



# The Liberal Jewish Synagogue

The Learning Circle  
Classes in Jewish Studies and Hebrew

2017 - 2018 / 5778

*And do not say, sure, I will study.  
Perhaps you will never have leisure  
(Avot 2:4)*



## Welcome to The Learning Circle

At the centre of the life of our synagogue here at the LJS lies its educational programme: the LJS Nursery for children aged 2½ - 5 years old, Rimon Religion School from 3½ to 15, and a full programme of learning and engagement for adults. There is nothing more fulfilling and stimulating than reading a text, listening to a piece of music, looking at a painting, engaging in discussion or learning something new.

This prospectus provides a gateway to lifelong learning about Judaism and Jewish cultural identity. For the beginner, Exploring Judaism provides a weekly exploration of Jewish life, history, belief and observance with time to reflect on living a Jewish life. Festivals offer times to delve more deeply into their significance and practice. Lunchtime gatherings on Shabbat have proved a popular way for the congregation to come together to listen to first-class speakers. Art, poetry and music feature in our programme as well as discussions about Israel and Jewish identity. We are delighted to be collaborating once again with Spiro Ark with a full programme of Hebrew and Yiddish classes. In addition, on offer for the first time is a programme of classes at Leo Baeck College.

We hope that there will be something that will draw you over the threshold and help to deepen Jewish knowledge and wisdom and enhance our spirituality and Jewish identity.

### **Rabbi Alexandra Wright and Rabbi Rachel Benjamin**

*'The class makes me feel more part of the community.'*

*'Excellent teaching and lovely, friendly, unintimidating atmosphere.'*

*'A really comfortable approach to a difficult task.'*

*'I learnt a great deal but never felt under pressure.'*

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## A GUIDE TO THE YEAR

Weekly timetable	Daytime	Evening
<b>Monday</b>	Painting for Pleasure at 11 am Bridge 2:00-5:00 pm	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tuesday Texts 11:15-12:30 pm	Hebrew Classes 7:00-8:00 pm Exploring Judaism 8:00-9:00 pm Belief and Unbelief 8:00-9:00 pm Jewish-Muslim Relations 8:00-9:00 pm The Shoah 8:00-9:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>		Beginners Yiddish Spiro Ark Intermediate/Advanced Yiddish Spiro Ark
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Shabbat</b>	Beginners' Hebrew 9:45 - 10:45 am Beginners/Improvers Hebrew 9:45-10:45 am Intermediate Hebrew 9:45-10:45 am Learning from Texts 9:45-10:45 am Nosh 'n' Drosh 1:15-2:15 pm	
<b>Special Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 September 2017 - High Holy Day Seminar</li> <li>• 15 October 2017 – 'Humanity's Journey' – a concert of music by Beethoven, Steve Reich &amp; Arvo Pärt</li> <li>• 29 October 2017 – 50 years since 1967, de-criminalisation of homosexuality</li> <li>• 2 November 2017 – Lecture at New London Synagogue to mark 100 years since the Balfour Declaration</li> <li>• 19 November 2017 – Keep Calm and Learn Hebrew</li> </ul>	

## WELCOME TO THE ISRAEL ABRAHAMS LIBRARY

from Sally van Noorden (Honorary Librarian)



The Library has over 6,000 books with a Jewish connection, covering topics such as fiction, philosophy, bible commentaries, history, ethics, comparative religion, and beautiful art books. The collection of DVDs, including Israeli films, is steadily growing. There are music CDs and some videos. The Library regularly buys new books and LJS members generously donate both books and DVDs.

The Library Committee is responsible for the Library's strategic development and oversees its activities. A small team of book conservationists, who are members of the congregation, have a continuing programme of caring for Library books.

- LJS members may borrow books, CDs, Videos and DVDs for a period of four weeks
- Books may be borrowed at any time and a notice of how this is done is displayed on the Library desk
- Library Volunteers staff the Library each Shabbat morning
- The contents of the Library are listed both on a comprehensive computer database and in a printed version

*"Let your bookcases and your shelves be your gardens  
and your pleasure grounds.  
Pluck the fruit, gather the roses, the spices and the myrrh."*

*Judah Ibn Tibbon, 1120-1190*

# HIGH HOLY DAY PREPARATION

## Tuesday 12 September 2017

### 7.00-9.00 pm

The new academic year will open with a seminar on the themes of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. There will be something for everyone this evening.



