

# A FEW WORDS FROM RABBI DAVID

My family and I would like to wish you all a *Shana Tova U-Metuka*, a good and sweet New Year.

Rosh Hashanah ushers in a period of ten days that are known as the Ten Days of Repentance, or better translated as the Ten Days of Return. We are bid to use this period of time to return to a state of greater decency and goodness and reflect on our relationship with God. Now this 'return', according to some rabbinic commentators, has two parts to it. It is on the one hand individual. We all can reflect on our own about where we are, what we are doing and how we are acting. This is hard, but self-reflection can begin a helpful and therapeutic process.

But this 'return', can also be communal or even national. This means that we need to reflect also on our place within the community, and being in Shul on Rosh Hashanah is a beginning to this reflection. What do I contribute to the community? How can I help it flourish? How can it help nourish my need for a community? This also means that, on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we should ensure that our conduct projects a care and love of all members of the community so that we look out for others who may be lost and offer help when needed. It means that we allow people who have inadvertently sat in our allocated seat to remain there rather than asking them to move on.

We might look out for people who may be strange and new to the community in order to help them, or ensure that volunteer leaders of our children's services have the right decorum to run their services.

These practises will all do one thing – make Rosh Hashanah in our growing community a truly joyous occasion.

Have a great Rosh Hashanah and a meaningful fast on Yom Kippur.

**Rabbi David Mason**

# WELCOME TO MUSWELL HILL SYNAGOGUE

Our community has now grown to over 700 members, the largest membership we have ever had. We are delighted to welcome all of our members, children and guests to Muswell Hill Shul over the Chagim.

Although numbers of those attending on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have been increasing each year, we still very much want to maintain one location for our celebrations by having a selection of children's services and for the first time a new alternative Musaf service on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. This service will be led by Rabbi David, in conjunction with Prof Stephen Frosh, and will include a number of explanations of the prayers and times for interaction with those attending.

There will, of course, still be times when the shul is very full so please be respectful of others and avoid saving seats or asking others to move from a seat even if it is the one allocated to you on this ticket. Also, if you will be coming to shul with guests or children please be as flexible as you can on where you sit.

We want to ensure that we combine a traditional sense through the festivals, with the warm welcoming communal face that Muswell Hill is famous for.

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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Please note that details of all children and youth activities are listed on a separate card.

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## SELICHOT

From 2 September until erev Yom Kippur, selichot will be recited as follows: Sundays at 7.45am, Mondays and Thursdays at 6.40am and on all other days at 6.45am.

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## ROSH HASHANAH

### Sunday, 9 September

**Festival begins** . . . . . 7.15pm  
Afternoon and Evening services . . . . . 7.15pm

### 1st Day: Monday, 10 September

Morning service . . . . . 8.30am  
Reading of the Torah . . . . . 9.45am  
Shofar service . . . . . 10.30am  
Sermon . . . . . 10.45am  
Additional service . . . . . 11.00am  
Parallel Service . . . . . 11.00am  
Communal Tashlich . . . . . 5.30pm  
Afternoon service followed by  
Evening service . . . . . 7.00pm  
**First day ends; Candlelighting** for the second day . . . . . 8.15pm

### 2nd Day: Tuesday, 11 September

Morning service . . . . . 8.30am  
Reading of the Torah . . . . . 9.45am  
Shofar service begins . . . . . 10.30am  
Sermon . . . . . 10.45am  
Additional service . . . . . 11.00am  
Afternoon service followed by Rabbi's shiur . . . . . 7.10pm  
**Second day ends; Evening service** . . . . . 8.12pm

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## FAST OF GEDALIAH

### Wednesday, 12 September

**Fast begins** . . . . . 4.47am  
Morning service . . . . . 7.00am  
**Fast ends** . . . . . 8.04pm

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## SHABBAT SHUVAH

### Friday, 14 September

**Candlelighting** . . . . . 7.03pm  
Afternoon and Evening service . . . . . 7.00pm

### Shabbat, 15 September

Morning service followed by  
Shabbat Shuvah Talk and Kiddush . . . . . 9.15am  
Afternoon service  
followed by Rabbi's shiur . . . . . 6.45pm  
**Shabbat ends; Evening service** . . . . . 8.03pm

