



## Times of Services 2016

**Friday 23 September**  
Shabbat begins: 6.42 pm  
Mincha/  
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.30 pm

**Shabbat 24 September**  
Shacharit: 9.30 am  
Haftorah: Brian Robinson  
Shabbat ends: 7.41 pm

**Sunday 25 September**  
Shacharit: 8.40 am

**Friday 30 September**  
Shabbat begins: 6.26 pm  
Mincha/  
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.15 pm

# Ealing Synagogue



שבת שלום

Friday 23 September 2016/Shabbat 21 Elul 5776  
Sidra: Ki Tavo

Synagogue

## MAZAL TOV

To **Ilana and Menashe Tahan** on the birth of a second grandson in Israel. The Ealing community extends a hearty Mazal Tov to Iris and Avy and all the family and wishes them much pride and joy from the new addition.

### Reading the Haftarah



If you would like to read Haftarah to mark a special event or just to make your personal contribution to the service, please contact Brian Robinson, who will be delighted to help with any preparation or revision.

### Sponsoring an Event



If you are celebrating a Simcha or commemorating a family Yahrzeit, or if you are just feeling generous, please consider sponsoring a Shabbat morning Kiddush, Seudah or Sunday morning breakfast. Contact Joan Michaels: 020 8579 4261.

**AJR**—Meets the 1st Tuesday in every month at 2.00 pm. Contact Leslie Sommer: 020 8993 7574.

### Israeli Dancing!



Tuesday evenings, 8.00 pm at Ealing United Synagogue, Grange Road. Sunday mornings, 10.30 am at Ealing Liberal Synagogue, Lynton Avenue. All welcome. Nominal charge of £1.00.

In the event of a bereavement, in the first instance please contact the Burial Office : 020 8950 7767. Rabbi Hershi Vogel: 07970 829758 Brian Robinson: 020 8567 6558



To **Brian Robinson** on receiving a special certificate on his retirement as Chaplain at a presentation which took place at JW3 on Tuesday 20 September.

## SHABBAT 1 OCTOBER D'VAR TORAH

Dawn Shestopal will be given the D'Var Torah. We hope you will join us on this Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah.

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## Rosh Hashanah ~ 2nd Day Tuesday 4 October 2016

The Ealing Community is invited to  
Lunch after the service on  
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

3-course fish lunch with wine

£17.50 per person.

£12.50 for children under 12.

Please advise if you have any special dietary needs.

**RSVP by Friday 23 September 2016**  
**Reservations and payment must be made in advance.**

Everyone is welcome

Email: [esnewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:esnewsletter@btinternet.com)

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Cheques to be made payable to "United Synagogue" and sent to  
Ealing Synagogue, 15 Grange Road, Ealing, London W5 5QN.

# Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

ISSUE 50

24<sup>th</sup> September 2016

KI TAVO

21<sup>th</sup> Elul 5776

**Kohen - First Aliya:** Chapter 26, verses 1 - 11

- When Bnai Yisrael settle in the land of Israel they must make a pilgrimage to the Temple to offer up their Bikkurim (First Fruits).
- This Mitzvor only applies to one of the seven species specifically grown in Israel. (Wheat, barley, dates, figs, grapes, pomegranates and olives).
- When the Bikkurim are brought, the owner has to recite a brief thanksgiving prayer to Hashem before handing over the produce to the Kohanim (priests)

**Levi - Second Aliya:** Chapter 26, verses 12 -15

- In the third year of a cycle, when a person takes Ma'aser for the Levi'im, a convert, orphan or widow, they have to make a declaration that they have done the tithing according to the Torah Laws of Hashem.

**Sh'lishi - Third Aliya:** Chapter 26, verses 16 - 19

- Moshe reminds his people that they all selected to follow and adhere to Hashem's commandments and in turn Hashem chose them to be his 'Chosen Holy Nation'

**R'VI - Fourth Aliya:** Chapter 27, verses 1 - 10

- Moshe asks Bnai Yisrael, when they cross the Jordan River, they are to set up stones and coat them with plaster.
- They must then engrave the torah on these stones which are then to be set up on Mount Eval.
- Next an altar of uncut stones is to be erected and Korbonos of peace are to be sacrificed upon it.

**Chamishi - Fifth Aliya:** Chapter 27, verse 11 - Chapter 28, verse 5

- Moshe tells the leaders of the twelve tribes, when they cross the Jordan they are position themselves on two mountains, The tribes of Shimon, Levi, Yehuda, Yosef and Benyamin are to stand on Mount Gerizim and the tribes of Reuven, Gad, Asher, Zevulan, Dan and Naftali are to stand on Mount Eval.
- The Levi'im face each mountain alternately and recite in a loud voice all the blessings and curses.

**Shishi - Sixth Aliya:** Chapter 28, verses 6 - 69

- The complete list of Blessings and Curses are recited here.
- After each individual one has been read out, the people have to all respond 'Amen' in unison.

**Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya:** Chapter 29, verses 1 - 8

- Moshe calls Bnai Yisrael and reminds them that they were witnesses to the miracles that Hashem performed in Mitzraim (Egypt).
- Moshe recalls the fact that their clothes did not wear away, and their shoes did not break despite being in the desert for forty years.
- Moshe then recounts the battles of Sihon and Og and the distribution of the land amongst the tribes of Reuven, Gad and half of Menashe.
- Finally, Moshe tells them if they continue observing Hashem's laws correctly, every one of them will become successful in all that they do.

