDGE, OR IMPROVE THEIR HEBREW, AS WELL AS THOSE EXPLORING CONVERSION AND NON-JEWISH PARTNERS WANTING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CREATING A JEWISH HOME.

Contact rabbi.debbie@ehrs.uk for details

SEND Grandparents Support Group

Monday 13th January 2025

19:30-21:00 at EHRS

For grandparents of grandchildren with SEND. A safe space to meet others, share experiences, enjoy a hot drink & support each other. Facilitated by Michele Pollard
Experienced facilitator with therapeutic experience

Visit the website for booking information

For more information please contact Sarah Koster - youngfamilies@ehrs.uk

Week at a Glance

20th to 26th January

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 20th

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

Tuesday 21st

13:00 **Stonegrove Serenade - see pg 12**
15:00-16:30 Spanish Conversation
19:00-20:30 Scouts
19:00-21:30 Cornerstone

Wednesday 22nd

08:30-10:00 **EHRS Business Breakfast - see page 6**
10:30-12:00 Coffee & Chat
12:30-15:30 Bridge at EHRS
20:00-21:30 Bridge for Beginners
20:00-21:30 Cookalong - Scottish Treats

Thursday 23rd

EHRS trip to Prague
10:00-11:00 Zumba Gold
11:00-11:45 Sing & Sensory
13:30-15:30 JACS at EHRS
14:00-16:00 Rummikub
17:45-18:45 Beavers
18:45-20:00 Cubs
19:00-21:30 **Opera Appreciation**

Friday 24th

EHRS trip to Prague
10:30-11:45 Shabbat Play & Stay
18:30-19:20 Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday 25th

EHRS trip to Prague
09:45-10:25 Shabbat Coffee Stop
10:30-12:30 Shabbat Morning Service
11:15-12:15 Shabbat Club

Sunday 26th

EHRS trip to Prague
09:30-10:00 Sunday Shacharit
09:45-12:30 Orot
13:45-15:30 **Borough of Barnet Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration (led by EHRS)**
20:00 Football

Opera Appreciation
Thursday 23 January
19:00-21:30

Enjoy seeing classical opera on DVD which is introduced and then discussed by the group.
ehrs.uk/event/opera-appreciation-21/

Wagner's Die Walküre

Handel's Giulio Cesare

Verdi's La traviata

Janáček's Jenůfa

Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin

Mozart's Don Giovanni

Puccini's La bohème

Berg's Wozzeck



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Rickett Quadrangle
Middlesex University
The Burroughs
Hendon NW4 4BT

**Sunday 26 January 2025
at 2.00pm**

Please be seated by 1.45pm

Come and join us in this commemorative service to remember the victims of genocide

Free Entry

Tube: Hendon Central

Buses: 143, 113, 83, 183, 186 and 326

Disabled parking facilities and access.



For more information:

call: 020 8359 2652

email: mayor@barnet.gov.uk

or visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/holocaust

Week at a Glance

27th January to 2nd February

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 27th

EHRS trip to Prague
11:00-12:30 Folk Dancing
14:00-15:30 **Singing Circle**

Tuesday 28th

12:30-15:30 Not The Women's Guild (offsite)
14:00-15:30 Art Appreciation
14:00-15:30 Spanish Conversation Group

Wednesday 29th

12:30-15:30 Bridge
19:30-21:00 Rosh Chodesh Shevat
20:00-21:30 **Answering the God Question**

Thursday 30th

10:00-11:00 Zumba Gold
11:00-11:45 Sing & Sensory

Friday 31st

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

Saturday 1st February

Mental Health Shabbat

09:15-10:15 Shabbat Shiur
10:30-12:30 Shabbat Morning Service
10:30-12:30 Shabbat for the Troubled Soul
10:45-11:15 Torah Time

Sunday 2nd February

09:45-12:30 Orot
20:00 Football

Wednesday 29 January 20:00
Who? What? Why? Where? When?
Join Rabbi Mark as he answers
The God Question - Is God in this place?

Singing Circle

Mondays weekly, 14:00-15:30

A friendly and welcoming group for anyone who enjoys bursting out into song.
You don't need perfect pitch or be able to read music.
ehrs.uk/singing-circle-booking-form/



Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at EHRS
3rd Edgware Scout Group
ehrs.uk/3rd-edgware-scout-group/



The League of Jewish Women

The League of Jewish Women is a national voluntary organisation and the Stanmore & Edgware Group is the largest in the country. We are a local cross-communal group, and half are members of EHRS. We meet monthly at EHRS, 14:00-16:00. We do voluntary work and also have speakers each month.

