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If you would like to make a Kiddush or book the synagogue hall for a function, please contact the Synagogue office.

In the event of a bereavement, in the first instance please contact the Burial Office—020 8950 7767. If you wish to speak to Rabbi Hershi Vogel, please contact him on 07970 829758; Brian Robinson: 020 8567 6558; Neil Shestopal: 020 8579 5099

Ealing Synagogue Newsletter



שבת שלום

Friday 11 April 2014/Shabbat 11 Nissan 5774

Sidra: [Acharei Mot](#)

Times of Services

Friday 11 April 2014
Shabbat begins: 7.36 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

Shabbat 12 April 2014
Shabbat HaGadol
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Kiddush
Shabbat ends: 8.41 pm

Sunday 13 April 2014
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 18 April 2014
Shabbat begins: 7.48 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

US WOMEN'S DINNER MONDAY 19 MAY 2014

The US Women Annual Dinner will be held on 19 May 2014 at the Kinloss Suite. The guest speaker is Zahava Taub, wife of the Israeli Ambassador Daniel Taub. Reception is at 7.15 pm and dinner at 7.45 pm. Ealing Synagogue would like to make up a table and we have five people who have expressed an interest so far. If you would like to come along, please send a cheque made payable to "US Women" to Marianne Temple as soon as possible. Tickets are £30.00 per person and Ealing Synagogue has agreed to pay half.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that US head offices will be closing for Pesach on Friday 11th April at 3pm and re-opening again on Wednesday 23rd April. The centre will also be closed on Sunday 13th April.

EALING SYNAGOGUE WEBSITE

All systems are go! Ealing Synagogue's website address is now live: www.ealingsynagogue.org.uk (not www.ealingsynagogue.com as mentioned in the magazine). This is a work-in-progress and we appreciate there will be some teething problems. Our thanks to Jonny Leigh for his time and help with the website.

Ealing Synagogue Library

All the books in the Library are available to borrow. Please sign your name and book details in the Register. If you have any books that you would like to donate to the Library, please call Michael Jacobs—020 8998 7932. Please do not leave them at the shul.

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA
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ACHAREI MOT

12th Nissan 5774

Kohen - First Aliya:

Chapter 16, verses 1 - 17

- After the death of Nadav and Avihu, Hashem tells Moshe to instruct Aaron about the four special white garments he must wear only for Yom Kippur and the duties he must perform on that day.
- Firstly Aaron has to offer up one bull as a Korban Hatat (Sin offering) and one Ram as a Korban Olah (Burnt offering).
- Next he must take from the nation and offer up, two male goats as a Korban Hatat and a ram for a Korban Olah. These sacrifices will atone for all the aveiros (sins), committed in the past year by Aaron himself, his family and the entire nation.

Levi - Second Aliya:

Chapter 16, verses 18 - 24

- Aaron is then instructed to bring two goats to the entrance of the Ohel Moed where he would draw lots. On one lot, the words 'For Hashem' are written, meaning that if drawn, the first goat is to be sacrificed as a Korban Hatat. The other lot contain the words 'For Azazel' meaning that if chosen, this goat will provide atonement for the people and is escorted out of the camp and into the desert to die of natural causes.
- Once all the Korbonos (sacrifices) are completed, Aaron is to collect the hot coals from the Mizbayah (altar) along with some incense and enter the holy of holies with them. Aaron then places the incense on to the coals so that it engulfs the Aron (ark) with incense smoke. Ending the Yom Kippur service.

Sh'i'shi - Third Aliya:

Chapter 16, verses 25 - 34

- Yom Kippur is to be observed each year on the 10th of Tishrei even if it happens to fall on a Shabbat.
- To be able to concentrate fully on seeking atonement from Hashem and to be able to purify oneself of aveiros, everyone must abstain from doing any work and afflict themselves by fasting.