## Haftorah –YISHAYAH (ISAIAH) Chapter 60 verses 1 to 22

### OVERVIEW:

- ✦ In glowing terms Yishayah recounts what will unfold during the Final Redemption.
- ✦ It will commence with the Ingathering of the exiles and the resurrection of the departed.
- ✦ Hashem will then shower the Jewish nation with abundance of happiness and blessings.
- ✦ All the nations of the world will come to the reality that there is all but one true G-d and will praise him accordingly.
- ✦ Finally, the Jewish nation will no longer be despised. All violence and mourning will cease and Hashem will shine His everlasting light on His people, for evermore.

### GEMATRIA LINKED TO SEDRA:

- ✦ The Gematria of one of Hashem's many names equates to 26
- ✦ This name is used 26 times in reference to all the curses mentioned in this week's sedra.
- ✦ To counteract this Hashem name is mentioned 26 times every time we read the weekly Shemoneh Esray (Amidah) prayers

### WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

KI Thavo, begins with a description of the mitzvah of giving bikkurim, the first fruits. Each landowner in Eretz Yisrael is commanded to set aside their first fruits of the year and bring them to the Beit Ha-Mikdash in Jerusalem, where they are then presented to the Kohanim.

There is a Mishnah in the Talmud that describes in detail all the pomp and circumstance surrounding this beautiful mitzvah. Consisting of a huge procession led by flutists and oxen whose horns were plated with gold announcing all the landowners and farmer's arrival as they followed behind, heading up to Jerusalem to offer up their bikkurim and make the declaration quoted in this week's sedra that begins "Arami oved avi" (An Aramean attempted to destroy my father) (which is now recited every pesach around the Seder table). Why did the Torah choose bikkurim to be presented in such a unique and public fashion? and what connects this act to Pesach?

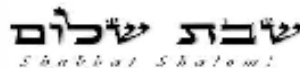
Our Rabbis explain the answer is all linked to one particular and essential character trait we must all master in our lifetime. The middah of 'Hakarat Ha-Tov', (gratitude). The Ramban explains that bikkurim exemplifies gratitude, because inherent in the act of bringing the fruits to Jerusalem is an acknowledgement and thank you to Hashem for keeping His promise to our forefathers by giving the Land of Israel to their descendants.

Expressions of gratitude are also mandated by Chazal as part of our daily routine of being an observant Jew. Firstly, when we arise each morning, we thank Hashem in the "Modeh Ani" prayer for returning our Neshama's (souls) back to us after our night's sleep. The "Modim" prayer which we recite in the Amidah three times a day, expresses our deepest thanks to Hashem for all the miracles that He does for us every day to sustain us and help us grow both physically and spiritually as we go about living our lives. In the 'Torah Way'

There is also a parallel between the mind-set we should have on Seder night and a person bringing their bikkurim. When a farmer finally sees the fruits of his labour; it's only natural to feel a sense of satisfaction after all the hours of work that has been put in to get this far. In order not to become too big headed and attributing the accomplishment only to their own toil and effort alone. The Torah commands the landowner to go to Jerusalem and offer up the first fruits of their produce as an expression of gratitude that Hashem also had a major role to play which aided in their success too. The same like we acknowledge on pesach when we are recounting and celebrating that Hashem assisted our ancestors in helping us leave Mitzraim, bringing about their redemption.

After reading this week's Parsha again, I realized there is yet another important lesson linked to Hakarat Ha-Tov. The section of bikkurim ends with the words, "You shall rejoice in all the good that Hashem, your G-d, has given to you and to your household." This reminded me of the verse written in Pirkei Avos (Ethics of the fathers) which quoting, Ben Zoma who says.... "Who is rich? He who is happy with his lot" The gratitude that the farmer must feel should not just be limited to the gift of their first fruits. They must also recognize that Hashem has blessed them with "goodness," and this should cause them to be happy and be satisfied with their lot. Ultimate gratitude is achieved when a person recognizes that they have been blessed by Hashem with everything that they have in life that will sustain and keep them healthy and therefore doesn't feel the need or desire of wanting more.

My lesson for you this week is this, just as it is important to express gratitude to Hashem; so too it is important to express our gratitude to our fellow man who have done good things for us. This includes not only our parents, other family members and friends, but also our Rabbis, teachers, Gabbaim, shopkeepers, doctors etc... and everyone else involved in making our Jewish communities what they are. May we all be blessed with goodness throughout our life and may we always acknowledge such goodness with the proper Hakarat Ha-Tov. The Torah expects from each and every one of us.



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The Etz Chayim Gallery is proud to present

# Out of the Shadows

A solo exhibition by artist

## Joan Noble

12th September - 30th October 2016

An exhibition comprising of mixed media work developed through drawing, printing, painting, stitch on paper and textiles.



The subject matter is influenced by migration, from the perspective of Jewish immigrant history and the changes and effects on their lives, especially post Shoah. The awareness bares similarity to migrant experiences in the world today.

Reflections and observations of how universal realities surface relating to difficulties with language, identity, loss, being the outsider and the unknown future that lies ahead for individuals and families, is present throughout the work.

Out of the Shadows depicts darkness, turmoil, hatred, war, displacement and 'change of circumstances' out of which can come hope and new beginnings for a better, peaceful future.

These issues have been Joan's concern for decades, whilst coming to terms with her own personal family history – the loss of three grandparents in the Holocaust, refugee parents starting again in new lands and herself migrating from South Africa to settle in this country as a teenager in the 1960s.

Joan's background has influenced the focus of her work, with this being her fifth solo exhibition, one of which was previously shown here at the Etz Chayim Gallery.

The exhibition will be held at the  
Etz Chayim Gallery  
Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue  
18-24 Oaklands Gate  
Northwood, HA6 3AA

For more information or to arrange a viewing, please contact the office on 01923 822 592