## EREV YOM KIPPUR

### Tuesday, 18 September

Morning service . . . . . 7.00am  
Afternoon service . . . . . 2.00pm  
**Fast begins** . . . . . 6.54pm  
Kol Nidre service . . . . . 7.00pm

Please remember to bring machzorim (prayer books), non-leather shoes/slippers and talitot to the synagogue before the Kol Nidre service and Yom Kippur begin as it is not permitted to carry these items into the street on Yom Kippur itself. Please note that many brands of 'trainers' are made partly of leather.

## YOM KIPPUR

### Wednesday, 19 September

Morning service . . . . . 9.15am  
Reading of the Torah . . . . . 11.45am  
Yizkor . . . . . 12.30pm  
Sermon . . . . . 12.45pm  
Additional service . . . . . 1.00pm  
Learning with Stephen Frosh . . . . . 1.00pm  
Afternoon service . . . . . 4.45pm  
Sermon . . . . . 6.15pm  
Neilah (Concluding service) . . . . . 6.30pm  
**Fast ends; Evening service and shofar** . . . . . 7.53pm

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## SUCCOT

### Sunday, 23 September

**Festival begins** . . . . . 6.42pm  
Afternoon and Evening services . . . . . 6.40pm

### 1st Day: Monday, 24 September

Morning service . . . . . 9.15am  
Reading of the Torah . . . . . 10.15am  
Additional service . . . . . 11.15am  
Afternoon service followed by Evening service . . . . . 6.40pm  
**First day ends; Candlelighting** for the second day . . . . . 7.41pm

### 2nd Day: Tuesday, 25 September

Morning service . . . . . 9.15am  
Reading of the Torah . . . . . 10.15am  
Additional service . . . . . 11.15am  
Afternoon service followed by Rabbi's shiur . . . . . 6.40pm  
**Second day ends; Evening service** . . . . . 7.39pm

## CHOL HAMOED

### Wednesday to Friday, 26 to 28 September

Morning service . . . . . 6.45am

## Friday, 28 September

**Candlelighting** . . . . . 6.31pm  
Afternoon and Evening service . . . . . 6.30pm

## Shabbat, 29 September

Morning service . . . . . 9.15am  
Afternoon service and Rabbi's shiur . . . . . 6.15pm  
**Shabbat ends; Evening service** . . . . . 7.30pm

## HOSHANA RABBAH

### Sunday, 30 September

Morning service . . . . . 7.30am

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## SHEMINI ATZERET

### Sunday, 30 September

**Festival begins** . . . . . 6.26pm  
Afternoon and Evening services . . . . . 6.25pm

## Monday, 1 October

Morning service . . . . . 9.15am  
Reading of the Torah . . . . . 10.15am  
Yizkor . . . . . 11.00am  
Additional service . . . . . 11.15am  
Afternoon service followed by 'Ask the Rabbi' . . . . . 6.15pm  
**Candlelighting** for Simchat Torah . . . . . 7.25pm  
Evening service and Hakafot . . . . . 7.15pm

## SIMCHAT TORAH

### Tuesday, 2 October

Morning service . . . . . 9.15am  
Hakafot . . . . . 10.15am  
Women's shiur . . . . . 10.30am  
Reading of the Torah . . . . . 10.45am  
Chattanim . . . . . 11.30am  
Additional service . . . . . 12.00 noon  
Sit-down Kiddush after the service . . . . . 12.30pm

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## SHABBAT BERESHIT

### Friday, 5 October

**Candlelighting; Afternoon and Evening services** . . . . . 6.15pm

### Shabbat, 6 October

Morning service . . . . . 9.15am  
Afternoon service followed by Seuda Shlishit . . . . . 6.00pm  
**Shabbat ends; Evening service** . . . . . 7.14pm