R'V'i - Fourth Aliya:

Chapter 17, verses 1 - 6

- Hashem tells Moshe, to inform Aaron, his sons and all of Bnai Yisrael that it is totally forbidden to offer up sacrifices to other deities as Hashem himself is the one and only true G-d.
- Hashem sets an eternal decree that apart from the Mishkan and the future Beis Hamikdash (Temple). No one is allowed to offer up any Korbonos, however much they desire to do so.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya:

Chapter 17, verse - Chapter 18, verse 5

- As Blood is the major life-force of all living flesh and is used solely as a means of atonement; we are warned that anyone found drinking it, will be personally punished by Hashem himself.
- If anyone traps a kosher animal or bird, they must drain the blood onto the ground and cover it. If the animal has been hunted down and killed or has died of natural causes, it is now classed as forbidden and should not be consumed.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya:

Chapter 18, verses 6 - 21

- A list of prohibited sexual relationships, including adultery, incest and co-habiting with a menstruating female, etc. are discussed here.

Sh'v'i - Seventh Aliya:

Chapter 18, verses 22 - 30

- ✦ Anyone found engaging in the above forbidden relationships including the prohibitions against homosexuality and bestiality will be expelled from the land of Israel because it is a 'Holy Land' and cannot tolerate any immoral behaviour.

Haftorah – SHABBAT HA GADOL: MALACHI, Chapter 3 verses 4 - 24

OVERVIEW:

- ✦ Malachi proclaims to the nation that the ultimate redemption awaits.
- ✦ He condemns the people for neglecting to pay their tithes to the Kohanim and Levi'im; expressing to them that had they honoured their obligations, Hashem would shower his blessings over them and the land of Israel would always yield abundant crops.
- ✦ Malachi finishes off his prophesy by saying the time will come when the evil and the arrogant will be destroyed and the patience of the righteous will prevail and ultimately be rewarded.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✦ The relationship of the Haftorah to this week is because it is the Shabbos before Pesach. Just as the nation was redeemed from Mitzraim over 3300 years ago, so too, Eliyahu Hanavi's imminent arrival will herald the coming of Moshiach.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

This week we celebrate Shabbat Ha Gadol (The Great Sabbath). What is it that makes this Shabbat especially big or great compared to our regular Shabbat?

Is it because this is the last Shabbat we can enjoy eating our soft tasty challah before dry, hard Matzor will be gracing our Shabbat Table next week, due to the fact we are celebrating the festival of Pesach. Possibly, to some people; but the real reason is, we are commemorating the fact, that it was our ancestors final Shabbat spent in Mitzraim (Egypt), before their redemption.

In fact to compound the reason further, this was the day, 10th Nissan when Bnai Yisrael chose the lambs to be prepared and offered for the Korban Pesach (Passover sacrifice), defying Mitzraim as the Lamb was considered to be one of their Gods and what was more miraculous the Egyptians were powerless to stop them.

Naturally the upshot was that for Bnai Yisrael to openly treat their former masters' god with such contempt took tremendous courage. Proving that they had put their complete faith and trust in Hashem, in order to keep them from being killed for their treacherous acts. Keeping this so called god tied to a bed-post for four days was a continuous challenge to Mitzraim; it demanded far more dedication than a single impetuous act of bravery in a moment of excitement.

Although Shabbat Ha Gadol commemorates the miracles and wonders which occurred on that day, other events which also took place on the tenth of Nissan are forever associated with Shabbat Ha Gadol and should be remembered also to mark the occasion.

After thirty nine years in the desert the virtuous Miriam died on the 10th Nissan depriving Israel of one of the three benefactors who helped sustain Bnai Yisrael during their time in the Midbar (desert). Moshe and Aaron being the other two. A year later, the 10th of Nissan was again marked by a significant event. However, this time it was a joyous one. Joshua led the people across the river Jordan into the land of Israel for the first time as a Jewish Nation. The waters rose up as if they were a wall and as our ancestors emerged from the Jordan River to take possession of the Chosen Land, they trod for the first time on Israel's sacred soil.

Our sages teach us that if all of Am Yisrael (The People of Israel) fully observe just two Shabbats we will merit in the Navi's Malachi prophesy coming into fruition. The first is this Shabbat 'Shabbat Ha Gadol' which contains within it the secret of our redemption. The other Shabbat is the one which falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, which teaches man how to return back to Hashem.

If we can make a start today by mastering both of these important Shabbatim then with Hashem's help we will be able to merit our true redemption speedily in our days.