<b>7.00-8.00 pm</b>	<b>Exploring Rosh Hashanah</b> with Rabbi Rachel Benjamin – a guide for the beginner, to the observances and themes of the High Holy Days.
<b>7.00-8.00 pm</b>	<b>The Challenge of ‘God Language’</b> in the High Holy Day Machzor with Rabbi Alexandra Wright, focusing on <i>Avinu Malkeinu</i> , one of the most well-known and loved prayers of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
<b>8.00-9.00 pm</b>	<b>Majesty and Repentance: the Music of the High Holy Days</b> with Student Rabbi, Cantor Gershon Silins

## YOM KIPPUR STUDY SESSIONS

### Shabbat 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017

The LJS traditionally holds a study session and discussion on Yom Kippur between the Morning and Additional Services from 1:15-2:15 pm in the Sanctuary to which everyone is welcome.

<p><b>YOM KIPPUR :</b>  <b>Shabbat 30</b>  <b>September 2017</b>  <b>1:15-2:15 pm in the</b>  <b>Sanctuary</b></p>	<p>Four experts in four very different fields explore their areas of expertise in relation to the themes of Yom Kippur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Brad Blitz</b> –Professor of International Politics in the Centre for Enterprise and Economic Development Research at Middlesex University London and Senior Fellow of the Global Migration Centre in the Graduate Institute, Geneva</li> <li>• <b>Professor Geraldine van Bueren QC</b> – Professor of International Human Rights Law at Queen Mary University of London and Visiting Fellow at Kellogg College, Oxford.</li> <li>• <b>Professor Robert Saxton</b> - Professor of Composition; Fellow and Tutor, Worcester College, Oxford and composer</li> <li>• <b>Dr Danya Glaser MB BS, DCH, FRCPsych, Hon FRCPCH - Visiting Professor at UCL</b> and honorary consultant child &amp; adolescent psychiatrist at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shabbat 30</b>  <b>September 2017</b>  <b>4:30-5:30 pm in the</b>  <b>Assembly Hall</b></p>	<p>Come together for a <b>Young Adults discussion and study session</b> during the Afternoon Service.</p>

## REGULAR DAYTIME COURSES

### **Tuesday Texts**

Tuesday 12 September – Tuesday 12 December 2017

Tuesday 9 January – Tuesday 27 March 2018

Tuesday 24 April – Tuesday 10 July 2018

**Painting for Pleasure:** Every Monday at 11:00 am

**Bridge:** Every Monday at 2:00 pm

### **TUESDAY TEXTS: 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**

Led by our Rabbis, Dr Dov Softi and Susannah Alexander, we study biblical texts and commentaries and enjoy sessions on Jewish Art. Discussions are lively and relevant to contemporary issues. This year's topics will include Holocaust Theology, as well as a course by our visiting Rabbi, Dr Michael Hilton on 'Adventures in Jewish History', to include sessions on 'Maimonides and Jewish Rationalism', 'An Introduction in Kabbalah' and 'The Creativity of Ashkenazi Jewry'.

*Cost: Free for LJS members and registered proselytes; £10 per week for non members.*

### **PAINTING FOR PLEASURE: MONDAYS AT 11:00 am**

Beginners or experienced artists are welcome to join us to paint together and work through until after lunch. Bring pastels, water colours, acrylic, oil or other materials. We meet every Monday excluding the Jewish festivals and Bank Holidays. For details, phone 020 7286 5181 and leave a message for Jocelyne Tobin. *Cost: £3.00 per person per week.*

### **BRIDGE GROUP: MONDAYS, 2:00 - 5:00 pm**

The Bridge Club meets every Monday (except Jewish and Bank Holidays). The standard of bridge is average but one should know the basis of the game. This is as much a social afternoon rather than a competitive one. We welcome new members for more details please contact the LJS 020 7286 5181 and send a message to Neil Levitt or William Falk.

