



Times of Services 2017

Friday 27 January
Shabbat begins: 4.26 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.30 pm

Shabbat 28 January
Rosh Chodesh Shevat
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Haftarah: Ivor Gertler
Mincha after Kiddush
Shabbat ends: 5.33 pm

Sunday 29 January
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 3 February
Shabbat begins: 4.38 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.45 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.
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Ealing Synagogue

שבת שלום

Friday 27 January 2017/Shabbat I Shevat 5777
Sidra: Vaeira



FRIDAY 27 JANUARY HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

There will be a Holocaust Memorial Day service at Ealing Town Hall to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on Friday 27 January at 10.00am. The event will take place in the Nelson Room in Ealing Town Hall.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by telephone: 0208 825 8630 or by email: mayor@ealing.gov.uk.

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust has produced very short film for Holocaust Memorial Day 2017. Click on the following link to watch:

<http://hmd.org.uk/news/we-launch-our-film-hmd-2017>

SHABBAT 28 JANUARY ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH

Ray and Marianne Temple have pleasure in inviting the Ealing community to Kiddush to celebrate Ray's 70th birthday. Please join us in wishing Ray many happy returns.

Leslie Sommer will be giving a D'var Torah.

HELP THE HOMELESS

Ella Marks would like to thank everyone who donated items for Ealing Green Church's Night Shelter. It was all very much appreciated.

TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY AJR MEETING

The next meeting of Ealing AJR will be on Tuesday 7 February at 2.00pm. This month's talk will be about "The History of Opera" by Frances Long. Everyone is welcome. £1.50 to cover refreshments.

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

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VA'EIRA

1st Shevat 5777

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 6, verse 2 -13

- ✚ Hashem explains to Moshe that he is the God of his forefathers and is tormented by B'nai Yisrael's cries of despair.
- ✚ Hashem sends Moshe out to speak to the Jewish people, stating that they are now Hashem's chosen nation and he will personally with an outstretched arm put an end to their oppression and slavery in Mitzraim and, lead them to the land of Israel.
- ✚ Moshe argued that the people were suffering so much, they'll refuse to listen or believe him, so Hashem appointed Aron to go with him.

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 6, verses 14- 28

- ✚ The heads of B'nai Yisrael houses, starting with Reuven are listed here.
- ✚ These are the elders who Moshe and Aron relayed Hashem's message to before embarking to relay Hashem's intentions to Pharaoh.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Chapter 6, verse 29 - Chapter 7, verse 7

- ✚ Hashem tells Moshe that when Aron and Moshe stand before Pharaoh demanding the release of B'nai Yisrael, Hashem will harden his heart in order to bring forth a number of Plagues upon the whole land of Mitzraim.
- ✚ Moshe is eighty years old and Aron is eighty three when they both enter Pharaoh's palace to speak with him on B'nai Yisrael's behalf.

R'VI' - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 7, verse 8 - Chapter 8, verse 6

- ✚ Pharaoh demands proof of Hashem's power, so Aron threw his staff to the ground and it became a serpent. Pharaoh then summons his magicians to repeat the trick but when they did Aron's staff swallowed them all up. Pharaoh dismisses this as proof of Hashem's power and refuses to admit defeat.
- ✚ Moshe warns Pharaoh if he does not comply, Hashem will turn all the water in Mitzraim into blood.
- ✚ After Pharaoh's refusal, Aron lifted up his staff over all the rivers and streams and immediately all the water did indeed turn to blood, killing all the fish making it impossible to drink for seven whole days.
- ✚ Aron points his staff once more over the rivers and lakes. This time frogs emerged from the water covering the whole land. Pharaoh agrees to let the Jewish nation go if the plague stops.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 8, verses 7 - 18

- ✚ Moshe prays and all the frogs die. However pharaoh stands his ground and refuses once again to let them leave.
- ✚ Next Aron strikes the sand with his staff, all the sand across the land suddenly transformed into lice. Goshen was the exception because Hashem's people dwelt there.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 8, verse 19 – Chapter 9, verse 16

- ✚ Three more plagues strike Mitzraim (Wild beast attacks, Pestilence, and Boils; yet after each one Pharaoh stood his ground and kept saying no.
- ✚ Although Pharaoh's magicians admitted it was the finger of Hashem that was causing the plagues, Pharaoh Remains obstinate and still denies to let the Jewish nation go.

