**NESHAMA FESTIVAL -**Motzei Shabbat 27th January 2018

The evening will consist of a musical Havdalah, a wide variety of breakout sessions, a light dinner and will conclude with a concert.

**Join us for a uniquely inspiring evening, featuring world renowned educators and presenters.**

**The Neshama Festival will offer opportunities to experience Torah through traditional means and through art, film, dance and music – from chavruta learning and shiurim to interactive, creative workshops.**

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## Timetable:

**18:30    Doors open – food and drink available**

**19:15   Welcome and Musical Havdalah**

**19:45   Session 1**

**20:35   Break – food and drink available**

**21:05   Session 2**

**22:00   Concert by Nafshah**

**22:30   Finish**

**Food and drink will be available throughout the night.**

**Cost: £18 pp.**

Full details, booking link and a schedule for the evening can be found at [www.chiefrabbi.org/neshama](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.chiefrabbi.org%2Fneshama&data=02%7C01%7Cgaby_koppel%40hotmail.com%7C20aebcc1f9aa4c7a9fce08d534daf609%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636473037398565601&sdata=Fh7rQJgUVIJ%2FfhWAXOaw93z0gSEG9ArulY3hp1MIV04%3D&reserved=0).

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