



South Hampstead Synagogue – London



From Our Lips...
Celebrating Synagogue Music



South Hampstead, founded 100 years ago, was incredibly fortunate to be able to knock down a building and start again. In 2019 they more than doubled their space on the same footprint with a purpose-built community hub including a 400-seat synagogue, in Belsize Park. This was necessary as, since the arrival of Rabbi Shlomo and Rebbetzen Dr Lynndy Levin and their family, four decades ago, membership had risen from 200 to over 800 households. It is a warm, welcoming, vibrant, non-judgemental and religiously diverse community, open to new ideas and creativity.



On the music front, historically, this synagogue followed the musical tradition of Anglo-Jewry's United Synagogue with music as compiled for cantor and choir in 1899 in the famous 'Blue Book'. Currently prayers are led by either Rabbi Eli Levin (left) or members of the community, with an engaging mixture of traditional and modern tunes. A group of 12-15 members get-together to form a choir for the High Holydays conducted by Motti Cohen, who arranges the melodies for the ensemble. They enjoy this so much that they are hoping to assemble and sing for more services during the year – including this service.

What to expect: The service on 2 March starts at 9.30am. There will be a Barmitzvah on that day and after the Torah readings the choir will sing the Musaf prayers, including ***Etz Chaim, Kedusha and Adon Alam*** starting at about 11.00am. Attendance of 300 plus is expected.

Guests welcome: Please register in advance at office@southhampstead.org and bring photo ID

Saturday 2 March 9.30am start.

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Full 'From Our Lips ...' Festival programme of services and concerts on the ECA Website www.cantors.eu

