



Inspiring Leaders of Jewish Prayer



The Joy of Shul Music - Sunday 4th June 2017

9:45am – 4:15pm in St Albans, Hertfordshire

This is for everyone – whether you are a seasoned davener, an aspiring leader of prayer, a congregant who just likes to be there, or even a person who dips into shul occasionally! Or maybe you are a person who just likes to sing, all are welcome.

Programme includes:

T'filla Lab. For experienced leaders of prayer, the T'filla Lab is for you! You will have led Musaf on the Yamim Nora'im and are open to immersing yourself in a masterclass. The labs are based on work done during the European T'filla Leaders Retreats, aiming at crafting k'hilla k'dosha – a holy community. How do we engage our people using our own innate being? Four ongoing workshops will involve you for the whole day. We work as a community of sh'lichei tsibbur in loving and safe space, where everyone is part of the best supportive community you can imagine! Led by Chazan Jacky Chernett and Cahzan Jalda Rebling.

Musaf for Shabbat. For aspiring and mid-level leaders. You need fluent Hebrew reading and familiarity with the Shabbat morning service, together with the ability to sing in tune! You need not have yet led a service. If you are thinking about it and haven't yet plucked up courage – or if you have already led a few services and would like to deepen your knowledge, this is for you. Led by Chazan Rebecca Blumenfeld

Learn to Leyn. For beginners and those who want to brush up Torah reading, this is your chance! Come to this four session course across the day led by Chazan Paul Heller.

Pop-up Choir. For anyone who loves to sing. Chazan Jason Green will take you along a delightful journey into some of the lovely melodies we sing on Friday night. You don't have to read music (but it helps!) to enjoy the sound our master teacher will help you make. We will provide transliterated texts for those who don't read Hebrew fluently. Four ongoing sessions will involve you for the whole day and you will be the finale of the seminar! Led by Chazan Jason Green.

Vocal Coaching. For anyone who wants to find their voice through the art of singing, projecting your voice exercises and more. It is a class where you can learn from other participants. If you would like to have coaching please let us know in advance. Led by expert teacher Robert Davis.

AND FOR ALL WHO WANT TO EXPLORE JUDAISM'S BIG QUESTIONS come and explore with Rabbi Carl Wolkin:

PRAYER: We are supposed to prayer three times a day, say 100 blessings daily, bless everything we eat and pray after every meal. Why? We are bidden to thank, praise, ask, atone, etc. Why? Who "wrote" the Siddur and why do we need one, so many? Can't we just pray from our hearts? Which is better- praying alone or with a Minyan (who invited Minyan?)? Where do meditation and mindfulness fit in? Will they help us attain kavana? What should we pray for and what shouldn't we pray for? There are so many questions, but are there answers?

MESSIAH: Who is this Messiah in our prayers all the time? How will we know upon arrival that he/she is the real thing? What kind of world will it be- perfect or not? Who says so? How does the arrival of the Messiah relate to life after death? Where does the song "Ani Maamin" fit in? The Reform Movement Prayer book in the USA has changed the word in the Amidah for Messiah (Goel) to Messianic Age (Geulah). Why? There are many more questions and as many answers. What do you believe and Why?

Cost: £15 per adult, £5 children, students, Noam or Marom
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