



The home of the Sephardi community since 1656



Hello and WELCOME

The first quarter of the Jewish year begins our move into winter. The world's northern hemisphere tilts away from the sun towards dormancy; the leaves fall from the trees, the air is cold, and we bundle up. As much of the outer world 's/eeps', inside, we enter this period addressing some of the most important elements of our lives. We open with self-assessment on Rosh HaShanah, atonement on Yom Kippur, joy on Succot and glory on Hanukah.

These moadim, appointments in time, that we have with God in Judaism, are central to the great thought, contributions and achievement that Jews have made to the world over the centuries. From the beginning we lived examined lives on a national level and, in doing so, we came early on to espouse morality and ethical living as a hallmark.

Our strength lies in our communities. By engaging in these beautiful thoughts and practices together we find the fortitude that has helped us weather the tides of time in all of our iterations

Our Sephardi community in England is among the most unique, illustrious, rich and beautiful in all the world. But it is often, that those elements in life that are ubiquitous and ever-present are the very ones that fall into the background of our lives. We expect that they will always be there.

At this time of introspection it is important that we consider what our community means to us. What importance do we place on participation? Communities are only as strong as the people who form them.

As you will see in the programme, there is much in which we can all participate. Each of us can lend a direct hand in spiritually and socially enriching our own lives by strengthening our commitment to our community.

Ours is a diverse and vibrant community. We are made up of so much talent, wisdom and culture and as Senior Rabbi it is my joy to oversee and serve it. I invite you all to engage during these winter months in the beautiful heritage and exciting future that awaits us and

> ensure that we are the best expression of ourselves. Margalit and I look forward to sharing in the joy with you all.

Tizku LeShanim Rabot

Rabbi Joseph Dweck



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HIGH HOLY DAYS INFORMATION

PRE ROSH HASHANAH DAYS AT CEMETERIES

- "Sunday 3rd September with Rabbi Kada
- (h) 10:30am
- ♥ Edgwarebury Lane
- 🖰 Sunday 3rd September with Rabbi Kada
- <u>12:30pm</u>
- ♀ Hoop Lane
- [™] Sunday 10th September with Rabbi Berger
- <u> 10:30am</u>
- **♀** Edgwarebury Lane
- "Sunday 10th September Rabbi Elia
- <u>12:30pm</u>
- ♀ Hoop Lane

SECURITY

Please be extra vigilant during this time of heightened security when arriving and leaving Synagogue premises. No bags other than small handbags will be allowed into any of the Synagogues.

Mobile telephones should not be brought into any of the Synagogues. They may be removed at the entrance by the security officers. At Lauderdale Road any non-member who has not been issued with tickets may be refused admission on the first day of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

MINISTERS

ROSH HASHANAH

BEVIS MARKS:

Rabbi Shalom Morris and Philip Maurice .

LAUDERDALE ROAD:

Main Service: Rabbi Israel Elia, Rabbi Joseph Dweck, Adam Musikant and Amos Haddad Mizrahi Service: Rabbi Joseph Dweck, and Chaim Cohen.

RH DAY 1 R' Dweck will speak after Sepher in the Main Synagogue and before Musaph in the Mizrahi service.

RH DAY 2 R'Elia will speak before Musaph.

WEMBLEY:

Rabbi Daniel Kada and Nachshon Rodrigues Pereira

YOM KIPPUR

BEVIS MARKS:

Rabbi Shalom Morris, Lawrence Kilshaw and Philip Maurice.

LAUDERDALE ROAD:

Main Service: Rabbi Israel Elia, Rabbi Joseph Dweck and Adam Musikant Mizrahi Service: Rabbi Joseph Dweck and Chaim Cohen.

KN R'Dweck will speak before Arbit, R'Dweck will give a Shiur after Arbit

YK Day R'Dweck will speak before Musaph, R' Elia will speak before Neilah

Rabbi Farhi will lead an explanatory service from 12:00pm - 3:30pm

WEMBLEY:

Rabbi Daniel Kada and Amos Hadad

HATANIM

BEVIS MARKS:

Hatan Torah: Rabbi Shalom Morris Hatan Bereshit: Ilan Lazarus

LAUDERDALE ROAD:

Hatan Torah: Gerry Mizrahi Hatan Bereshit: Alex Hayim

WEMBLEY:

Hatan Torah: Richard Sassoon Hatan Bereshit: Malcolm Setton

YOUTH SERVICES OVER HIGH HOLY DAYS AT LAUDERDALE ROAD

Open to all children and youth. See notice boards for locations.

ROSH HASHANAH

Children's and Toddler's Services at 10:30am (Both Days). Explanatory Tefila for Years 8-13 at 11:15am with Kiddush (2nd Day).

YOM KIPPUR

KAL NIDRE

The Blue Room will be open with board games for Years 4-6 (supervised by a Madrich).

The youth flat for will be open to years 7-13 with board games.

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Children's and Toddler's Services at 11:30am.

Discussion on Free Speech for Years 9-13 at 1:00pm.

See notice boards for locations, as timing may change slightly, updates will be posted and announced in synagogue.

Regular children's services will take place every Shabbat at 10:30am.

HIGH HOLY DAY BOOKINGS (ONLINE)

תזכו לשנים רבות

BEVIS MARKS:

www.sephardi.org.uk/product/hhd-bm

LAUDERDALE ROAD:

www.sephardi.org.uk/hhd-lr

LULABIM

Lulabim will be available to order online for £30 per set. Please visit www.sephardi.org.uk/product/lulabim/ for more information.

PRAYER BOOKS

Prayer books for Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur and Succot may be purchased from the office. Full details, including prices, may be obtained from the office.



For the most up to date information please consult our website and weekly emails.