Compiled, Designed & Written by Jeremy Symons

PESACH 2014/5774 : TIMES OF SERVICES

Friday 11 April	Shabbat begins	7.36 pm
	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	7.15 pm
Shabbat 12 April—Shabbat HaGadol	Shacharit	9.30 am
	Kiddush	
	Shabbat terminates	8.41 pm
Sunday 13 April	Shacharit	8.40 am
	Rabbi Vogel will be available in the synagogue for the sale of Chametz	Until 10.00 am
Monday 14 April —Fast of the First	Shacharit followed by Siyyum	8.15 am
	Latest time for eating Chametz	10.05 am
	Latest time for burning Chametz	11.33 am
	Yom Tov Begins	7.40 pm
Tuesday 15 April —1st Day Pesach	Shacharit	9.30 am
	Mincha/Maariv to be said at home	
	Candle lighting	8.51 pm
Wednesday 16 April—2nd Day	Shacharit	9.30 am
	Mincha/Maariv to be said at home	
	Yom Tov ends	8.53 pm
Friday 18 April	Shabbat begins	7.46 pm
	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	7.15 pm
Shabbat 19 April	Shacharit	9.30 am
	Shabbat ends	8.59 pm
Sunday 20 April—Erev Yom Tov	Shacharit	8.15 am
	Mincha/Maariv	7.15 pm
	7th Day Yom Tov begins	7.50 pm
Monday 21 April—7th Day Pesach	Shacharit	9.30 am
	Mincha/Maariv	7.15 pm
	Candle lighting	9.03 pm
Tuesday 22 April—8th Day Pesach	Shacharit (includes Yizkor)	9.30 am
	Mincha/Maariv	8.05 pm
	Pesach ends	9.05 pm



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CHIEF RABBI'S PESACH MESSAGE 5774

Pesach is celebrated during the month of Nissan. A notable feature of our liturgy during this month is the omission of tachanun, the prayers of confession and supplication in our weekday services. In these prayers, we focus on our shortcomings and ask God to forgive us. *Tachanun* is omitted during Nissan on account of the joyous nature of the month.

Should this not be the case (the *halacha*) for the preceding month of Adar? After all, is it not concerning Adar alone that our Sages teach "With the commencement of Adar, our joy increases"?

Our Sages explain that when the *Mishkan* (Sanctuary) was erected in the wilderness, it was dedicated on *Rosh Chodesh*, the first day of Nissan. During the first twelve days of the month, the princes of the tribes brought sacrifices and each of these days was celebrated as a Yom Tov by the tribes. As a result, to this day, these twelve days have a festive flavour to them. Just a few days later Pesach commences. For the majority of the month we enjoy a festive spirit and so we do not recite *tachanun* throughout the month of Nissan.

In his commentary on the Talmud (Ta'anit 28a) which deals with the joyous nature of the month of Adar, Rashi states that with the commencement of Adar our happiness increases through our celebration of Purim and Pesach.

Rashi understands that Adar begins a process which continues beyond the month itself. Our happiness gathers momentum and therefore the joy of Nissan supercedes that of Adar.

Organisers of moving and inspiring events are always concerned with follow-up and impact. A spectacular occasion may be great on the day, but if it is only a

'one day wonder', with no added commitment by the participants, it is likely to be a wasted opportunity.

In our tradition, nothing is reserved exclusively for one day alone. Even a festival that lasts a day is a catalyst for further engagement. Shavuot, for example, inspires us to have a Season of the Giving of the Torah on every day of the year. Similarly, following Yom Kippur, our Day of Atonement, we have an opportunity to repent throughout the year.

So too with regard to happiness (*simcha*). The *simcha* of Adar is only of true value if it enables us to find the key to ongoing joy and fulfilment. How apt, therefore, that the month of Nissan which follows Adar is one of continuous *simcha*.

During my first six months as Chief Rabbi I have had the privilege to witness, at close hand, the impressive vitality of our communities throughout the UK; in Synagogues, in schools, in our communal organisations and on campuses. Let us ensure that we continually seek maximum impact and lasting effect in all that we do across our communities. We must set our expectations high and settle for nothing less. It is only through our collective efforts as individuals and as communities that we can be inspired and inspire others, that we can be engaged and engage others.

As we celebrate Pesach this year, may we be blessed with increased happiness, fulfilment and success.

Valerie and our family join me in wishing you all a *Chag kasher vesameach*.

Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis



CST, here for you.

CST is the Community Security Trust, a charity that provides security for Jewish communities throughout Britain and supports victims of antisemitism.

