

# Reaching the Soul

## What Is Prayer in the 21st Century?



A three-day challenging adventure into the music and leadership of Jewish prayer with special guest presenter from New York  
**RABBI IRWIN KULA**

### Sunday 2 – Tuesday 4 November 2008

SOAS University of London, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG

#### SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Live spiritual music from different faith groups

Panel discussion on 'Reaching the Soul Through the Music of Prayer' chaired by Dr Alexander Knapp with Rabbi Kula and faith leaders

Keynote address by Rabbi Kula: 'The Leader of Prayer as "Meaning Maker"'

#### MONDAY 3 AND TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

The nuscha'ot of Shabbat and the High Holidays

'Pray Tell' sessions on problems and solutions

How to get kids and young people involved

Developing the future of Prayer Leadership

And more...

Presented by the European Academy for Jewish Liturgy together with the Jewish Music Institute

**Fees:** £210 for the full three days including meals and refreshments / Students £120

**Daily rates:** Sunday 2 November, £85 (includes lunch and supper) / Students, £45  
Monday and Tuesday, £75 per day / Students £35

**Scholarships available**

Registration and Booking: T: 020 8909 2445 F: 020 8909 1030 E: [jewishmusic@jmi.org.uk](mailto:jewishmusic@jmi.org.uk)  
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The Jewish Music Institute in partnership with the European Academy for Jewish Liturgy presents a multifaceted programme in **Synagogue Song** with dynamic and challenging Rabbi **IRWIN KULA**, President of CLAL, the National Center for Leadership and Learning, USA.

This 3-day event is for cantors, rabbis, lay leaders, youth leaders, choir leaders, choristers, synagogue officers and congregants – anyone with a passion for the music of Jewish prayer.

It starts at 11.00am on **Sunday 2 November** with introductions and opening remarks and after a light lunch there will be live presentations of spiritual music by groups from different faiths including Islamic Sufis, Chinese Buddhists, a Catholic choir presenting Gregorian Chant, Gospel singers and children and adult Jewish performers. A leader from each group will join a panel with Rabbi Kula, chaired by eminent Jewish musicologist Dr Alexander Knapp, on 'Reaching the Soul through the Music of Prayer'. Rabbi Kula will give the Keynote address at 7.30pm on 'The Leader of Prayer as 'Meaning Maker'

The **Seminars on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 November** from 10am - 5.30pm bring two days of singing, learning and innovation with Rabbi Irwin Kula, and well-known British cantors. The two days include: Interactive sessions on the leadership of Shabbat and aspects of the High Holydays; 'Pray Tell' sessions on problems and solutions in today's congregations; getting children and young people to sing in the synagogue; sharing favourite and new melodies; and more.

Cantor Jaclyn Chernetz, Director of the European Academy for Jewish Liturgy, says: 'It is the responsibility of the leader of prayer to constantly engage in personal soul searching. Only when the leader is moved and inspired will the congregation also be moved and inspired.' Geraldine Auerbach MBE, Director of the Jewish Music Institute, says: 'This is part of our mission to enrich the spiritual life of the community by working with outstanding leaders.'



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