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# Exploring Jewish Worldviews



## Podcast

- An original audio play informed and co-written by students, the wider community and a writer.
- Recorded conversations between students, community members, educational professionals and worldview practitioners.
- An immersive soundscape that connects with the narratives and discussions.



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## Key Podcast Details

Theme - Shabbat  
 Location - Radlett, Hertfordshire  
 Dates - November 2022 - March 2023  
 School - Shenley Primary School, Hertfordshire  
 With the help of - Radlett United Synagogue & Radlett Reform Synagogue



## Audio Play Synopsis

### 'Unforgettable Shabbat'

'Unforgettable Shabbat' follows the story of Naomi and Ruth, two Jewish friends who are eagerly preparing for their Shabbat celebration. Naomi is excited about the upcoming gathering, but also concerned about potentially losing her best friend, Ruth. The play delves into themes of friendship, family dynamics, and personal identity.

As the play progresses, Naomi discovers that there may be a newcomer joining them for Shabbat. Through a series of events and misunderstandings, tensions rise and ultimately result in an accident that sends Ruth to the hospital. This incident serves as a catalyst for self-reflection and personal growth for Naomi. She begins to question her own behaviour and the importance of acceptance, understanding, and the true meaning of Shabbat.

The play explores the complexities of relationships and the power of forgiveness. It encourages audiences to embrace diversity, challenge assumptions, and foster a sense of unity within their community.

Audio play starts from 00:00 to 17:16 mins.  
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## In Conversation

With the young people as interviewers, Rabbi Garber, Rabbi David-Yehuda Stern and Anna Silver provide honest, reflective answers about their worldview, how their faith helps them to live and celebrate, and the issues found in the audio play.

In Conversation starts at 17:20 - 30:13 mins  
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## Soundscape

Working on the Judaism soundscape afforded me another opportunity to journey into the sounds of a faith and culture that was new to me - in particular, Shabbat, and its importance to the Jewish faith. Visiting the Synagogue in Radlett was richly rewarding for a number of reasons. Firstly, the Synagogue itself provided a fantastic and reverent-rich space which allowed me to record the songs from a simple Shabbat service on a Friday night in a wonderful and wide sounding environment.

The relative small size of the Friday night congregation meant that the instruments and voices in song had an intimate feel to them, even as they echoed around the large chamber. Similarly, the small Shabbat meal afterwards was alive with the sound of chatter, as plates were filled and food was shared, and the smaller room provided a closer feel.

In contrast again, the large and busy Saturday morning services provided much grander and richer tones, sonically, as a full congregation came together in song and prayer. This was exciting to record and gave great texture to the section and beyond. Additionally, the opportunity to listen to and record people connected to and working within the Synagogue - in particular Rabbi DY, who was always so helpful and generous with his time - meant that a whole host of stories, descriptions and teachings from the Jewish faith were available to me, as I came to put the final soundscape together. The different elements I was able to gather allowed me to play with space within the soundscape, to give it a sense of journey, and the music and song I discovered and was exposed to, during the field recordings in Radlett, informed the music I then composed to facilitate that space, and hopefully add to the overall experience.

Anthony Davey - Sound Artist

Soundscape starts 30:15 mins to the end  
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## Education Pack

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## Credits

Emily Signell - Creative Director  
 Jenny Davis - Writer  
 Emily Signell - Drama Facilitator  
 Anthony Davey - Sound Artist  
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 (Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education) - Education Pack

### Worldview partnership

Anna Silver - Education Officer - Board of Deputies of British Jews  
 Rabbi Alan Garber - Radlett United Synagogue  
 Rabbi David-Yehuda Stern (Rabbi DY) - Radlett Reform Synagogue

### Actors

Anna Soden - Ruth  
 Beth Amery - Poppy  
 Georgina Jane - Naomi

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