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GUEST DEBAR TORAH - Rabbi Dr. Nathan Lopes Cardozo

The Trouble with Kal Nidrei: We Are All Marranos

Kal Nidrei (1) is by far the most celebrated prayer in all Jewish communities around the world and the most attended throughout the Jewish year. Tens of thousands of Jews who would otherwise never participate in a synagogue service will make sure they show up for Kal Nidrei. Many will leave shortly after the prayer is said and only reappear a year later. Its melody has become the most famous Jewish tune ever, by far outdoing Hatikvah, Israel's national anthem. It is so magnificent that famous non-Jewish author Tolstoy referred to it as "a melody that echoes the story of the great martyrdom of a grief-stricken nation." Not even Beethoven's C-Sharp-Minor Quartet, Opus 131 Movement 6 is able to convey its grandeur, although it comes close.

Yet, Kal Nidrei is actually not a prayer, but a legal statement. It is not an inherent part of the Yom Kippur service but was later inserted. For hundreds of years it was not recited in many Jewish communities and was, in fact, looked down upon. It was condemned by famous rabbinical authorities—especially by the Geonim of Sura—as anti-Jewish (2) and often attacked by anti-Semites as an example of Judaism's moral inferiority. Still, it survived all assaults and condemnations in the same way as Jews survived their enemies for thousands of years. Just as the Jews are still here, so is Kal Nidrei.

Kal Nidrei takes only a few minutes. It is a dry, legal formula stating that all vows, oaths and promises between man and God made in the last year are annulled for the coming year. It does not annul those made by man to his fellow man (3). Still, many rabbinical authorities objected to it. Why annul vows and promises on the eve of the most solemn day of the Jewish year? Would it not be more in the spirit of Yom Kippur to call on community members to fulfill their promises as soon as possible in the coming year? Indeed, why annul vows? Only in the most specific instances are individuals permitted to annul their vows before a rabbinical court. This can be reluctantly done only after ascertaining that the person's vow was made sincerely and that because of circumstances beyond his control it cannot be fulfilled. (Continued Page 12)



⁽¹⁾ Though usually pronounced Kol Nidrei, the correct Aramaic pronunciation is Kal Nidrei. There is no word "kol" in Aramaic. (2) Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch deleted it in 1839, but reinstated it the following year, albeit with a request that the congregation recite it only once, not three times. See Eliyahu Meir Klugman, Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch (New York: Artscroll-Mesorah Publications, 1996) p. 306 and footnotes.





PRE HIGH HOLY DAY LECTURE WITH RABBI MORRIS

There are a variety of differences between how Ashkenazim and Sephardim celebrate the High Holy Day season. This lecture explores them to help us better understand the meaning of this time of year.

- [™] Monday 11 September
- © 6:15 Refreshment. 6:30 Lecture



R' DWECK AND FAMILY VISIT BEVIS MARKS

R' Dweck and family will be spending a Shabbat at Bevis Marks including a Friday Night Dinner and Shabbat Kiddush/Lunch.

- Shabbat 15th/16th September
- Shabbat 24th/25th November



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

We have a variety of themed Friday Night Dinners happening throughout the year at Bevis Marks.

- [™] Friday 13th October Shabbat Bereshit Dinner
- ## Friday 20th October University
 Student Dinner
- Friday 27th October Shabbat UK
 Young Professionals Dinner
- 🛱 Friday 24th November Community
- Dinner with Rabbi Dweck

 [™] Friday 15th December Shabbat
- Hanukah Community Dinner

 © After Friday Night Service



SUCCOT LUNCHTIMES

We've put up a new Succah this year and it will be open throughout the holiday for kiddush, lunch during the week with Minha at 1:15pm and celebrations in the evenings.

₩eekdays 9th, 10th and 11th October12:00pm-2:00pm



CITY PROFESSIONALS -SPANISH SUCCOT PARTY

Celebrate Succot this year with Spanish food, drink, decoration and music at Bevis Marks, the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue!

- (h) 6:30pm-8:30pm



HOSHA'ANA RABAH

Join us for a special Hosha'ana Rabbah service with our own unique melodies. With Nachshon Rodrigues-Pereira. Followed by breakfast.

- " Wednesday 11th October
- © 7:00am

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⁽³⁾ See the Ran (Rabbi Nissim ben Reuven of Gerona) and the Rosh (Rabbi Asher ben Yechiel) on Nedarim 23b, as well as Shulchan Aruch. Yoreh De'ah 21i:4.

BEVIS MARKS Bevis Marks Synagogue **EVENTS** Sir John Cass' School



JSOC EVENTS

We will be continuing some special events aimed at Jewish Students including regular lunch and learns

- "Shabbat 20th/21st October -
- Shabbaton at Bevis
- " Wednesday 1st November Bet Midrash Night
- (1) Please check with Rabbi Morris for specific timings.



BET MIDRASH

Study in our new Bet Midrash, located in London's first place of Jewish learning. Learn with a friend or contact Rabbi Morris to be paired with one of our volunteer study partners.

- Mondays 23rd October 11th December
- 9 6:30pm 8:30pm



THE WISE SON - THE WOMEN OF THE S&P SEPHARDI **COMMUNITY - WITH RABBI MORRIS**

This series looks at these remarkable women and their publications from the age of British Romanticism.

- Monday 23rd October Abigail Lindo
- Monday 13th November Grace Aguilar
- Monday 11th December Lady Judith Montefiore
- © 6:15pm Reception 6:30pm Class Contiunues January 2017



R' DWECK'S LECTURES AT BEVIS MARKS

Topical lectures with Senior Rabbi Joseph Dweck with refreshments.

- Monday 30th October Being Judicious vs Judgemental.
- Monday 4th December Why Joseph's life is the longest biographical narrative in Torah.
- © 6:15pm Reception, 6:30pm Lecture



BALFOUR DECLARATION CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Join us for a special themed celebration Shabbat Kiddush for the Centenary of the Balfour Declaration.



sessions! Free to members and Friends of Bevis Marks, £20 charge for non-members.

