



## Times of Services 2017

**Friday 24 February**  
Shabbat begins: 5.15 pm  
Mincha/  
Kabbalat Shabbat: 5.30 pm

**Shabbat 25 February**  
Shabbat Shekalim  
Shacharit: 9.30 am  
Mincha after Kiddush  
Shabbat ends: 6.20 pm

**Sunday 26 February and  
Monday 27 February**  
Rosh Chodesh Adar  
Shacharit: 8.20 am

**Friday 3 March**  
Shabbat begins: 5.29 pm  
Mincha/  
Kabbalat Shabbat: 5.30 pm

### 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 commemorating a family Yahrzeit, or 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

# Ealing Synagogue Newsletter

שבת שלום

Friday 24 February 2017/Shabbat 29 Shevat 5777  
Sidra: Mishpatim



## MAZAL TOV!



To **Nathan Barak** on his Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat 25 February. The Ealing community extends a hearty Mazal Tov to parents Gary and Katy Barak, sister Lola and all the family on this very special simcha. Gary and Katy have pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush after the service. Please join us in wishing Nathan and his family Mazal Tov on this milestone occasion.

## THURSDAY 2 MARCH : 12.30PM COMMUNITY LUNCH

The Community Lunch is open to everyone. If you would like to enjoy some home-made food and catch up with friends, for catering purposes, please let Alison Shindler know if you would like to attend.

## UK HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

In September 2016, the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation launched a design competition for a UK Holocaust Memorial which will stand near the Houses of Parliament. Out of ninety-two entries, ten have been shortlisted. These designs can be seen at various locations around the UK and on-line. The public, Holocaust educators and technical experts are invited to view the shortlisted designs and submit their comments. Click [here](#) for more information and how to submit your views.

## LOOK OUT FOR:

### JEWISH BOOK WEEK

25 February—5 March 2017

Click [here](#) for details of speakers, venues, etc.

### UK JEWISH FILM CLUB

Click [here](#) for upcoming films and how to become a member.

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# Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

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25<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## MISHPATIM

29<sup>th</sup> Shevat 5777

**Kohen - First Aliya:**

**Chapter 21, verses 1 - 19.**

- ✦ Bnai Yisrael receives the social laws from Moshe beginning with how Masters should treat their Jewish slaves and maidservants.
- ✦ A person who kidnaps or intentionally kills another will be put to death. However if the victim was killed unintentionally, the murderer is allowed to seek sanctuary in a city of refuge.
- ✦ The death penalty would be meted out to a child who either curses their parents or strikes them hard enough to make them bleed.

**Levi - Second Aliya:**

**Chapter 21, verse 20 - Chapter 22, verse 3**

- ✦ Someone who wounds another, but not fatally must compensate them for the injury caused as well as all of the financial losses sustained during their recovery. Including medical fees and lost income.
- ✦ Any slave that is hurt due to the negligence of their master, must be released.
- ✦ Any murderous ox who kills someone must be put to death. If the ox's owner was aware of his dangerous ox and was found guilty of not taking the necessary safety precautions he must pay the victim's family damages to the value of their loss. The laws relating to compensation for goring animals, and fines meted out for theft are also discussed.

**Sh'lisli - Third Aliya:**

**Chapter 22, verses 4 - 26**

- ✦ Damages and reimbursements relating to animals grazing on another person's field and any land or property destroyed by fire are related here.
- ✦ An unpaid custodian cannot be held liable for any loss of an object if they swear they were not negligent in any way; however if they are employed, they are held responsible and must reimburse the owner for the loss. They are also made to pay damages if an object gets broken or livestock in their care dies. Unless they make an oath, stating there was no way it could have been prevented.
- ✦ If a man seduces a single woman, then he must marry her or pay the woman's father 50 shekels if he doesn't agree with the marriage. Anyone caught practising the occult or performing idolatry must be killed.
- ✦ A person is prohibited to oppress a stranger or charge interest to his fellow for loans borrowed.

**R'viti - Fourth Aliya:**

**Chapter 22, verse 27 - Chapter 23, verse 5**

- ✦ The prohibition of cursing anyone of authority over you, i.e. a judge or a king.
- ✦ Firstborn children, animals and all first produce harvested must be redeemed as they belong to Hashem.
- ✦ The rules of what you must do if you come across a stray or fallen animal is discussed next.