For more information please contact Andrea Fisher on 020 8958 0424 or email andrealjw@hotmail.com

Stonegrove Serenade



Book at www.ehrs.uk/serenade

Tuesday 21st January 2025 1.0 pm
Stonegrove Serenade welcomes:

Guitarist Nikos Baroutsakis
who will perform a mixture of Spanish and
Latin American music from the late 19thC to-date

Remember to book Cafe 118 for lunch at 12.00

Nikos Baroutsakis

A Greek Guitarist graduating from the Royal College of Music London with an Artist Diploma in Performance, Nikos studied with Gary Ryan and Charles Ramirez and was an RCM Award Holder supported by a Soiree d'Or Award, provided by the Ladies of the Soiree d'Or Committee. Recent appearances include the Victoria and Albert Museum, Bridewell Theatre, Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, Marchland Festival, Sofar Sounds and Debut Opera in London, the Volterra Project in Tuscany and Philippos Nakas Conservatory in Athens. Studying the guitar as a teenager with Dimitris Pappas, he moved on to study at the Royal Conservatory in Brussels with Antigoni Goni obtaining a Bachelor's and Master's Degree of Arts in Music. Nikos has participated twice at the Volterra Project Summer Guitar Institute and in Master Classes with highly acclaimed guitarists such as: Sergio Assad, Dusan Bogdanovic, Zoran Dukic, Elliot Fisk, Rene Izquierdo, Timo Korhonen, Pablo Marquez, Elena Papandreou, Konrad Ragosnig, Raphaella Smits and Gohar Vardanyan. His arrangement for two guitars of the orchestral work "The Light" by Phillip Glass was premiered in Brussels in 2015, receiving great critical acclaim.

Programme:

"Spanish Romance" - Anonymous
"An Idea" - Leo Brouwer
"Guajira a mi Madre" - Nico Rojas
"Son del Barrio & Mirandote" - Eduardo Martin
"La Comparsa & A La Antigua" - Ernesto Lecuona
"Agua e Vinho" - Egberto Gismonti

"Endecha y Oremus & Recuerdos de la Alhambra"
- Francisco Tarrega
"Etude #1" - Heitor Villa Lobos
"Tango en Skai" - Roland Dyens
"Farewell" - Sergio Assad
"Misionera" - Fernando Bustamente

Surviving Oct 7th: We Will Dance Again 20 February 2025 19:30-21:30

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.

Tickets available at ehrs.uk/event/surviving-oct-7th/



Tu b'Shvat Seder

Wednesday 12 February 19:00 - 21:00

Join our Eco and Interfaith teams for a very special celebration of the Trees, our environment, and love! Together with friends from other faith communities, with readings from many faiths.

Enjoy a seder of fruits and juices, and an opportunity for good conversations!

Book via our website
ehrs.uk/event/2025-tu-bshevat-seder



QUIZ
PAPPERS
RAFFLE

Sunday, 23 February
Doors open at: 6:00pm
Supper at: 6:30pm
Quiz starts at: 7:00pm
In aid of Grief Encounter

£25
You can book tables of 8 or 10, or individual tickets

Please book by Sunday 9 February
www.ehrs.uk/event/supper-quiz/

RAFFLE
SUPPER QUIZ

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

SOCIALS

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

LED BY YOU

BEER & SHIUR

The first Young Adults Friday Night Dinner of 2025
Friday February 28th.

PUB QUIZ TEAM!

Booking essential!

ehrs.uk/event/young-adults-friday-night-dinner



TO BE ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST AND FOR MORE INFORMATION
EMAIL RABBI.DEBBIE@EHRS.UK

Update on the Path to Progressive Judaism

It has been nearly a year since the full-time process of uniting Liberal Judaism and the Movement for Reform Judaism into one single Progressive Judaism for the UK began.

During that time much work has been done, new opportunities have been created and significant milestones have been achieved.

As we reach the end of this first year, the leadership of our movements have taken the opportunity to reflect on, and share, what has taken place.

An in-depth 16-page booklet, outlining where we are in the process and where we're heading, has been produced and sent to communities.