- Monday 20th November
- Monday 27th November



A CRASH COURSE IN **HEBREW READING**

Learn to read Hebrew in just four

Monday 6th November

Monday 13th November

(b) 7:30pm - 8:30pm

THE WISE SON - THE WOMEN OF THE S&P **SEPHARDI COMMUNITY:** WITH RABBI MORRIS

Many of England's 19th century Jewish writings were penned by Sephardic women. Collectively, they produced a spectrum of popular works aimed at raising the level of Jewish literacy amongst Anglo-Jewry. This series looks at these remarkable women and their publications from the age of British Romanticism.

Monday 23rd October - Abigail Lindo Monday 13th November - Grace Aguilar Monday 11th December - Lady Judith Montefiore 6:15pm Reception - 6:30pm Class

*Continues in January, February and March.



BEVIS MARKS EVENTS



CITY PROFESSIONALS - BEVIS MARKS TIME MACHINE

Step into the past as characters from Anglo-Jewish history come to life. Meet Montefiore, Disraeli and others in this special after dark event. Period cocktails served.

Wednesday 15th November

9 6:30pm-8:30pm



CITY PROFESSIONALS -HANUKAH AND HENNA PARTY

Come celebrate Hanukah in the City with some festive delicacies and Henna!

Date TBC

^⑤ 6:30pm-8:30pm



ANNUAL HANUKAH CELEBRATION SERVICE

Join us for our annual Hanukah celebration service at Bevis Marks Synagogue with Minha, Arbit and Candle-lighting - Don't forget the doughnuts!

"Sunday 17th December

(b) TBC



SPEND SHABBAT AT BEVIS MARKS

Would you like to spend a Shabbat at Bevis Marks? We would love to welcome you! There are many hotels catering for all budgets within easy walking distance of the synagogue. To book for any Shabbat meal please see our website. All services followed by Kiddush.

Friday Nights

© 6:30pm/7:30pm Friday Night Service

"Shabbat Day

(§ 8:30am Shahrit



MINYAN IN THE CITY

Start your day in the City of London with minyan, breakfast, and a Torah thought by Rabbi Morris or Rabbi Dweck. Each lesson is self contained, so participants may attend whenever their schedules permit.

"Sunday to Friday mornings.

© Shahrit service (7:15am Weekdays, 8:00am Sunday, Rosh Hodesh 15 minutes earlier than normal for weekday or Sunday services)

TUESDAYS AFTER MINYAN TALMUD

Rabbi Shalom Morris - Tractate Kiddushin concerning the roles and responsibilities of parents and children.

WEDNESDAYS AFTER MINYAN

MISHNE TORAH

Rabbi Joseph Dweck - The teachings of Maimonides concerning daily Jewish life.

FRIDAYS AFTER MINYAN JEWISH LAW

Rabbi Shalom Morris - The best work on S&P practices and customs, 'Keter Shem Tob.'

HIGH HOLY DAYS AT BEVIS MARKS

Experience Anglo-Jewry's most historic synagogue in all its grandeur! Enjoy the transfixing melodies, traditions and beauty of Bevis Marks this High Holy Day season. There is no fee to attend but donations are welcome and booking is required for non-members.

Please book via www.sephardi.org.uk/hhd-bm

WANT TO JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY DINNER?

- First Night Rosh Hashanah
- Second Night Rosh Hashanah
- First Night Succot
- Second Night Succot
- Shemini Hag Ha'Atseret

Book now via www.sephardi.org.uk/events

To become a Member or Friend of Bevis Marks contact Rabbi Morris at rabbimorris@bevismarks.org.uk







Community Events Jewish life Learning Youth Family

Did the Rabbis not warn against making vows? Better not to make them at all than to have to renege. Man's word is to be taken seriously; Jewish law forbids one to take a promise or vow lightly. So why do we have this mass community annulment, without even investigating the nature of these vows?

In 1240, at a Christian-Jewish disputation, Christian protagonist Nicholas Donin attacked Kal Nidrei, stating that it proved once again that one cannot believe Jews at their word. Although the famous Sage Rabbi Yechiel ben Yosef of Paris proved Donin wrong, it did not prevent "Kal Nidrei" from turning into a "cause celebre" among anti-Semites throughout Europe.

Why was this problematic prayer admitted into the Yom Kippur service and how did it survive the attacks?

In 1917, famous scholar Dr. Joseph S. Bloch proposed a theory that may well explain this (4). In an essay he wrote that year, later to be included in a book authored by him, he suggested that Kal Nidrei was instituted in the seventh century when the Visigoths forced Spanish Jews to convert to Christianity. Many of the Jews decided to save their lives by openly accepting Christianity whilst secretly trying to live a Jewish life. These were the first marranos or conversos.

On Yom Kippur, however, they were struck by pangs of conscience. Secretly arranging synagogue services, they would begin by asking God for forgiveness on this solemn day, wanting to first rid themselves of their vows to Christianity. How could they stand before God while still under the vow of the Christian faith?

This would also explain why the Kal Nidrei declaration includes the statement, "By the authority of the heavenly Court above and by the authority of the court below, we grant permission for the transgressors to pray with us." This no doubt refers to the fact that it is normally forbidden to pray together with Jews who have converted to another religion. There was a need to lift that ban so as to give these Jews the opportunity to join the prayers. According to Joseph Bloch, it is this historical fact that led to the inclusion of the Kal Nidrei declaration before the actual Yom Kippur service started.

This then begs the question: Why did the Rabbis not remove Kal Nidrei when the marrano experience came to an end? Today, most Jews live in countries where they are not forced to convert to other religions and can openly practice Judaism. So why hold on to a prayer that is no longer relevant? (Continued Page 20)

(4) Dr. Joseph S. Bloch, Israel and the Nations (Berlin-Vienna: Benjamin Harz, 1927) pp. 172-282. However Dr. Bloch's theory has been contested.



Learn how to cook authentic Sephardi Shabbat dishes with Margalit Dweck and Linda Dangoor.

At Lauderdale Road Synagogue Tuesday 24th October Doors 7:30pm Event Starts 8:00pm

> With generous sponsorship by The Sephardi Centre



LAUDERDALE ROAD EVENTS LAUDERDALE ROAD EVENTS



MADE IN HEAVEN

A four week series of workshops for engaged couples with Rabbi Israel Elia.