**Chamishi - Fifth Aliya:**

**Chapter 23, verses 6 - 19**

- ✦ The prohibition of taking bribes or favouring a poor person without sufficient evidence and giving false testimonies are mentioned here.
- ✦ The mitzvahs relating to Shmittah, Shabbat and the festivals of Pesach, Shavuot and Succot are spoken about next along with the prohibition of consuming meat and milk products together.

**Shishi - Sixth Aliya:**

**Chapter 23, verses 20 - 25**

- ✦ Hashem instructs the nation to respect the authority of His Nav'i's (Prophets) and Rabbis.
- ✦ Hashem then promises to chase out the seven nations who currently inhabit the land of Israel and forewarns Bnai Yisrael against making a treaty of peace with them.

**Sh'viti - Seventh Aliya:**

**Chapter 23, verse 26 - Chapter 24, verse 18**

- ✦ Hashem explains the means by which the seven nations will be chased out of Israel.
- ✦ The borders of Eretz Yisrael (The Land of Israel) are defined.
- ✦ Moshe builds an altar and offers up a Korban (sacrifice). Bnai Yisrael proclaim "Naaseh Vnishma (We will do and we will listen). Moshe is told by Hashem, to ascend Mount Sinai where he will remain for 40 days and nights learning Torah, so he can teach Bnai Yisrael all the mitzvahs upon his return.

## Maftir – PARSHAS SHEKALIM, Shemot Chapter 30 Verses 11 - 16

The Maftir of "Shekalim" describes the half-shekel coin that every Jewish Male, over the age of twenty was required to contribute on a yearly basis in order to purchase all the communal korbanos (sacrifices) which were offered up on a daily basis in the Mishkan.

## Haftorah – PARSHAS SHEKALIM, 2<sup>nd</sup> BOOK OF KINGS Chapter 11 verse 17 to Chapter 12 verse 17

### OVERVIEW:

- Aged 7, Yeho'ash, the sole survivor from the House of David Hamelech following their massacre by the hands of Queen Athalya, was crowned King.
- Upon seeing that the 155-year-old Bais Hamikdash was in need of strengthening and redecorating, Yeho'ash knew that funds were needed to be raised in order to carry out the necessary maintenance. He placed a designated collection box by the side of the Mizbayah for the people to come and place their contributions. The Money was quickly obtained and the repairs were duly carried out.

### SNAPSHOT GUIDE THROUGH THE SIDDER: Pesukei D'Zimrah - Ashrei (part 5)

- Verse 7 of Ashrei emphasises the fact that although Hashem has to from time to time mete out punishments, even the wicked will eventually acknowledge and spread the word from generation to generation that this was done out of love, devotion and the preservation of the righteous.
- To emphasize this further verse 8 recalls five of Hashem's thirteen attributes of mercy to show that Hashem does not chastise wrong-doers immediately. He always allows them a chance to regret and repent their misdemeanours before revealing his true wrath.

### WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

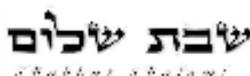
On our fridge at home, we have a magnet quoting Kin Hubbard that reads 'A good listener is usually someone who is thinking of something else'. There is a striking verse in this week's sedra that brings this concept to light. It says in chapter 24, verse 12 'Hashem said to Moshe, "Ascend to me on the mountain and be there...." At first the wording of this verse seems odd. If Moshe were to carry out Hashem's instruction to climb up Mount Sinai, then surely he would automatically be there. Therefore, why does the text add 'and be there' it's superfluous. Maybe the straightforward translation from Hebrew to English should have been 'and wait there....' instead?

As we know every single word even additional letters written in the Torah serves a purpose and can yield a different perspective, providing a new message to be learnt. The Kotzker Rebbe imparted what the lesson could be here with our verse. He said: If Moshe ascended Mount Sinai then obviously he would physically be there. However, the fact that it would have taken him a tremendous amount of effort to reach the top means that it's a very strong possibility that his mind may be elsewhere. Therefore, the main focus of the verse is not Moshe's ascent but being there and only there, readying himself mentally at the task in hand of receiving the torah from Hashem and nothing else.