*Cost: £2.00 per person per week.*

## REGULAR COURSES ON TUESDAY EVENINGS

### EXPLORING JUDAISM

Tutor: Rabbi Rachel Benjamin and Student Rabbi Igor Zinkov

Time: Tuesdays at 8:00 – 9:00pm

*Cost: Exploring Judaism classes are free to members of LJS and registered proselytes; £10 per class to non-members*

Exploring Judaism is for people who wish they knew more about Judaism or would like to brush up on their Jewish knowledge. It is also an essential programme of instruction for people choosing Judaism, by conversion. Class members are encouraged to read materials which will be made available online during the year. The course is designed to offer knowledge about aspects of Judaism, to encourage practical experiences of Liberal Judaism and space for personal reflection within the group.

### SUKKOT TERM 2017 8.00-9.00 pm

12 September <b>7.00-9.00 pm</b>	High Holy Day Seminar and Registration for 2017-2018 Exploring Rosh HaShanah
19 September	NO SESSION
26 September	Exploring Yom Kippur
3 October	Exploring Sukkot
10 October	Exploring Sukkot and Simchat Torah
17 October	What is Judaism? Jewish Values and Beliefs Overview
24 October	Half Term
31 October	The Jewish Calendar and Rosh Chodesh
7 November	Jewish History Overview
14 November	Tanakh and Sefer Torah
21 November	Rabbinic Literature
28 November	Liturgy and Prayer Book
5 December	Israel – People and Land
12 December	Exploring Chanukah (and first night Chanukiah lighting)

## PURIM TERM 2018 8.00-9.00 pm

Tuesday 9 January	Shabbat
Tuesday 16 January	Jewish Ethics
Tuesday 23 January	Synagogue and Home
Tuesday 30 January	<i>Erev Tu B'Sh'vat</i> – Exploring Tu Bi'Sh'vat
Tuesday 6 February	Exploring God and Belief
Tuesday 13 February	Half Term
Tuesday 20 February	Exploring Purim
Tuesday 27 February	Introduction to Life Cycle and Early Life Rituals
Tuesday 6 March	Education and Coming of Age
Tuesday 13 March	Conversion
Tuesday 20 March	Marriage and Mixed Faith Blessings
Tuesday 27 March	Pesach Workshops

## SHAVUOT TERM 2018 8.00-9.00 pm

Tuesday 24 April	Pesach and the Counting of the Omer
Tuesday 1 May	End of Life, Funeral and Mourning
Tuesday 8 May	Life After Death, Messiah and Messianic Age
Tuesday 15 May	Exploring Shavuot
Tuesday 22 May	Home Rituals and Prayers (including <i>Kashrut</i> , <i>Mezuzah</i> , <i>Tallit</i> and <i>Tefillin</i> )
Tuesday 29 May	Half-term
Tuesday 5 June	Different Forms of Judaism
Tuesday 12 June	17 Tammuz, 3 Weeks, Tisha B'Av
Tuesday 19 June	Who is a Jew?
Tuesday 26 June	Humankind in Jewish Thought
Tuesday 3 July	Ask the Rabbi
Tuesday 10 July	Siyyum/Celebration End of the Year

## REGULAR COURSES ON TUESDAY EVENINGS

### HEBREW STUDIES: CLASSICAL HEBREW AT ALL LEVELS

#### Evening Term Dates:

Tuesday 26 September – Tuesday 12 December 2017

Tuesday 9 January – Tuesday 27 March 2018

Tuesday 24 April – Tuesday 10 July 2018

Time: 7:00-8:00pm

Half-terms: 24 October 2017

13 February 2018

29 May 2018

Tutors: Susannah Alexander, Sally Gold and Rabbi Alexandra Wright

*Cost: Free for LJS members and registered proselytes; £10 per week for non members.*

Hebrew is essential to understand fully the ideas and teachings of Judaism. The LJS successfully teaches Hebrew reading, comprehension and grammar. A new beginners' reading course will commence in September, as well as a course for those who would like to improve their Hebrew reading and learn to navigate their way around the *Siddur*.