SERIES

- [™] Monday 18th September
- Monday 25th September
- Monday 9th October
- Monday 16th October
- Monday 23rd October



LAUDERDALE LUNCH CLUB

Our special Shabbat lunch for young families in the Fattal Succah after Kiddush. A great place to meet other young families in the community.

- Shabbat 9th September
- 🖰 Shabbat 11th November
- After Kiddush



SHABBAT SHIUR SERVICE

The Shabbat Shiur Service with R' Dweck at Lauderdale Road features a shortened Shabbat morning service followed by a special shiur and a deluxe Kiddush.

- Saturday 23rd September
- 🖰 Saturday 7th October



HOSHANA RABBAH BREAKFAST

There will be a bumper Hoshana Rabbah Breakfast immediately following Shahrit. All members of the community are welcome.

- " Wednesday 11th October
- © From 8:30am



SENIOR RABBI'S COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

We will be reading secular books of fiction and non-fiction and examining them from a Torah perspective.

- ★ Wednesday 18th October Winter's Tale, by Mark Helprin
- ⊕ 8:00pm



ARCHIVES TEA PARTY

An archives tea party with talks including:

Miriam Rodrigues-Pereira: Crime and the Death Penalty 200 Years Ago

Edgar Samuel: The Villa Real School and the Orphan Society School in the Eighteenth Century

Rachel Montagu: The Perfect Guests? Visitors to Creechurch Lane Synagogue

- 🖰 Sunday 22nd October
- © 2:30pm



YOUNG PROFESSIONAL DINNER

The S&P Sephardi Community together with TAL host a lavish Young Professionals dinner. Please book early as all previous dinners have sold out quickly!

- ## Friday 8th September
- **♥** Bookings via www.torahactionlife.com



R' DWECK COMMUNITY PRE HHD LECTURE

Pre High Holy Day's insight and inspiration from R'Dweck. A lecture open to the whole community and wider.

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- " Wednesday 13th September
- (h) 8:00pm



YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SIMHAT BET HASHOEVA

Young Professional event hosted by Rabbi Dweck in his Succah. Come along for a drink, dessert and music. Ages 21-35.

- Tuesday 10th October
- From 7:30pm
- At the home of the Dwecks



SHABBAT BERESHIT CHORAL SERVICE AND DINNER

A unique, elaborate and beautiful service by the choir, followed by dinner with special guest Jonathan Djanogly MP.

- Friday 13th October
- (9) Immediately following the service



BASIC LEVEL HEBREW READING COURSE

Rabbi Elia will be hosting a Basic Level Hebrew Reading course concentrating on important sections of Teffilot and their meaning

- Sunday 22nd October
- Sunday 29th October
- Sunday 5th November
- Sunday 12th November
- "Sunday 19th November
- 9:30am 10:30am



For the most up to date information please consult our website and weekly emails.

LAUDERDALE ROAD EVENTS



COOKING WITH MARGALIT AND LINDA - SHABBAT UK SEPHARDI SPECIAL

Learn how to cook authentic Sephardi Shabbat dishes with Margalit Dweck and Linda Dangoor.

Tuesday 24th October

♀ Lauderdale Road Synagogue



NEWLY MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES DINNER

Rabbi Elia will be hosting a delicious dinner for newly married and engaged couples.

Friday Night 3rd November

• Email diana@sephardi.org.uk for more information



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club meets on a Wednesday afternoon and provides a warm, happy and friendly atmosphere for the more senior members of the community.

Wednesdays

(h) 12:30pm to 3:30pm



SHABBAT UK

Shabbat UK Activities joint with the Wood and Vale Communities.

Shabbat 27th/28th October



BALFOUR DECLARATION CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Join us for a special themed celebratory Shabbat Kiddush for the Centenary of the Balfour Declaration.

Shabbat 4th November



LITTLE LAUDERDALES

Baby and toddler group open to all. Always looking for new babies, toddlers and parents.

Thursday Mornings

(h) 10:00am to 11:30am

BASIC LEVEL HEBREW READING COURSE

Rabbi Elia will be hosting a Basic Level Hebrew Reading course concentrating on important sections of Teffilot and their meaning.

Sunday 22nd October Sunday 29th October Sunday 5th November Sunday 12th November Sunday 19th November

9:30am - 10:30am



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S&PHARDI YOUTH

Community Events Jewish life Learning Youth Family

The S&P youth program is fun, exiting and educational for kids of all ages. We have special activities for the High Holy Days and Shabbat. On Shabbat we teach the children all about what happened in this weeks Parasha and on high holy days we teach the children what we do on the holidays either in a song for the younger children, or an activity for the older children. The S&P youth also has a Heder where we teach the children basic Hebrew and about the Jewish festivals. We have a children's service every Shabbat at approximately 10:45am. The location will be on the notice board. If you need any help just ask the youth director or any of the youth madrihim.



ROSH HASHANAH

Children's Services at 10:30am (Both Days)

YOUTH EVENTS

Explanatory Tefila for Years 8-13 at 11:15am with Kiddush (2nd Day)



YOM KIPPUR (KAL NIDRE)

The Blue Room will be open with board games for Years 4-6 (supervised by a Madrich)

The youth flat for will be open to years 7-13 with board games. (During Selihot)



YOM KIPPUR (DAY)

Children's Services at 11:30am

At 1-2pm years 7-13 are invited for topical and engaging discussion/debate in the Green Room (above Montefiore Hall)

At 6pm (during Ne'ila) the Blue Room will be open again for Years 4-6.



SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMHAT TORAH

We will have activities for all over Shemini Atzeret and Simhat Torah - please see notice boards for more information.



CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Regular children's services will take place every Shabbat at 10:30am.

See notice boards for locations as timing may change slightly, updates will be posted and announced in synagogue.

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We will have activities for all over

Succot - please see notice boards for more information.





