



Kenton United Synagogue – London



From Our Lips...
Celebrating Synagogue Music



Affiliated to the [United Synagogue](#) from 1949, Kenton became a district synagogue in its present building in 1959. At its peak, during the 1970s and 80s, there were 1,200 families, with more than 600 children using its cheder and teenage centre. With the demography changing, the current membership is 370 members. Despite decreased numbers, the community remains very active with many religious, cultural and social events.

Many eminent rabbis and cantors have presided over the community, among them Cyril Harris, later Chief Rabbi of South Africa, who was also married in Kenton shul. In the 1970s Eddie Jackson was the Rabbi and Geoffrey Shisler the Cantor. Kenton was the first of the US shuls to have batmitzvah ceremonies and their rabbis have always been very supportive of women in leadership roles. Kenton also led the way in adult education with weekly evening programmes with several classes running simultaneously.



For the European Cantors Association 'From Our Lips' service Rabbi/Cantor **Geoffrey Shisler** (left) will return to Kenton to lead the service along-side **Robert Brody** (right) who sings as the soloist for the Zemel Choir and also regularly officiates for the Kenton community. They will be accompanied by guest choristers coordinated by David Druce of the London Cantorial Singers.



What to expect: some wonderful tunes composed by Rabbi Cantor Geoffrey Shisler as well as familiar melodies that the Kenton Community knew in previous times. The service will be followed by a tasty Kiddush and a chat about music in the synagogue.

Guests welcome: Please register at admin@kentonsynagogue.org.uk

Saturday 2 March 9.30am

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Full 'From Our Lips ...' programme on the ECA Website www.cantors.eu