אבגדר הווח  
טיכר למבנן  
סעפהצק  
רשת

*“Hebrew is the key to our Jewish identity; it conveys more truthfully than any other language the elevated nature of our values and it leads us on a journey, not only for our survival, but for the great changes and transformations that we need to accomplish if we are to contribute the distinct fruits of our heritage to the rest of the world.”*

## REGULAR COURSES ON TUESDAY EVENINGS

### CLASSICAL HEBREW CLASSES

#### **Beginners Hebrew** with Susannah Alexander

Are you learning to read Hebrew for the first time, or have you tried to get your head around the letters for years, and never quite achieved success? If so, join this fun and supportive class, open to all, where we will use a tried-and-tested method to get you reading faster than you ever thought possible. Beginning with Jonathan Romain's Primer 'Signs and Wonders' (available for purchase, £10) and moving on to a taste of grammar, liturgy and Bible, this class will equip you to take your first steps into the wonderful world of Hebrew with skill and confidence.

#### **Next Steps in Biblical Hebrew** with Sally Gold

This class is for those who would like to practise guided reading, at their own pace, of simple Hebrew from the Siddur and the Hebrew Bible. We will gradually build reading skills and knowledge of vocabulary and simple grammar at an unhurried and manageable pace. The class allows plenty of time to gain, revise and consolidate using texts from the Siddur and some simple exercises which help with progressive understanding and confidence.

#### **Saul: An unsuitable case for a king. David: Warrior and Lover King** with Rabbi Alexandra Wright

The Book of Samuel includes the stories of the first king of Israel, a complex character, not altogether suited for kingship, as well as the rise of King David from simple shepherd boy to conqueror of the Jebusite town that became Jerusalem. These stories are told in consummate narrative form. The Hebrew is not too difficult. The class aims to help you improve your reading, widen your vocabulary and build knowledge of various grammatical forms.

*“So grateful to the teachers of the LJS for the education provided here. It has been an enriching experience for me, and even though I travel far to be involved, I would not want to stop attending.”*

Student in Exploring Judaism and Hebrew classes

## SHORT COURSES ON TUESDAY EVENINGS

**Sukkot Term 2017**

**Tuesdays 8:00-9:15 pm**

*Cost: Short courses are free for LJS members; £10 for non-members.*

**'Belief and Unbelief' taught by Jonathan Gorsky**

**November 7, 14, 21 & 28 2017 8:00-9:15 pm**

A student of Rabbi Nahman of Breslov, a major spiritual leader of early Hasidism, finally summoned up the courage to tell his teacher that he had difficulty believing in God. Rabbi Nahman put his arm around the trembling student and said to him: "My son, it was for people like you that the world was created."

The course is intended to provide an open and tolerant space to explore contemporary issues of belief and unbelief. We will look at the impact of history and culture on our understanding of belief and critically engage with various approaches to the secularization of British society.

Belief is usually embedded in tradition, but Jewish tradition has been under question since Spinoza - the first modern Jew - challenged its basic assumptions. Jewish tradition in the west has been under different forms of critical assault ever since, from the Enlightenment to feminist critique of its core texts. We will try to find our bearings and look at some contemporary Jewish responses.

Finally, we will introduce some current approaches to the relationship of science and religious belief, including the New Atheists and current controversies in the philosophy of science. We will also look at some approaches from the Christian world and see if they are helpful for modern Judaism.

*Jonathan Gorsky graduated in history from Liverpool and Manchester Universities in 1976 and spent a number of years in advanced Jewish study. He was Education Director of the Yakar Centre until 1992 and Education Officer of the Council of Christians and Jews until 2006. In 2007 Jonathan joined Heythrop College as lecturer in Judaism and Jewish-Christian Relations and he was degree convener for the BA (Abrahamic Religions) until the College closure in 2017.*

## SHORT COURSES ON TUESDAY EVENINGS

**Purim Term 2018**

**Tuesdays 8:00-9:15 pm**

*Cost: Short courses are free for LJS members; £10 for non-members, payable in advance.*

### **Jewish-Muslim Relations taught by Jonathan Gorsky February 20 & 27 and March 6 & 13**

The course will start with an overview of key historical and theological issues, and try to provide a model for understanding Jewish-Muslim Relations, drawing on different disciplines.