Community Events Jewish life Learning Youth Family

I would like to suggest that in the last few hundred years nearly all Jews have become marranos. Ever since the days when Jews were emancipated, they have bought into many ideologies and philosophies. Socialism, Marxism and a myriad of other "isms" have become the new religion for a large number of Jews. There is a steady increase in the percentage of those who are losing their Jewishness.

Although no longer forced to convert to Christianity, or any other religion, they willfully adopt philosophies that estrange them from their Jewish roots. Alienation has become the very condition under which most Jews today live their lives. They believe that Judaism is outdated and needs to be replaced.

Often they arrive at such conclusions due to a lack of Jewish knowledge and a greater familiarity with non-Jewish sources. Their excellent general education allows them to be subconsciously influenced by non-Jewish or even anti-Jewish ideas. They don't know to differentiate between genuine knowledge and knowledge based on misconceptions and superficial insights often promoted by the media, cults and popular belief, all accepted by western civilization as indisputable fact.

Even the religious community has lost much of its genuine Jewish values as it is more and more influenced by foreign concepts.

Once a year, though, most Jews realize that they are marranos, that they still want to remain Jews after all. On Yom Kippur, even a Jew with only the slightest Jewish affiliation knows that he needs to undo his marrano status and annul his vows to radical secularism and other non-Jewish ideologies.

He may not even know anymore why Kal Nidrei pulls him, wanting to free him from artificial masks. Like a Jungian archetype, something deep in his soul tells him that, even for just a moment, he needs to return "home" and be part of his people and its faith. He requires his personal Kal Nidrei in order to be a fully authentic Jew, liberated from all foreign influences and social pressures.

It may engage him for only five minutes, but its implications are eternal.

More than the Jews have kept Kal Nidrei alive, Kal Nidrei has kept the Jews alive. That is the secret of its eternity.

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Tizku leshanim rabot.

Rabbi Dr. Nathan Lopes Cardozo

Founder and Dean of the David Cardozo Academy and the Bet Midrash of Avraham Avinu in Jerusalem





PIZZA AND LEARN

Pre Rosh Hashanah Discussion Evening for the Wembley Youth.

- Sunday 3rd September
- ^⑤ 7:30pm
- Rabbi's House



SUCCOT LUNCH

There will be a communal lunch on the first day of Succot. Please book via the website.

Thursday 5th October



SPECIAL SHIUR WITH RABBI DWECK

There will be special Shiur on Sukkot with Rabbi Dweck for the Wembley Community

- Monday 2nd October
- ⊕ 8:00pm



SIMHAT TORAH DANCING

We will be having singing and dancing in the synagogue with fun for kids as well. Come and join the fun as we celebrate the completion of reading the Torah.

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- Thursday 13th October
- Night



MASTERING MAIMONIDES' 13 PRINCIPLES OF FAITH

Over five sessions, Rabbi Kada will be examining in detail Rambam's codification of Jewish Belief.

- Sunday 22nd October: Principle 1: The Existence of G-d
- Sunday 10th December: Principles 2-3: G-d's Unity and Incorporeality

For the full schedule see Page 25



SHABBAT UK IN WEMBLEY

Shabbat Theme: 'Shabbat: Restriction or Liberation'?

A full day Shabbat UK programme with visiting guest, Dr Elisha Kahen, practising GP and Founder of Medical Halacha Forum as well as Rabbi Amram Nemeth of Naima JPS and Montefiore Kollel. There will be a program for all ages, including lunch, lectures and games.

** Shabbat 27th/28th October





BALFOUR DECLARATION CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Join us for a Lunch and guest speaker to celebrate 100 years since the Balfour Declaration.

* Shabbat 4th November



INNOVATIVE JEWISH WOMEN

A series of three bi-weekly interactive sessions for women of today to discuss women of the past.

- "Sunday 5th November: Biblical Women (Shifrah and Puah, Tselophchad's Daughters, Yael and Michal)
- Sunday 19th November: Medieval Women (Daughters of Rashi, Dona Gracia and the Maiden of Ludmir)
- Sunday 3rd December: Modern Women (Sarah Schenirer, Golda Meir, Lady Jackobovits)



R' DWECK AND FAMILY **VISIT WEMBLEY**

R' Dweck and family will be spending a Shabbat at Wembley, including a Friday Night Dinner.

"Shabbat 8th/9th December



HANUKAH MELAVE MALKA

There will be a special Hanukah Melaveh Malkah with a guest speaker TBC

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- Motsei Shabbat 16th December
- ⊕ 8:00pm



FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

There will be a Friday night service on the first and third Shabbat of each month followed by a hot kiddush

First and Third Shabbat of each month



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

There will be a children's service on the third Shabbat of the month.

First and Third Shabbat of each month



R' KADA'S MONTHLY Q & A

R' Kada takes questions from the Wembley Congregation on the third Shabbat of each month instead of a sermon. Please forward your questions to rabbikada@sephardi.org.uk

Third Shabbat of the month

לרנה אביהטויצחם אבע ושאל אחם ואם

ביעולטחות הכביאו לחייהעולטתנא שאסלא

MASTERING MAIMONIDES' 13 PRINCIPLES OF FAITH

Over five sessions, Rabbi Kada will be examining in detail Rambam's codification of Jewish Belief.

22 Oct: Principle 1: The Existence of G-d

10 Dec: Principles 2-3: G-d's Unity and Incorporeality

21 Jan: Principles 4-7: The Eternal Essence of G-d and the Nature of Prophecy

18 Feb: Principles 8-9: The Immutability of the Torah

18 March: Principles 10 -13: G'd's Omniscience and The End of Days



SHAARE TIKVAH SUNDAY CLASSES - AT LAUDERDALE ROAD

Ahead of a new year at our Sunday classes we have much to celebrate. For the second year running our school has grown, to more than double its original size. We've therefore added classrooms, staffing, course materials and subjects. Sha'are Tikva's objective is to educate and engage young people to be able to participate in the Jewish life of our community in a happy setting each week. To that end, we employ reading instructors to focus their attention on ensuring that all of our students develop Hebrew reading fluency. This year we are also adding an ulpan instructor to promote basic Hebrew language skills too.