CST ensures that we can lead the Jewish life of our choice, with safety and confidence. CST is part and parcel of our communities, drawing upon a proud tradition of British Jewish self-defence.

CST comes from within our Jewish community and depends upon the community for everything that it does: for its volunteers, for its charitable finances and, indeed, for being permitted to operate. So, we need you to play your part.

It is a sad fact that in Britain today, there are those who would seek to harm our communities. We may get used to the regularity of people being arrested for terrorism, but when an attack actually succeeds, the shocking reality strikes us all.

It is CST's job to ensure that British Jews are protected from such hatred and extremism, but this requires a real partnership between CST, local communities and synagogues, and Police.

We are extremely fortunate that this partnership is in place and has been for many years now.

Of course, for most of us, most of the time, issues such as antisemitism and terrorism could not be further from our thoughts. We want to keep it that way, which is why the Police, CST and communal leadership work closely together to ensure that the community has the protection that it needs.

CST is also available, 24 hours a day, for those of us who are unfortunate enough to suffer, or witness, antisemitism. We support victims and work closely with Police to investigate antisemitic hate crimes and support the prosecutions of offenders.

CST can only be as strong as the communities we serve and we rely on you to be able to do our work. You can play your part by joining one of our security teams, by helping to fund our work and by simply cooperating with our local representatives. Finally, if you do see something suspicious or antisemitic, please ensure that you report it immediately to CST and Police. We are both there for you.



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Dear Colleague

Steve Pack and Marc Meyer have asked me to email you in connection with the online member survey now taking place as a key part of the US Strategic Review. We are very keen that as many people as possible participate from every part of our membership and from every local community.

You may have seen the publicity we have produced for shul noticeboards in addition to adverts in the Jewish press and flyers in shops and restaurants. We have had a good initial response, but we really need more people to complete the survey. To help us get responses from the widest possible range of communities, please could you email the following message to your members as well as continuing to include it in your newsletter and announcements. If you could send the email from yourself, as local Shul Administrator, this will help reinforce the message that the perspective of every single local community is important.

Thank you

Kind regards

Danielle Fox

Acting PA to the President

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Have your say! – Online US Member Survey

This past week saw the launch of The US online members' survey. This is your opportunity to say what you really want from your shul membership; what you like as well as what you don't. If there's something you really like (or dislike) this is your opportunity to influence the issues that you care about. It is really important that our shul is fully represented so please do take the time to have your say.

The survey is completely confidential so look out for your unique link to the survey in your inbox and say what you really think! (If you've yet to receive the survey, please do check in your junk-mail box otherwise email survey@theus.org.uk with your name, shul and postcode.)

As part of the survey you can enter a free prize draw to win either a £500 reduction in your shul membership or up to £500 for a meal at a KLBD kosher restaurant of your choice with ten of your friends.

DELEGATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

I, the undersigned, fully empower and authorize Rabbi H Vogel to act in my place and stead, and on my behalf, to sell all Chametz possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic laws (e.g. Chametz, doubt or suspicion of Chametz and all Chametz mixtures). Also Chametz that is unfit for human food and that tends to adhere to a surface of the inside of pans, pots or cooking utensils, and all kinds of live animals or birds that eat Chametz or mixture thereof. And to lease all places wherein the Chametz owned by me may be stored or found, especially in the premises specified below, and elsewhere, up to and including Monday, 14 Nissan 5774 /14th April 2014, at 11.52 am BST. Rabbi H Vogel has the full right to sell and to lease by transactions as he deems fit and proper and for such time he believes necessary, in accordance with all the detailed terms and forms, as explained in the general Contract of Sale, which will be signed on the instruction of Rabbi H Vogel. This authorization is made part of that contract. Also, I do hereby give the said Rabbi H Vogel full power and authority to appoint a proxy in his place, with the full power to sell and to lease as provided herein. The above given power is in conformity with all the Torah, Rabbinical regulations and laws, and also in accordance with the laws of the Country. And to this I hereby affix my signature.

On this day of the month of in the year 2014/5774

- > This form must be returned by Thursday 10th April 2014 latest. No responsibility will be accepted for forms received later.
- > For those spending Pesach eastwards, e.g. in Eretz Yisrael, Chametz should be sold earlier. If intending to do so, please tick this box: ☐
- > This service is provided without charge. Any monies enclosed will help go towards the pre-Pesach appeal.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

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