Being easily distracted is not a modern phenomenon. There is a Mishnah in Pirkei Avos that says? "One who walks along the way, and interrupts his review of his Torah studies and exclaims, 'How beautiful is this tree! How beautiful is this freshly ploughed field!' is held accountable as if he had forfeited his own life." Is it really that sinful to contemplate the beauty of Hashem's handiwork in nature? Of course not; in fact, it's encouraged. This particular Mishnah is not talking about someone taking a deliberate stroll through the woods, local park or garden and stops to admire its beauty but a person whom whilst out walking is reviewing their Torah studies and then interrupts their learning to admire Hashem's wonderful handiwork.

The Mishnah's strong stance of why it must be discouraged is to stop someone using the beauty of Hashem's creations as a means of distraction, when they should be exerting all of their efforts into focusing on what they are learning. Our Rabbis are informing us that this person is not interrupting their Torah study to extol the beauty of nature. They are in fact creating a false division between Creation and Torah when they should be using the beauty of nature as a means of spiritually connecting with Hashem's Torah not separating them. It is for this reason that this person is in effect "forfeiting their life." and being held accountable for their actions.

Going back to the original verse mentioned above. Hashem was concerned that someone even as great as Moshe could find himself being distracted and not in the right frame of mind to receive Hashem's divine torah revelations. If someone like Moshe needs to be reminded of this fact, how much more so do we. May Hashem help us in our fast paced world, to try and remain focused on our own spiritual goals without getting side-tracked focusing on other things.



Compiled, Designed & Written by Jeremy Symons



Below is an extract of letter sent to Ray Temple from Zara Pomson-Provisor, UK Development Organiser of Leket.

“Leket Israel would like to thank the Ealing Synagogue for its past support and would very much appreciate if that support could be continued by forwarding the below to the members of your community. Thank you!

Leket Israel, the Israel National Food Bank continues to stride forward. In 2016 the organization rescued a weekly average of 13,000 meals and over 154 tons of perishable food.

Following, is the link to the Purim site where you or your members, can order **Purim** cards both paper and email versions. These make a good alternative to piles of food in Mishloach Manot that no one really wants or needs. The food rescued will be delivered on Purim and so not only will donors have prevented food waste but also contributed to those who need our help most at the correct time.

Please find details of special events being held in Israel on **Pesach Chol Hamoed**. I thought that if there were members of your community who intend being in Israel during the holiday, they might appreciate receiving the information. It could contribute to making this Pesach an even more enriching experience and is something slightly different to do whilst on holiday.

This is what one Leket supporter had to say :

***Having done this as a family ourselves I can genuinely say it is the most amazingly uplifting experience and something that everyone I've recommended it to has enjoyed tremendously. Trust me when I tell you it will be the highlight of your time in Israel !”***



Pesach 2017

Two great locations:

**Wednesday  
April 12<sup>th</sup>**

10:00-14:00

**Moshav Nahalal**

(located in the Southern Galil)

**Wednesday & Thursday  
April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

10:00-14:00

**Kvusat Shiler Fields**

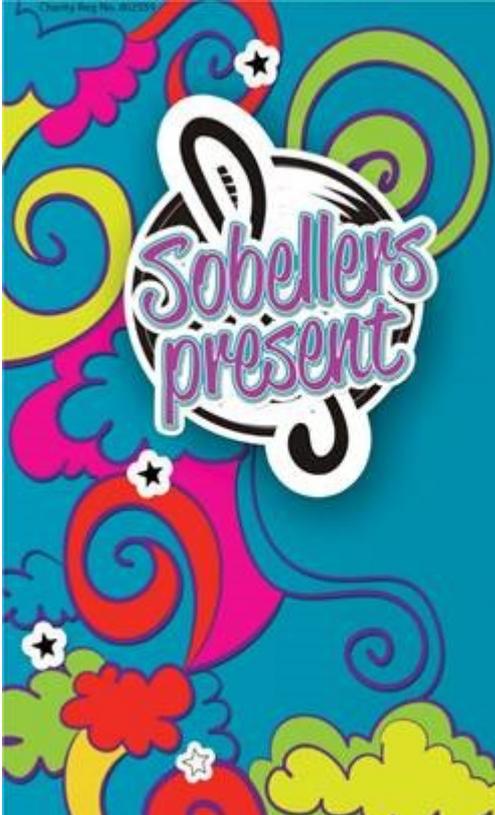
(located in Central Israel)