We will examine the impact of Islam on medieval Judaism, including our understanding of Torah, Maimonidean philosophy, classical spiritual and ethical texts and Jewish Sufism.

The course will also cover contemporary issues, focusing on the plurality of Islam today. We will look at the influence of Wahabism (an extreme Saudi Arabian Islamic ideology) on the Muslim world and by contrast we will introduce Liberal Islam, which has considerable common ground with modern Judaism.

We will also discuss current positive and hopeful developments in what can be a very fraught relationship between the two communities.

A fifth session on **Tuesday 20 March from 8:00-9:15 pm** will be offered, introducing the group to Scriptural Reasoning.

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**Purim Term 2018**

**Tuesdays 8:00-9:15 pm**

*Cost: Short courses are free for LJS members; £10 for non-members, payable in advance.*

### **The Shoah: Historical and Topical Overview, taught by Susannah Alexander January 9, 16 & 23, and February 6, 2018**

This course will explore the history of the Nazi *Shoah* (Holocaust), and the experience of some of those affected, it is suitable for those with no prior knowledge of the *Shoah*, and for those who have studied the subject before. Some prior reading may be required, and reading will be recommended for those who are interested.

#### **9 January 2018: Prelude to the Shoah**

How did the events from 1929-1938 set the stage for what was to come? How did a fringe party rise to power, and how did it exploit that power to control and subjugate an entire population?

#### **16 January 2018: Kristallnacht and Beyond**

The events of 9 November 1938 were a watershed both in terms of the perspective of those living under Nazi rule, and in terms of the international response. How was one night so influential, and what happened afterwards?

#### **23 January 2018: Eastern Europe – Life in the Ghettos**

The invasion of Poland and the Baltic States brought millions of Jewish people under Nazi rule. The ghetto system - how was it organised, what was life like for the occupants, and how did they maintain humanity in such conditions?

#### **6 February – Rescue and Resistance**

Looking at what constitutes resistance, and exploring case studies of active and non-aggressive resistance. It will identify some of the attempts to rescue both Jewish individuals and entire communities, and explore the motivations of those who resisted and those who were rescuers.

## REGULAR SHABBAT MORNING CLASSES

9 September – 9 December 2017

6 January – 24 March 2018

21 April – 7 July 2018

9:45 - 10:45am

Half-terms: 21 & 28 October 2017  
10 & 17 February 2018  
26 May & 2 June 2018

*Shabbat morning classes are free of charge to all*

### TORAH STUDY AND JEWISH THOUGHT

We will be looking at the weekly Torah portion, followed by a short session on the the teachings of John Rayner, concentrating on his writings on the theory and practice of Judaism. The class will be self-led, with special guests leading a few of the sessions during the term, and is open to all interested individuals. No prior knowledge is necessary. While some of us have been studying together for some time, this is a fresh beginning, and anyone interested is very welcome to join in, some of the time, or for the whole term. Contact: Michael Romain at [romain@netgates.co.uk](mailto:romain@netgates.co.uk).

### BEGINNERS' HEBREW with Naomi Brightwell

Don't know your *aleph* from your – oh you know, that other letter at the end of the Hebrew alphabet? The class will start afresh this September using Jonathan Romain's *Signs and Wonders* (available for purchase, £10) to help complete beginners decode the squiggles and start tackling what they've always been afraid of. With a little bit of grammar, a sprinkling of vocabulary and plenty of off-topic conversations on Jewish food, the structure of the liturgy and anything else that helps us have fun whilst learning. Absolutely no previous knowledge required. Previous students have even gone on to confidently lead *Shabbat* morning services.

