



The London Cantorial Singers

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Winter 2024/25 Newsletter

From the Choir Chair: David Druce

Dear Friends,

Chanukah Sameach and welcome to our Winter 2024/25 Newsletter. During the past year, we have been involved in a record 18 events of all "different shapes and sizes". The choir has also grown in numbers and we are working on plans to broaden the membership still further in 2025.



The Choir continues to entertain audiences with our mix of traditional and contemporary Jewish choral music in a variety of settings and a range of venues.

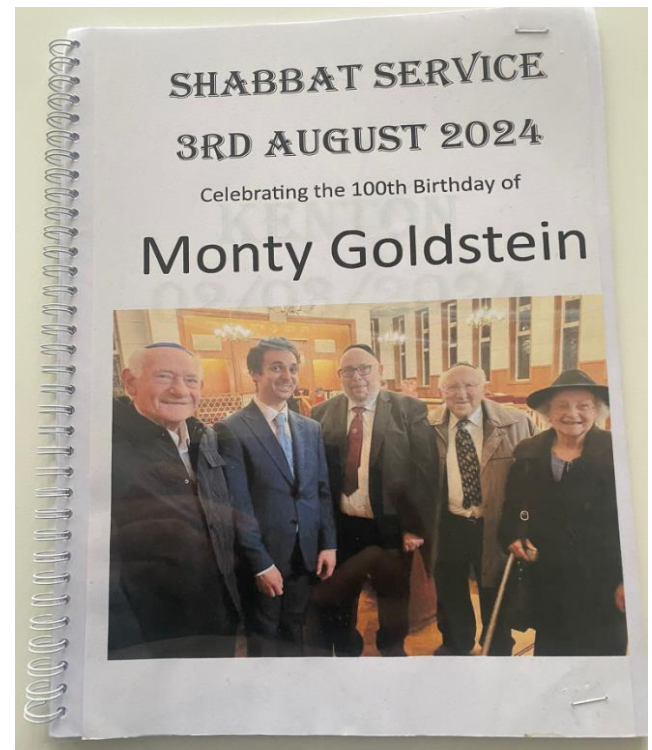
In our previous newsletter, I listed several events scheduled between January and July 2024. In the latter half of the year, I am delighted to report that the Choir took part in some very special events with the highlight being our Selichot service at Edgware United Synagogue with famous Cantor Moti Boyer.

Since our **21st July 2024** concert at Belmont Shul



with Guest Soloist, Cantor Robert Brody, we took part in the following events:

There was a very special Shabbat Morning Service at Ilford Shul on 3 August 2024 with the community celebrating Monty Goldstein's 100th birthday! We created a music booklet for this unique occasion!



We started our Autumn schedule with our annual Motsei Shabbat 1st night Selichot service on 28th September 2024 with Cantor Moti Boyer at Edgware United Synagogue.

After the Yomim Noraim there were four events before the year end. 28th October 2024 saw our Monday evening Annual Dinner for choir and family members. Over 35 people attended and there was a great atmosphere with plenty of singing!

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On 24th November 2024 we took part in a concert at Kenton Shul raising funds for Tikva UK and on 10th December 2024 we provided the entertainment for a pre-Chanukah concert at Barclays Bank Canary Wharf.



Tikva UK concert



Barclays Canary Wharf concert

We ended the year on 15th December 2024 with a Sunday afternoon pre-Chanukah concert at Schonfeld Square Care Home in Stamford Hill. Nearly 100 residents and their families enjoyed the concert with the choir performing a mix of pieces featuring soloists Henry Black, Rafi Sandford and Yoel Allon.

All in all, we surpassed our previous year's tally of 15 events, thereby making 2024 our most successful year ever!

Future Events

We are now making plans for 2025. In fact, our calendar already includes several events:

23rd January 2025 Thursday early evening Holocaust Memorial Day event for the London Borough of Brent. The Venue is the prestigious Wembley Suite within Wembley Stadium. The event is scheduled to begin at 6.30pm.

2nd February 2025 Sunday afternoon concert at the Anita Dorfman House, a Jewish Care home in Stanmore. The concert will start at 2.30pm.

9th March 2025 Sunday afternoon Induction Service for Rabbi Dovi Lebrecht at Shenley United Synagogue.

27th April 2025 Sunday afternoon Yom Ha'atzmaut concert at Rosetrees Care Home in Friern Barnet.

25th May 2025 - A VERY SPECIAL CONCERT

THE CHOIR'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND YOM YERUSHALAYIM GALA CONCERT will feature the London Cantorial Singers with two guest Cantors Benjamin Muller and Yossi Muller together with our resident soloists. The venue will be the beautiful New West End Synagogue and our Charity Partner is Tikva UK. We are delighted that the Choir's Patrons, Rabbi Shisler and Henry Grunwald OBE KC, will be involved: Rabbi Shisler will make the Welcome Speech and Henry will be our Compere.

5th June 2025 Thursday early evening special commemorative event in the Barbican. This is a unique historical event that will commemorate and publicise the first official Jewish burial ground in London which existed until expulsion in 1290.

Keeping in touch

In addition to our [website](#) and our [YouTube Channel](#) (don't forget to hit the Subscribe button!), you can follow news of the Choir on [Facebook](#).

If you'd like to subscribe to our mailing list, it's easy to do so [here](#).

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Booking the London Cantorial Singers

With a versatile repertoire, we are the ideal Jewish choir for Simchas, choral synagogue services, concerts, charity gala evenings, interfaith events, workplace diversity events, heritage events and other commemorations and celebrations. If you'd like to book the Choir, please email our Chairman, David Druce (chairman@tlcs.org.uk), who will be happy to guide you through the options available.

Join the London Cantorial Singers

We always welcome male voice singers of all ages to join and be part of our exciting and rewarding choir experience.

Don't feel you need to sight-read music. All of our music is produced using free Capella notation software, which can be downloaded to any desktop or mobile device. Choristers learn their lines by viewing and playing all or part of each music score. Section leaders provide support to new choristers to help them get up to speed.

If you are interested in joining a rehearsal to find out more about the Choir, please contact our Musical Director, Alan Freedman (director@tlcs.org.uk).

A Very Special Announcement

The choir is delighted to announce that Yoel Allon, aged 10 and a pupil at Rimon Primary School, has been chosen to be the first recipient of an award from the Sandford Family Choral Scholarship Fund.



The fund was set up as the result of a generous gift from the Sandford family, in acknowledgement of the help and encouragement given to their son, Rafi, our former young soloist, in bringing on his singing abilities throughout the duration of his time in the Choir. In addition, we are also most grateful for the donations to the fund we have since received from our many supporters. The objective of the fund is to offer boys, who love singing, an opportunity they would not otherwise have to experience high quality choral singing and to receive a course of professional voice coaching and music training, with a view to their singing in Choir concerts in ensemble groups and as soloists. Yoel has already begun his training under our appointed voice coach, Harel Glazer, and is progressing well. The Choir's Chairman, David Druce, commented: "Since 2023 I have regularly visited Rimon Primary School to help set up a children's choir. Yoel joined in September 2023 and immediately displayed a natural talent for singing. He then joined the London Cantorial Singers as a soloist and in October 2024 became the Cantorials' first Choral Scholar by having voice coaching lessons with professional voice coach, Harel Glazer. We are delighted with Yoel's progress." We would welcome further donations from our supporters to enable us to offer additional scholarships. To donate please go [here](#).



Our Selichot Service at Edgware Shul