Our students are also educated in the minhag and melodies of our historic kahal. They learn to pray through praying. Familiarity and comfort in the synagogue is so important that we begin each morning with a school-wide assembly in the main synagogue. We recite the Modeh Ani prayer, learn from Rabbi Morris about the Torah portion or upcoming Jewish festival, hear the day's schedule, and enjoy a raffle for all those students who have arrived on time.

We have a supportive parent committee led by Sara Jackson, which will include several new parents this coming year. The committee works closely with Rabbi Morris and Rabbi Elia, overseeing the calendar and special events, providing helpful feedback and a bridge for parents, and liaising with the community at large.



It is incredibly exciting to see our school coming together so nicely. With our continued growth we will build out our program, providing our children an ever richer learning experience. Together we will ensure the growth and vitality of our special community.

Rabbi Shalom Morris Rabbi, Bevis Marks Synagogue Headteacher, Shaare Tikvah

SPRING TERM - SUNDAYS 9:45 AM - 12:45 PM

| SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER | CLASSES AND PARENT ORIENTATION |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER | CLASSES (RH) |
| SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER | CLASSES (YK) |
| SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER | CLASSES (SUCCOT) |
| SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER | NO CLASSES - SUCCOT |
| SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER | HALF TERM |
| SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER | HALF TERM |
| SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER | HALF TERM |
| SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER | CLASSES |
| SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER | CLASSES |
| SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER | CLASSES (PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS) |
| SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER | CLASSES |
| SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER | CLASSES |
| SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER | CLASSES (HANUKAH) |





ROSH HASHANAH AND SHABBAT SHUBAH

| | | BEVIS MARKS | LAUDERDALE | WEMBLEY | | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Wednesday 20th | Ereb Rosh Hashanah - Selihot followed by Shahrit | | 7:00am | | | | |
| September | Festival Beg | ins 6.49pm (Erub Ta | bshilin) | | | | |
| | Rosh HaShanah I Minha and Arbit | 6:30pm | 6:45pm | 6:45pm | | | |
| Thursday 21st | Rosh HaShanah I Shahrit | 8:00am | 8:00am | 8:30am | | | |
| September | Tashlich | | 5:00pm | After Minha | | | |
| | Rosh HaShanah I Minha and Arbit | 6:30pm | 6:00pm | 6:30pm | | | |
| | Secon | d Day Begins 7:48pı | n | | | | |
| Friday 22nd | Rosh HaShanah II Shahrit | 8:00am | 8.00am | 8:30am | | | |
| September | Rosh HaShanah II Minha and Arbit | 6:30pm | 6:30pm | 6:15pm | | | |
| | Festival Ends / Shabbat Begins 6:45pm | | | | | | |
| Shabbat 23rd | | | | | | | |
| September | Shabbat Shubah Shahrit | 8:30am | 8:30am | 8:45am | | | |
| | Shabbat Shubah Minha and Arbit | | 6:20pm | 6:15pm | | | |
| | Sha | bbat Ends 7:44pm | | | | | |
| Sunday 24th | Fa | st Begins 5:38am | | | | | |
| September | Fast of Gedaliah Selihot | | 7:45am | | | | |
| | Fast of Gedaliah Shahrit | 8:00am | 8:30am | | | | |
| | Fast of Gedaliah Minha and Arbit | | 6:00pm | | | | |
| | F | ast Ends 7:35pm | | | | | |

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YOM KIPPUR

| | | BEVIS MARKS | LAUDERDALE | WEMBLEY | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Friday 29th September | Ereb Yom Kippur Shahrit | 7:15am | 7:00am (Followed by Hatarat Nedarim) | | | | | |
| | Ereb Yom Kippur Minha | | 2:00pm | | | | | |
| | Fast Begins 6:27pm | | | | | | | |
| | Kal Nidre | 6:30pm | 6:30pm | 6:30pm | | | | |
| Shabbat 30th | Yom Kippur Zemirot | 8:00am | 8:00am | 8:00am | | | | |
| September | Yom Kippur Sepher | 11:30am | 11:30am | 11:30am | | | | |
| | Yom Kippur Musaph | 1:00pm | 1:00pm | 12:30pm | | | | |
| | Yom Kippur Minha | 3:45pm | 4:15pm | 3:30pm | | | | |
| | Neilah | 6:00pm | 6:15pm | 6:00pm | | | | |
| | F | ast Ends 7:30pm | | | | | | |

YOM TOB TIMES YOM TOB TIMES

SUCCOT, SHABBAT BERESHIT

| | | BEVIS MARKS | LAUDERDALE | WEMBLEY | | | |
|--------------|---|----------------------|------------|---------|--|--|--|
| Wednesday | Festival Begins 6:17pm (Erub Tabshilin) | | | | | | |
| 4th October | Ereb Succot Minha and Arbit | 6:30pm No Minha | 6:15pm | 6:15pm | | | |
| Thursday 5th | Succot I Shahrit | 8:30am | 8:30am | 8:45am | | | |
| October | Succot I Minha and Arbit | 6:30pm No Minha | 6:15pm | 6:15pm | | | |
| | Seco | nd Day Begins 7:16pn | n | | | | |
| Friday 6th | Succot II Shahrit | 8:30am | 8:30am | 8:45am | | | |
| October | Succot II Minha and Arbit | 6:30pm No Minha | 6:15pm | 6:00pm | | | |
| | Festival Ends/Shabbat Begins 6:13pm | | | | | | |
| Shabbat 7th | Shabbat Hol Hamoed Shahrit | 8:30am | 8:30am | 8:45am | | | |
| October | Shabbat Hol Hamoed Minha and Arbit | | 5:50pm | 5:45pm | | | |
| | Sh | nabbat Ends 7:12pm | | | | | |
| Sunday 8th | Sunday Hol Hamoed Shahrit | 8:00am | 8:30am | | | | |
| October | Sunday Hol Hamoed Minha and Arbit | | | | | | |
| Monday 9th | Monday Hol Hamoed Shahrit | 7:15am | 7:30am | | | | |
| October | Monday Hol Hamoed Minha and Arbit | | | | | | |
| Tuesday 10th | Tuesday Hol Hamoed Shahrit | 7:15am | 7:30am | | | | |
| October | Tuesday Hol Hamoed Minha and Arbit | | | | | | |