Pick vegetables for distribution to Israel's needy  
Please bring water, hats, closed shoes (A MUST!)  
sunscreen and comfortable clothes

Serving as the country's National Food Bank and leading food rescue network, Leket Israel works to alleviate nutritional insecurity in Israel. Each year, with the help of over 56,000 volunteers, Leket Israel rescues 2.3 million hot meals and 30+ million pounds of produce and perishable goods. Food that would otherwise go to waste is redistributed to 195 nonprofit partners serving the needy; reaching 175,000 people each week.

For Registration and Information:  
[varda@leket.org](mailto:varda@leket.org) • 052.743.3541





Social evenings for single people  
(for ages 60+)

**Spectacular 70s & 80s Night**  
with a special live performance  
from the **Abba Girls**

with supper and dancing

**Sunday 26 February**

At Michael Sobell Jewish Community Centre,  
Maurice & Vivienne Wohl Campus, 221 Golders Green Road,  
London NW11 9DQ

Tickets are £20 per person – 7.30-10.30pm

Advance booking essential – Booking closes on 22 February

For more information and booking please  
call 020 8922 2908 or email [sobell@jcare.org](mailto:sobell@jcare.org)

Please note tickets are non-refundable




AJWO - The Association of Jewish Women's Organizations

**Annual Seminar 2017**

**"Making a Difference in the World"**



Hear a panel of speakers discuss their experiences of volunteering abroad.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

From 11.00am - 1.30pm (Coffee from 10.30am)

At the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue  
Lauderdale Road, Ashworth Road, London W9 1JY  
(nearest Underground station: Maida Vale)

Entrance £15 in advance - light lunch included - using the form below:

To Mrs. Helen Reisman 4, Wilton Court, 218, Hale Lane, Edgware HA8 8NG  
(Tel: 020 8904 4138 Email: [reisman@dircon.co.uk](mailto:reisman@dircon.co.uk))

I wish to apply for .... ticket(s) at £15 each for the Seminar on Wednesday 5th July  
I enclose my cheque for £... made payable to AJWO (Charity cheques cannot be accepted)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

For security please list your guests: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EALING SYNAGOGUE  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
LONDON SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES**

## **JUDAISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES**

**WITH  
Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum  
and Maureen Kendler**

**8.40AM: SHACHARIT FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST**

**9.20AM –10.00AM REGISTRATION**

### **TRACK 1**

**10.00AM-10.50AM: "THE WOMEN  
OF THE HAGADDAH—LESSONS FOR US"  
- RABBI DR RAPHAEL ZARUM**

**10.50 AM-11.45AM: "THE FOUR  
SONS - WHAT CAN THEY TEACH US  
ABOUT RAISING CHILDREN AND  
GRANDCHILDREN?" - MAUREEN  
KENDLER**

### **TRACK 2**

**10.00AM—11.45AM:  
COOKERY DEMONSTRATION  
FOOD FOR PESACH  
WITH REBBETZEN ZELDA VOGEL**

**11.45AM : COFFEE BREAK**

**12.00PM : FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS OF TRACKS 1 AND 2  
CHALLENGING ISSUES:  
PANEL DISCUSSION TO INCLUDE TOPICS SUCH AS:  
Female leadership, Conversion,  
Same-sex marriage, Agunot, Faith schools, etc.**

**1.00PM : CLOSE**

## **WHEN**

**SUNDAY 26 MARCH**

## **WHERE**

**Ealing Synagogue  
15 Grange Road,  
London W5 5QN**

## **TICKETS**

**£15.00 PER PERSON**

### **Book Online at:**

[https://myus.theus.org.uk/  
events/32693/judaism-in-the-  
21st-century-contemporary-  
challenges/](https://myus.theus.org.uk/events/32693/judaism-in-the-21st-century-contemporary-challenges/)

**Please specify which sessions  
you would like to attend**

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