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 9, verses 17 - 35

- ✚ A hail storm combined with fire came next destroying everything in its path.
- ✚ This time Pharaoh himself admits defeat and tells Moshe and Aron that he has indeed wronged B'nai Yisrael.
- ✚ He implores for Moshe and Aron to pray on his behalf to end the plagues.
- ✚ Moshe complied but as soon as the hail stopped falling, Just as Hashem predicted, Pharaoh hardened his heart once again and refused B'nai Yisrael to leave.

Maftir – ROSH CHODESH, Bamidbar, Chapter 28 Verses 9 – 15

- ✦ The Korbonos (Sacrifices) which are required to be offered up to Hashem on Rosh Chodesh during the times when the Mishkan and the Beis Hamikdash stood are discussed here.

Haftorah – Yishayah (Isaiah), Chapter 66, Verses 1 – 24

- ✦ Yishayah describes the ultimate downfall of all our enemies during the war of Gog and Magog. The Navi forewarns that insincere expressions of devotion are synonymous to those who offer up blemished korbonos (sacrifices) to Hashem for because of this lack of sincerity and devotion, will be ultimately punished for it.
- ✦ Nevertheless, Yishayah's message, those who truly mourn for the absence of the Bais Hamikdash will merit and rejoice in its future redemption and reconstruction and will once again be able to witness the Rosh Chodesh offering and service, and fully participate in expressing their devotion and commitment to Hashem.

SNAPSHOT GUIDE THROUGH THE SIDDER: Pesukei D'Zimrah - Ashrei (introduction)

- ✦ The One of the best known Tehilim that we recite at least three times every day during davvening is the 'Ashrei Prayer'. (Tehilim number 145. It takes the form of an alphabetical Hebrew acrostic praising Hashem.
- ✦ Those of us who are observant to notice; there is in fact one letter missing from the acrostic. The letter נ (Nun). Our sages suggest that Dovid Hamelech omitted that letter because it begins the root נפל "to fall," and its use would therefore remind us, the worshiper of the "falling" destruction of the two Temples in Jerusalem and the subsequent exiles of the Jewish people.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

This week's Parsha begins the narration of the ten plagues that Hashem unleashed on the land of Mitzraim to convince Pharaoh to free the Israelite slaves from their bondage and oppression. What was the meaning and purpose of the plagues and why did it need ten of them?

The plagues were a powerful reminder: to show the Israelites that Hashem never reneges on his promises and to show Pharaoh and the Egyptians that their deities are weak and are powerless to do anything to thwart them. When Moses approached Pharaoh, demanding that he let the people go, Pharaoh responded in defiance saying, "I'm familiar with lots of G-d's who swear their protection and allegiance to me. But Who is this Lord of yours, that I should obey his commands, I'm not even aware of his existence."

In order to educate Pharaoh, Hashem answered the question definitively, by sending wave after wave of epidemics throughout the land of Mitzraim demonstrating the awesomeness and power Hashem possesses, letting pharaoh know that He's running and ruling the world; not him.

Each plague that struck Pharaoh and the Egyptians had a direct correlation to one of the false deities they worshiped. They revered the Nile, so it was turned to blood. The water became unsustainable for frogs (their symbol of fertility) so they took over the land and their death became an unclean stench in every home. As a consequence, insects abounded and brought pestilence to their livestock and ailments to themselves. In a land that rarely saw rain, Hashem thundered down hail and fire from the sky before sending down locusts to devour what plant life and vegetation remained; before the final showdown between one of the Egyptian's most powerful deities. 'Ra' the sun g-d (whom Pharaoh himself. Was seen as the incarnation of) and the Plague of Darkness. Culminating in Hashem's divine retribution and judgment. 'The killing of the firstborn'.

Even though Hashem could have, He didn't wipe out Pharaoh and his court with one inexplicable strike but took the time to demonstrate His awesome power and authority over all of his creation and in his mercy provide Pharaoh several opportunities to set aside his pretense of divinity and choose the one true G-d, to worship. Hashem but unfortunately he wouldn't listen and payed the ultimate price. By the time the Israelites left Mitzraim, the Egyptians, had a clear picture of Hashem's power but still refused to believe and follow in his footsteps. Sadly, many of us today, see with our very own eyes on what is happening around us and around the world and still ignore the warning signs. That the fate which befell the Egyptians could easily re-occur again. Every day we see the evidence all around us that Hashem is willing us on to believe acknowledge Hashem's existence, and to worship him. Therefore, we as a Hashem-fearing nation have a duty to go out and educate the society we live in the true path we all should follow in order that Hashem will deliver us all out of Golus (Exile) with the coming of the Moshiach.



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**EALING SYNAGOGUE
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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**TRACK 2**

**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**

**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

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£15.00 PER PERSON

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

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