## **MOVING UP IN HEBREW** with David Strang

The aim of this class is to allow students to start to understand the Hebrew prayers and songs used in services. Those joining the class will need basic reading skills and we will spend some time each week increasing reading fluency. We will look at the basics of Hebrew grammar using the textbook "Prayer book Hebrew the Easy Way" (available for purchase, £27). We will build up your vocabulary and there will be five words a week to learn. We will also start learning how to write the Hebrew letters, using simplified versions of the block letters we use in the siddur.

## **INTERMEDIATE HEBREW** with Nitza Spiro

The aim of these sessions is to explore the Hebrew texts which the learners will come across in synagogue services on Shabbatot and Festivals. Some of the texts which will be introduced and studied in preparation for each festival (like the Passover Haggadah, The Book of Esther, and The Book of Ruth with some verses from the Book of Proverbs) might even be sung at times. Hopefully this knowledge will also be shared with families at home. The class will be working on fluency in reading but at the same time will also be working on the understanding of the historical, ethical, philosophical, and ideological messages of the texts. Through such familiarity every student will gain a deeper understanding and sense of identity with our heritage as well as appreciation and love for the Hebrew language.



## REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

### NOSH 'N' DROSH Shabbat lunch 1:15-2:15 pm

*Cost: free of charge to all, including a light lunch*

#### What is Nosh 'n' Drosh?

Well, the 'Nosh' bit is straightforward enough – a lunch of bagels and fillings. The 'Drosh' is the discussion led by an outstanding guest speaker with time for discussion and questions.

#### Nosh 'n' Drosh speakers and subjects:

9 September 2017	<b>Anthony Steen CBE:</b> Where the victims of human trafficking end up after they come out of government funded shelters
11 November 2017	<b>Lucy Kaye:</b> Lucy's award-winning film 'Memory Songs' focuses on some of the participants of Singing for the Mind at the LJS. This short film (under 30') will be followed by a Q & A with Lucy herself.
9 December 2017	<b>Geraldine van Bueren QC:</b> A Special Relationship: Jews and Human Rights
13 January 2018	<b>Rabbi Professor Marc Saperstein:</b> Dr Mattuck's sermons given during the Second World War
10 February 2018	<b>Dr Anne Summers</b> is a former Wellcome Trust Research Fellow (1986-1989) and Curator of Modern Historical Manuscripts at the British Library (1989-2004). She has just completed <i>Living with Difference: Christian and Jewish Women in Britain, 1880-1940</i> .
10 March 2018	<b>Beverley Mautner,</b> Curator of Medieval Collections at the British Museum.
12 May 2018	<b>Speaker to mark Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>
2 June, 2018	<b>Dame Helen Hyde,</b> Foundation for Jewish Heritage

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sunday 15 October 2017**

**7:00 pm**

### **'Humanity's Journey'**

is the theme that underpins this unique concert at the LJS of **Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 'The Emperor', Steve Reich's 'Different Trains'** and **Arvo Pärt's 'Fratres.'**

Martin Roscoe, Piano

I Musicanti

*"Fear, reverence, mourning, reflection – it's all captured in "Different Trains" – a work that draws parallels between the composer's train journeys as a child across America during the Second World War, and those bound for Nazi concentration camps in Europe.*

*Tickets available from [www.humanitys-journey.com](http://www.humanitys-journey.com)*

*Cost: from £18, concessions £10*

**Thursday 2 November 2017**

100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration  
the second in the series

### **5 Lectures in 5 Synagogues**

7.30 for 8.00 pm

at The New London Synagogue,  
Abbey Road, London NW8

Join the LJS, New London, West London, Belsize Square and West Central Liberal Synagogue for the second in our series of 5 lectures in 5 synagogues. Contact New London for details: 020 7328 1026.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **KEEP CALM AND LEARN HEBREW**

**Sunday 19 November 2017**

10:00-4:30 pm at the LJS

Following on from our successful KCALH Day in February, we are delighted to present a second opportunity to learn from scratch or brush up your Hebrew with expert teachers.