The booklet describes all the wonderful things currently happening as our movements, staff teams and clergy bodies begin to work together. It then sets out the practical tasks around the merging of two organisations, the important discussions on the name of the new movement and the practical next steps ahead.

For those who prefer their information in a shorter, more visual format, a three-minute video has been created. First played at both movement AGMs, it gives an insight into all the benefits one Progressive Judaism will bring for our members, our clergy, our communities and wider society.

An email newsletter is also sent out every Friday to subscribers – rounding up the news, views, campaigns, projects and achievements of our movement(s) and congregations. Its purpose is simple... each week we hope it makes the reader that little bit prouder to be a Progressive Jew.

Links to the booklet, video and newsletter sign-up can be found on the new and regularly updated www.pathtoprogessivejudaism.org.uk website – along with further information and an FAQ about the process.

One key aspect of the last year has been the holding of Community Forums – both in-person and online – with all of our Reform and Liberal congregations.

These have provided the opportunity for Progressive Judaism Co-Leads Rabbi Josh Levy and Rabbi Charley Baginsky to hear directly from our members.

They said: “As we’ve travelled the country these last 12 months, visiting our communities, we have heard a real enthusiasm and excitement for Progressive Judaism and what movement can be and do.

“When discussing the building of the new movement, we have been pleased that the questions we have been asked have been ones of ‘how’ and ‘when’ and not ‘whether’, from a shared position of ambition and passion for Progressive Jewish life.

“We believe that there is a willingness to move forward, and we are confident that we have a mandate to continue onto the next stage – to build a new organisation that reflects this shared determination.”

The path ahead is outlined fully in the new booklet, outlining the dates for the next steps and votes that need to take place in order for the new organisation to be fully formed by this time next year.

The leadership of all congregations will also soon be presented with recommendations for the new movement’s financial model, principles of governance arrangements and membership agreement, along with resources that will support communities in sharing the vision with their members.

Speaking about the excitement around what will be created, Dr Ed Kessler MBE – the Chair of the Progressive Judaism Advisory Board – said: “The coming together of the Movement for Reform Judaism and Liberal Judaism into one single movement is the most significant development in British Judaism of the last 80 years.

“Our voice, as Progressive Jews, will be heard not only in the UK, but around the world. Our Judaism – one that is inclusive, musical, thoughtful, creative and egalitarian – will flourish and grow, helping more people in more places enjoy rich and vibrant Jewish lives.”

Some important Progressive moments during the last year



Dr Ed Kessler on The Rest is Politics



Rabbi Rebecca Birk at the AJEX Parade



Rabbi Dr René Pfertzel at a meeting with King Charles III



Rabbi Mark Goldsmith leads a prayer at London rally for the hostages



Rabbi Josh Levy interviewed by Sky News on Mitzvah Day



Rabbi Charley Baginsky lights the Chanukah candles at Westminster

May their memories be a blessing

*Only includes names advised by time of printing - 16.12.2024

Condolences

To Linda Cohen on the loss of her sister Anita Cohen.
To Darren Fields on the loss of his father Dennis Fields and to Lilly Fields on the loss of her grandfather.
To Maurice Hoffman on the loss of his wife Rosemary Hoffman.
To Madelaine Sheldon on the loss of her mother Davina Webber.
To David Lytton on the loss of his mother Elaine Appleman.
To Karen Graft-Barda on the loss of her husband Raymond Barda
To the family of Murray Philip Levene.

Tombstone Consecrations

12 January 2025

Cheshunt Western Cemetery

11:15 David Nineberg

EHRS offers two social Together Groups for those who have lost their partners.

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

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

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

Please also call the Synagogue on 020 8238 1000.

Bereavement Support at EHRS

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

All our work is carried out in the strictest confidence.



Coffee & Chat

Wednesdays fortnightly, 10:30-12:00



Our tea and coffee mornings at EHRS are for those on their own, who would like to meet up for a relaxing morning.

All are welcome.

Enjoy chatting, making new friendships and eating delicious homemade cakes.

Kids Birthday Parties at EHRS

**Hire our Synagogue Hall
or Community Centre**

Large Party Rooms for games, discos & entertainers

EHRs Member & Nagila discount

**For further information, please call 020 8238 1011
or email banqueting@ehrs.uk**