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| | | BEVIS MARKS | LAUDERDALE | WEMBLEY |
|---------------|--|-----------------------|------------|---------|
| Wednesday | Wednesday Hoshana Rabba Shahrit | 7:15am | 7:30am | 8:45am |
| 11th October | Fe | stival Begins 6:02pm | | |
| | Ereb Shemini Hag'Atseret Minha and Arbit | 6:30pm No Minha | 6:00pm | 6:00pm |
| Thursday 12th | Seco | and Day Begins 6:57pm | | |
| October | Shemini Hag'Atseret Shahrit | 8:30am | 8:30am | n/a |
| | Ereb Simhat Torah Minha and Arbit | 6:30pm No Minha | 6:00pm | 6:00pm |
| Friday 13th | Simhat Torah Shahrit | 8:30am | 8:30am | 8:45am |
| October | Simhat Torah Minha and Arbit | 6:30pm No Minha | 6:00pm | 6:00pm |
| | Festival En | ds/Shabbat Begins 5 | 5:57pm | |
| Shabbat 14th | Shabbat Bereshit Shahrit | 8:30am | 8:30am | 8:45am |
| October | Shabbat Bereshit Minha and Arbit | No Minha | 5:45pm | 5:30pm |
| | Shabbat Ends 6:57pm | | | |
| Sunday 15th | Shahrit | 8:00am | | |
| October | Minha and Arbit | | | |
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the SSPHARDI community ק"ק שער השמים



Community Events Jewish life Learning Youth Family

GUEST DEBAR TORAH

Having returned from a lovely break by Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland, I experienced an uplifting thought appropriate for the high holidays. We were walking along the wall, the same wall that in history we were taught was a most impressive structure, but now you could jump over it, and as we were walking I allowed the older kids to run along the wall. Here we were, a vibrant Jewish family laughing, running, and joking, and what is left of Hadrian who tried to destroy us centuries ago? A little wall!

As we approach the Chagim, what is the message? What is the legacy that we want to leave behind for the next generation? What do we want to achieve in the year ahead? Do we want our communal structures to be dynamic and active, or do we want to allow them to crumble?

In Hebrew, there are two words for 'wall', Chomah or Kir. Those two words reflect the two connotations that a wall represents. Chomah is connected to the Hebrew word Cham-warm: a wall can give protection from outside elements and keep the inside warm, whilst at the same time Kir has its root in Kar-cold: a wall can show division and discord.

Our walls, our religious structures, our synagogues are there to provide warmth to the soul and protection for our Jewish body, as a Chomah. But if we build walls between each other, that results in division and discord, the walls that we build have the coldness, the Kir element.

This is the time of the year when we come to synagogue and experience our Jewish buildings. Allow them to radiate warmth and not cold division, and allow the sound of the shofar to penetrate into our souls and into our minds to give us a better year ahead. As we reflect on our prayers, let this year be the year that we ensure that our legacy that we achieve is one of Torah, of Mitzvot, of Tefillah, of Chessed, and of togetherness.

Tizku Leshanim Rabot



LAUDERDALE ROAD SYNAGOGUE BEVIS MARKS SYNAGOGUE WEMBLEY SYNAGOGUE SPECIAL EVENTS Please use the more details

* = Birkat HaHodesh (Blessing the new month)

Please use the following calendar for more details about all our upcoming events. The key above will help you to identify the various venues for each of the events on the calendar.



Rabbi Amir Ellituv SHAARE HAYIM - MANCHESTER



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
|---|--|---------|--|
| | | | |
| Pizza and Learn at 7:30pm with RDK | 4 | 5 | 6 Friendship Club |
| 10 | 11 Pre-HHD Lecture with RSM - 6:15pm | 12 | Friendship Club Community Pre HHD Lecture with RJD 8:00PM |
| 17 | 18 Made in Heaven with RIE | 19 | 20 Ereb Rosh Hashanah Yom Tob Begins - 6:49pm |
| 24 Fast of Gedaliah Begins 5:10am Ends 7:35pm | Made in Heaven with RIE | 26 | Friendship Club |

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| THIDCDAY | EDID AV | CATURDAY |
|---|--|--|
| THURSDAY | 1 Shabbat Begins 7:33pm Friday Night Service | SATURDAY 2 Ki Tetze Children's Services Shabbat Ends 8:34pm |
| 7 Little Lauderdales | 8 Young Professional Dinner 8:00pm Shabbat Begins 7:17pm | 9 Ki Tabo Lauderdale Lunch Club Shabbat Ends 8:17pm |
| 14 Little Lauderdales | Shabbat Begins 7:01pm Friday Night Service RJD and family for Shabbat / Anniversary Dinner | 16 Nitzabim - Vayelakh RJD and family for Shabbat Children's Services Monthly Q&A with RDK Shabbat Ends 8:00pm |
| 21 Rosh Hashanah I Day II Begins - 7:48pm | 22 Rosh Hashanah II Yom Tob Ends & Shabbat Begins 6:45pm | 23 Ha'Azinu/Shuba Shabbat Shiur Service Shabbat Ends 7:44pm |
| 28 Little Lauderdales | 29 Ereb Yom Kippur Shabbat, Yom Tob & Fast Begins 6:29pm | 30 Yom Kippur/Shabbat Shabbat, Yom Tob & Fast Ends 7:27pm |