- Learn Hebrew from scratch
- Improve your reading
- Learn a bit of grammar
- Add to your vocabulary
- Study a text in depth
- Speak Ivrit (modern Hebrew)
- Singing the songs of our people

All levels welcome

Plenty of coffee/tea breaks and lunch of course

Cost £25 for the day including lunch (please ask for a concessionary rate)

*Noah's Ark circling  
the Kabaa (Mecca)*



## SAVE THE DATES

### Call to Authors

Sunday 21 January 2018

#### People of the Book: A Celebration of LJS Authors

We have a vast range of published authors in our community. If you're one of them, whether your book is on history, horticulture, art, poetry, psychotherapy, literature, Judaica, or the numerous other fields and disciplines, and you'd be interested and willing to share your work, please get in touch with Harriett Goldenberg, at [hgoldenberg@btinternet.com](mailto:hgoldenberg@btinternet.com).

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### Israel Tour - Save the Date - LJS Community Israel Trip

Sunday 3 June - Sunday 10 June 2018

We are working on an itinerary for next year's trip with an emphasis on the North of the country, visiting places of outstanding beauty, followed by four nights in Jerusalem, from where we will visit the West Bank. We will engage with political, cultural and spiritual issues through specialised encounters, visits and talks, accompanied by Rabbi Alexandra Wright and with local experts and guides. Details will be available in the Autumn. To join the mailing list please forward your email address to: [SueBolsom@gmail.com](mailto:SueBolsom@gmail.com).

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### A Weekend in Paris with the Members' Choir

26-28 January 2018

Led by Cathy Heller-Jones

The Members' Choir is discussing the possibility of a weekend in Paris, based at the Communauté Juive Libérale where Rabbi Pauline Bebe is the Rabbi. The trip would be open to all Members and Friends of the LJS who would like to join the choir for the weekend. If the trip goes ahead, rehearsals will take place on Sundays at the LJS between November 2017 and January 2018. For more details please email Cathy Heller-Jones, Director of Music [cathyhellerjones@gmail.com](mailto:cathyhellerjones@gmail.com).



## EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS



### **SPIRO ARK COURSES IN HEBREW AND YIDDISH**

**Autumn 2017 and Spring 2018 terms**

**All levels**

**Start Date: 27 September - 10 sessions = £180**

The following classes in the Autumn Term take place at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, London NW8 7HA

Yiddish Not Quite Beginners – Wednesdays 6:00 – 7.30 pm

Advanced Beginners – Wednesdays 7.00-8.30 pm

Higher Intermediate/Advanced: Wednesdays 8.30-10.00 pm

September 27, October 18 and 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,  
December 6, 13

The method of teaching is emphasizing conversation, grammar with no pain, and much singing and Yiddish Idioms. For more details, please contact Spiro Ark on 020 7794 4655 or send an email to [education@spiroark.org](mailto:education@spiroark.org).



### **Liberal Judaism Fundraising Concert**

**featuring renowned concert pianist David Dolan and guests**

**Thursday 23 November 2017**

at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue

Liberal Judaism is holding its first fundraising concert to be held at the LJS, featuring renowned concert pianist David Dolan and his guests.

For more details of the programme and to purchase tickets, please contact Tom Rich at [t.rich@liberaljudaism.org](mailto:t.rich@liberaljudaism.org) or 020 7580 1663.

Tickets: [www.liberaljudaism.org/calendar/fundraising-concert/](http://www.liberaljudaism.org/calendar/fundraising-concert/)

## EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

### Leo Baeck College Lehrhaus 2017-2018: Home of Jewish Learning



The **Lehrhaus** is the home of Leo Baeck College's programme in adult Jewish lifelong learning. The programme has been operating for many years with great success.

Courses for **2017-2018** include study in Bible, Jewish philosophy, Biblical Hebrew, Jews and photography, Judaism & the sex question and the Zohar. We are also holding Modern Hebrew Ulpan classes for different levels, with day and evening options. In addition, we are also offering two live on-line courses enabling even more people to study with us.

For details of all courses for 2017/18 go to:  
<http://lbc.ac.uk/study-with-us/additional-learning-opportunities/lehrhaus/>.

See [www.lbc.ac.uk](http://www.lbc.ac.uk), email: [lehrhaus@lbc.ac.uk](mailto:lehrhaus@lbc.ac.uk) or call on: 020 8349 5600.

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