

# All Things Jewish

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**October-December**

**2017**





# ...or come back for more!

## How Judaism Responds to Contemporary Dilemmas

with Rabbi Steven Katz

Tuesday 7, 28 November, 5 December — 8pm

**7 November - Tsedaka** – How much of my income should I give? To whom shall I give? Jews or non-Jews? The synagogue or the starving? Israel or Anglo Jewry? One favourite good cause or a number of good causes? One large donation or regular smaller amounts? Have Reform Jews lost the will to fundraise for a good cause?



**28 November - Is God Fair? Is Life Fair? Theodicy?** Historian Arthur Morse, wrote a book 'While Six Million Died', detailing the indifference, the inactivity of the Allies to slow, stop the Holocaust. The traditional Jewish explanation is that Humanity is to blame for Humanity's suffering? Is this theology also Reform theology or is it repellent? What about natural tragedies – flood, earthquake, tsunamis or should Humanity accept full responsibility and exonerate God?

**5 December - Prisoner Exchange; Exchange the Guilty for the Innocent, the Living for the Dead.** The dilemma of whether to exchange committed terrorist for the captured living or dead hostages is the one that has divided opinion both in Israel and the Jewish Diaspora. Is it a political or existentialist dilemma? Does the Diaspora Jew have the right to voice an opinion?

## Hebrew for Absolute Beginners (adults)

with Eleanor Davis

Sunday 15, 22 October, 5, 12, 19, 26 November, 3, 10 December — 10.15am

Starting from absolute basics, in a small, friendly class we'll introduce the Hebrew alphabet and learn to sound out words then put them together into phrases so that you can start to read from the prayerbook.

Course fee of £30 includes textbook. Places are strictly limited; please contact [education@ehrs.uk](mailto:education@ehrs.uk) by 9 October to book your place.

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For details of learning opportunities with Rabbis Daniel Smith, Steven Katz, Neil Kraft, and Emily Jurman, including Shabbat Shmooze and Shabbat Shirah, please see our magazine LeDor VaDor, Our Week Ahead or the EHRS website [www.ehrs.uk](http://www.ehrs.uk)

# Eat and Learn

## Torah Breakfast for B'nei Mitzvah families

*Shabbat 11 November, 9 December — 9.15am*

## Bite of Torah for everyone interested in Torah and bagels!

*Shabbat 21 October, 18 November, 16 December — 9.15am*

For catering purposes please confirm attendance at breakfasts by emailing [education@ehrs.uk](mailto:education@ehrs.uk)

## Cocktails, Canapés & Conversation

*Tuesday 10 October — 7-9pm*

Can religion save the world? Join us for an evening of discussion on how religion translates to action in our shared community, whilst enjoying refreshments of cocktails and canapés.

**With special guests: The Mayor of Barnet  
and the trustees of Homeless Action in Barnet**

For more information and to book, please call 020 8238 1014 or email [education@ehrs.uk](mailto:education@ehrs.uk)

## Ongoing Classes

### Rosh Hodesh: Marvellous Matriarchs

with Eleanor Davis

*Monday 16 October, 13 November and 11 December — 8pm*

We think we know our ancestral mothers, but how much do we actually remember about women like Sarah and Eve? By delving into Torah and Rabbinic literature we'll explore the familiar and unfamiliar aspects of these women and what they can teach us.

In honour of the traditional women's holiday, a monthly study group for women and men interested in marking the New Moon by broadening their appreciation of women in Tanakh.

**Hebrew** *Tuesdays 17 October to 12 December — 10am*

**Yiddish** *Tuesdays 17 October to 12 December — 11am*

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