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January-April 2017



for Holocaust Memorial Day



Children in the Ghetto

with Eleanor Davis

Tuesday 17 January— 8pm

Discover a (free) mini-website (and how to use it) to teach your students, children or grandchildren about life in the ghetto – as seen through children’s eyes. The site lets children move around an imaginary representation of a ghetto street, encountering video testimonies, photographs, paintings, and artefacts as they do,

accompanied by interactive and thought-provoking activities.

Holocaust Responsa in the Kovno Ghetto

with Eleanor Davis

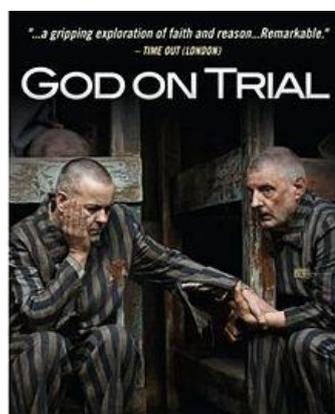
Tuesday 24 January— 8pm

When Nazi occupation confined surviving Lithuanian Jews to ghettos, minds long steeped in Torah addressed their new circumstances. Risking one’s safety to help another, pretending to become Christian, the dangers of pursuing religious study and worship – we’ll look at how rabbis in the Kovno Ghetto grappled with these ethical and halachic dilemmas amidst terror and persecution.

God on Trial: A BBC Film (2008)

Tuesday 31 January— 8pm

In a block house in Auschwitz, a group of prisoners demand to know the nature of a God who can allow so much suffering. They attempt to settle their dispute by putting God on trial. Knowing half of them will be sent to the gas chamber, they have only one day to reach a verdict. The cast includes Antony Sher and Rupert Graves. A discussion will follow the film.



Save the date: Thursday 23 March

Following the success of 2016’s ‘Evening with Lord Finkelstein,’ we will welcome to EDRS:

Matthew Offord MP

Please see our website/Facebook for further details and how to book!



Classes and Courses

Rav, Shmuel and the Haggadah

with Rabbi Daniel Smith

Tuesday 28 March — 8pm

Rav (known as “the Tall”) and Shmuel (known as “the Astronomer”) were heads of academies in Babylonia. Rav was the authority in Religious Law, and Samuel the expert in Civil Law. They had different approaches in a number of areas. Our Haggadah today is based on both their views.

Learn to Chant the Torah

with Chani Smith

Tuesday 21, 28 February,

7, 14, 21 March — 8pm (for one hour)

In this course, we will have an introduction to biblical cantillation (‘leyning’) and its historical background. We will explore the cantillation accents’ various functions (syntactical, phonetic and musical), and learn to chant the Torah. There will be five sessions in total, and the more practice done in between, the better your leying will be!

This course is in loving memory of Mitch Wax who taught leying for many years at EDRS.



The Dark Side of Purim

with Eleanor Davis

Wednesday 1, 8 March — 8pm

If you thought Purim is just for children – think again! Come and investigate themes in the Book of Esther that might make you boo (or cheer) a little louder during the Megillah reading on 11 March:

1 March – alcohol and violence

8 March – women and misogyny

BUDAPEST Weekend

4 days and 3 nights from Friday 5th May 2017

We are once again joining up with Hendon Reform for a trip to Budapest, with experienced guide Agi Salgo.

PRICE £465 per person sharing double/twin - single supplement £115

Contact marian@edrs.org.uk 020 8238 1014 for more info & full itinerary

Eat and Learn

Tu B'Shevat Seder led by Rabbi Emily Jurman

Shabbat 11 February – after the morning service

Tu B'Shevat Seder and Shabbat Chavurah Lunch; please contact julie.temperley@btinternet.com to RSVP and confirm the dish you will bring

Torah Breakfast for B'nei Mitzvah families

Shabbat 11 February – 9.15am

Bite of Torah for everyone interested in Torah and bagels!

Shabbat 21 January, 25 February with special guest Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner, 18 March – 9.15am

For catering purposes please confirm your attendance at these breakfasts with Marian on 020 8238 1014

Ongoing Classes

Rosh Hodesh: Marvellous Matriarchs

with Eleanor Davis

Monday 23 January, 20 February, 27 March, 24 April – 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, 10 January to 28 March – 10am

A fun, conversational class that is suitable for people who can read script and have a basic spoken Hebrew knowledge.

Yiddish

Tuesdays, 10 January to 28 March – 11am

An opportunity to brush up on the *mameloshen* that your Booba used when she got angry with your Zaider.

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