



Westminster Synagogue – London



From Our Lips...
Celebrating Synagogue Music



Westminster Synagogue was Founded in 1957, by Rabbi Dr Harold Reinhart, who resigned as Senior Minister of the West London Synagogue and formed a new congregation with 80 former members. Earliest services were held at Caxton Hall, Westminster and took the name, **Westminster Synagogue**. In 1960 the congregation acquired Kent House a five-storey Victorian townhouse, opposite Hyde Park in Knightsbridge which was once owned by the father of Queen Victoria. Westminster is unaffiliated but has close ties with Anglo Jewry. Its policies are in tune with the progressive movements in Britain. It is served by the Reform Movement's Beth Din and has links with the West London Synagogue's burial facilities. They have **their own Sidur** produced in 1992. Women play a full part in congregational life.

Westminster's musical tradition has its roots in the music of West London Synagogue, drawn from the 19th and 20th Century European tradition with notable composers such as Hart, Lewandowski, Mombach, Salaman, Sulzer and Waly, music from *The Voice of Prayer and Praise* ("The Blue Book"), and pieces by WLS organists Charles Verrinder and Percy Rideout. The repertoire has expanded to include more recent music from Israeli composers such as Nurit Hirsch and contemporary American musicians including Cantor Alisa Pomerantz-Boro, as well as compositions by Westminster's former organist and chazan Harold Lester, former organist Raymond Fischer and one of the current organists, Alexander Knapp. The synagogue's Cantorial Soloists are Yoav Oved, Sara Feldmann Brummer, Betty Makharinsky, Shira Kravitz and Julieta Kunik.



What we can expect: On 13 April, **Yoav Oved and Sara Feldmann Brummer** (top row in photo) will be singing accompanied by the synagogue's two organists, **Alexander Knapp and Joanna Smith** (bottom row). The service will be led by Rabbi Kamila Kopřivová. **Look out for:** Adoshem Roi (Psalm 23) by **Harold Lester**, former organist at the synagogue; Modim by Cantor Alisa Pomerantz-Boro and Adon Olam by **Alexander Knapp**

Guests Welcome register at admin@westminstersynagogue.org and bring photo ID

Saturday 13 April 10.30am – 12.30pm Westminster Synagogue,
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