RJD - RABBI JOSEPH DWECK
RIE - RABBI ISRAEL ELIA
RDK - RABBI DANIEL KADA
RSM - RABBI SHALOM MORRIS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1 | Special Shiur with Rabbi Dweck 8:00pm | 3 | 4 Ereb Succot Yom Tob Begins 6:17pm | 5 Succot I Succot Lunch Day II Begins 7:16pm | 6 Succot II Yom Tob Ends Shabbat Begins 6:13pm Friday Night Service | 7 Shabbat hol HaMoed Shabbat Shiur Service Children's Services Shabbat Ends 7:12pm |
| 8 | 9 Open Succah at BM 12:00pm - 2:00pm City Professionals Spanish Succot Party 6:30pm Made in Heaven with RIE | Open Succah at BM 12:00pm - 2:00pm Young Professional Simhat Bet Hashoeva 7:30pm | Hoshana Rabbah Hoshana Rabbah Bfast Hoshana Rabah Service and Bfast Open Succah at BM 12:00pm - 2:00pm Yom Tob Begins 6:02pm | Shemini Hag'Atzeret Simhat Torah Dancing Day II Begins 6:57pm | 13 Simhat Torah Yom Tob Ends and Shabbat Begins 5:57pm Shabbat Bereshit Service and Dinner | 14 Bereshit* Shabbat Ends 6:57pm |
| 15 | Made in Heaven with RIE | 17 | Friendship Club Senior Rabbi Communty Book Club 8:00pm | 19 Little Lauderdales | Shabbat Begins 5:42pm University Students Friday Night DInner Friday Night Service | 21 Noah Children's Services Monthly Q&A with RDK Shabbat Ends 6:42pm |
| Basic Level Hebrew Reading Cours with RIE 9:30am Archives Tea 2:30pm Mastering Maimonidies' Series at 7:30pm with RDK | The Wise Son Lecture Series with RSM 6:15pm Bevis Bet Midrash 6:30pm Made in Heaven with RIE | 24 Cooking with Margalit and Linda - Shabbat UK Sephardi Special | 25 Friendship Club | 26 Little Lauderdales | 27 Shabbat Begins 5:28pm Shabbat UK Shabbat UK YP Friday Night DInner | 28 Lech Leha Shabbat UK Shabbat Ends 6:29pm |
| 29 Basic Level Hebrew Reading Cours with RIE 9:30am | RJD Lecture series at BM 6:15pm Bevis Bet Midrash 6:30pm | 31 | | | | |



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---------|---|--------------------------|---|--|
| | | | 1 Friendship Club JSoc Bet Midrash Night | 2 Little Lauderdales | 3 Shabbat Begins 4:15pm Newly Married and Engaged Couples Dinner Friday Night Service | 4 Vayera Balfour Shabbat Children's Services Shabbat Ends 5:17pm |
| Basic Level Hebrew Reading Course with RIE 9:30am Innovative Jewish Women Series at 7:30pm with RDK | Bevis Bet Midrash 6:30pm Crash Course in Hebrew Reading with RSM 7:30pm | 7 | 8 Friendship Club | 9 Little Lauderdales | Rabbi Dweck and Family at Wembley Shabbat Begins 4:04pm | 11 Haye Sara Lauderdale Lunch Club Shabbat Ends 5:07pm |
| Basic Level Hebrew Reading Course with RIE 9:30am | The Wise Son Lecture Series with RSM 6:15pm Bevis Bet Midrash 6:30pm Crash Course in Hebrew Reading with RSM 7:30pm | 14 | Friendship Club City Professionals BM Time Machine - 6:30pm | 16 Little Lauderdales | Friday Night Service and Monthly Q&A with RDK Shabbat Begins 3:54pm | 18 Toledot* Children's Services Monthly Q&A with RDK Shabbat Ends 4:58pm |
| Basic Level Hebrew Reading Course with RIE 9:30am Innovative Jewish Women Series at 7:30pm with RDK | Bevis Bet Midrash 6:30pm Crash Course in Hebrew Reading with RSM 7:30pm | 21 | Friendship Club | 23 Little Lauderdales | 24 RJD and family for Shabbat / Community Dinner Shabbat Begins 3:46pm | 25 Vayetze RJD and family for Shabbat Shabbat Ends 4:52pm |
| 26 | 27 Bevis Bet Midrash 6:30pm Crash Course in Hebrew Reading with RSM 7:30pm | 28 | Friendship Club | 30 Little Lauderdales | | |



NOVEMBER

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | | | | | Friday Night Service Shabbat Begins 3:40pm | 2 Vayishlah Children's Services Shabbat Ends 4:48pm |
| Innovative Jewish Women Series at 7:30pm with RDK | RJD Lecture series at BM 6:15pm Bevis Bet Midrash 6:30pm | 5 | 6 Friendship Club | 7 Little Lauderdales | Rabbi Dweck and Family at Wembley Shabbat Begins 3:37pm | 9 Vayesheb Rabbi Dweck and Family at Wembley Shabbat Ends 4:46pm |
| Mastering Maimonidies' Series at 7:30pm with RDK | The Wise Son Lecture Series with RSM 6:15pm Bevis Bet Midrash 6:30pm | 12 Hanukah 1st - Night | Friendship Club Hanukah - 2nd Night | 14 Little Lauderdales Hanukah - 3rd Night | 15 Hanukah - 4th Night Friday Night Service and Monthly Q&A with RDK Shabbat Hanukah Community Dinner Shabbat Begins 3:36pm | 16 Mikketz* Children's Services Monthly Q&A with RDK Hanukah - 5th Night Hanukah Melaveh Malka at 8:00pm Shabbat Ends 4:46pm |
| 17 Hanukah - 6th Night Annual Hanukah Celebration | 18 Hanukah - 7th Night | 19 Hanukah - 8th Night | 20 Friendship Club | 21 | 22 Shabbat Begins 3:39pm | 23 Vayigash Shabbat Ends 4:49pm |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Fast of Tebet Begins 6:16am Ends 4:46pm | 29 Shabbat Begins 3:44pm | 30 Vayehi Shabbat Ends 4:54pm |
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