



Times of Services

Friday 15 August 2014
Shabbat begins: 8.09 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

Shabbat 16 August 2014
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Kiddush kindly sponsored
by Dorothy Kochan
Haftarah: Neil Shestopal
Shabbat ends: 9.13 pm

Sunday 17 August 2014
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 23 August 2014
Shabbat begins: 7.55 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm



Ealing Synagogue Newsletter

שבת שלום

Friday 15 August 2014/Shabbat 20 Av 5774

Sidra: **Ekev**

SHABBAT 16 AUGUST KIDDUSH

Dorothy Kochan has pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush in honour of her daughter and granddaughters from America being with her in Ealing.

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER "BLOW YOUR OWN SHOFAR"

"Blow Your Own Shofar" is intended to be a fun (and noisy) event (not be confused with Purim) after Shacharit with breakfast provided for all participants.

Shacharit will be at 8.40 am and breakfast will follow at 9.30 am. The session will be for up to one hour from about 10.00 am. The event will be conducted by Michael Mars and is designed to instruct everyone in how to blow the shofar. Those who have their own shofars are asked to bring them. Michael will be bringing only(!) 13 of his own so there will be enough for everyone to take an active part!

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2014 FASHION SHOW AND TEA

Ladies! Buy a new outfit for Rosh Hashannah. Tickets are now available. Please contact Marianne Temple and/or email esevents@btinternet.com. Payment can be made by cheque payable to the "United Synagogue". Alternatively, you can pay online at: <https://myus.theus.org.uk/events/8406/fashion-show-and-tea/>. Please RSVP by Friday 29th August at the latest.

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 let us know. Brian Robinson would be delighted to help with any preparation or revision that would be needed. Please contact him directly—Brian: 020 8567 6558.

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

Israeli Dancing!



Every Tuesday evening at 8.00 pm at Ealing Synagogue. All welcome. No charge.

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
Neil Shestopal: 020 8579 5099

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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16th August 2014

EKEV

20th AV 5774

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 7, verse 12 - Chapter 8, verse 10

- ✦ Moshe informs Bnai Yisrael that in exchange for observing the Torah, Hashem will shower them with an abundance of blessings including defeating their enemies and conquering the land of Israel.
- ✦ Moshe reminds his people about all the miracles that Hashem performed for them during their time in the midbar (desert): providing and sustaining them with mahn (manna), how the clothes they wore never wore out and that their feet never blistered or swelled, etc.
- ✦ Moses then describes many of the wonderful features of the Land of Israel, and teaches Bnai Yisrael the law of reciting Birkat HaMazon (Grace after Meals) after they've eaten and become sated.

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 8, verse 11 – Chapter 9, verse 3

- ✦ Moshe warns the people, once they conquer and start living in the Promised Land and things are going well, they should not forget it was Hashem who was behind their good fortune because by doing so would lead to their downfall.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Chapter 9, verses 4 - 29

- ✦ Moshe emphasizes the point that it was not due to their own virtues but rather, in the merit of their forefathers which enabled them entry into the land of Israel.
- ✦ Moshe relates how they kept provoking Hashem from the day they left Mitzraim until their arrival on Israel's borders.
- ✦ Moshe recounts how, after descending Mount Sinai and witnessing the Heter Eigel (Golden Calf) for himself, he had no choice but to smash the two Luchot (tablets of stone) in order to prevent Hashem from destroying everyone who was involved, (including Moshe's brother Aaron) completely.

R'Vi - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 10, verses 1 - 11

- ✦ Moshe continues on how Hashem then commanded him to ascend the mountain once more to carve out for himself a new set of Luchot depicting the Ten Statements (Ten Commandments) and to build a wooden ark to store both the broken fragments of the first set together with the new tablets inside.
- ✦ Hashem also designated the Levites to be His holy servants, because of the devotion they demonstrated throughout the Heter Eigel incident.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 10, verse 12 - Chapter 11, verse 9

- ✦ Moshe informs Bnai Yisrael of what Hashem expects from each one of them: 'To fear, love and worship him with their hearts and souls, observing the Torah and following in Hashem's footsteps by performing Mitzvahs.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 11, verses 10 – 21 and

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 11, verses 22 - 25

- ✦ The second Paragraph of the Shema is recited here. Its main focus is since the land of Israel is dependent on Hashem providing it with rain. It's important to heed to Hashem's word and serve him correctly in order that Hashem will send the right amount of rain required in its proper season.
- ✦ If, however, the people turn their backs on him and worship other gods then Hashem will become angry and the rain would desist.
- ✦ In order to bring the importance of Hashem's word home, the second paragraph re-emphasises the same points as the first; teaching the Torah to our children, and the commandment of putting up Mezuzahs on the door posts of our homes.

HaftTorah – YISHAYAH (ISAIAH) Chapter 49 verse 14 to Chapter 51 verse 3

OVERVIEW:

- ✿ The Jewish nation expresses their concern that Hashem has abandoned them whilst they are all living in Galut (exile).
- ✿ Hashem reassures them that it is not so, comparing His love and mercy for His people to that of a mother who cares and cherishes her children, and even greater than that, too.
- ✿ Yishayah devotedly defines the ingathering of the exiles which will occur with the Messiah's arrival and just how Avraham and Sarah were blessed with a child when they had all but given up hope, so too, Hashem will send them the Moshiach.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✿ This is the second of the seven prophecies of comfort read between the ninth of Av and Rosh Hashanah.
- ✿ Just like Moshe reminds Bnai Yisrael in this week's sidra, the Haftorah, relates how Hashem reminds the people of their rebellious behavior that brought about their golus and suffering and how Yishayah guarantees that a new and improved Bnai Yisrael will emerge and will soon be reunited with the land of Israel, turning its devastation to paradise.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION: The meaning and purpose of reciting Birkat haMazon.

One of the most important prayers in Judaism is never recited during any of the synagogue services and as I mentioned last week, it is a prayer written in the Torah by Hashem, commanding us that when we eat and are satisfied, we must bless the lord our G-d for providing us with our meal. That prayer is Birkat HaMazon (Grace after Meals).

Reciting Birkat HaMazon is commonly referred to as bentsching, from the Yiddish word meaning "to bless." Although the word "bentsch" can refer to the recitation of any beracha. It is almost always used to refer to reciting Birkat HaMazon. Birkat HaMazon actually consists of four blessings, three of which were compiled together around the time of Ezra and the Great Assembly and a fourth which was added after the destruction of the Temple. These blessings are:

1/ Birkat Hazan (the blessing for providing food). This was composed by Moshe when the Manna came down from Shamayim (heaven) in the desert in order to thank Hashem for providing food to the world,

2/ Birkat Ha-Aretz (the blessing for the land). Written by Yehoshua (Joshua) Joshua, when the Children of Israel ate from the first harvest after entering the Holy Land of Israel. This blessing thanks Hashem for bringing us forth from the land of Egypt, for making His covenant with us, and for giving us the land of Israel as an inheritance,

3/ Birkat Yerushalayim (the blessing for Jerusalem), authored by David and Shlomo (Solomon) Ha Melech, prays for the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the coming of the Moshiach.

4/ Birkat Hatov v'Hamaytiv (the blessing for being good and doing well). This was added by our sages after the destruction of the Temple, although the beracha existed before that time. It emphasizes the goodness of Hashem work and that he is good and he will always do good!

Since we owe everything we have to Hashem's grace, it is appropriate to thank him and be grateful for everything he provides for us on a daily basis. I believe 'Meal times' provide a good time to pause and to do just that.

May Hashem provide the entire world with plenty of food and water to drink and continue nourishing us with his goodness, and compassion. Amen



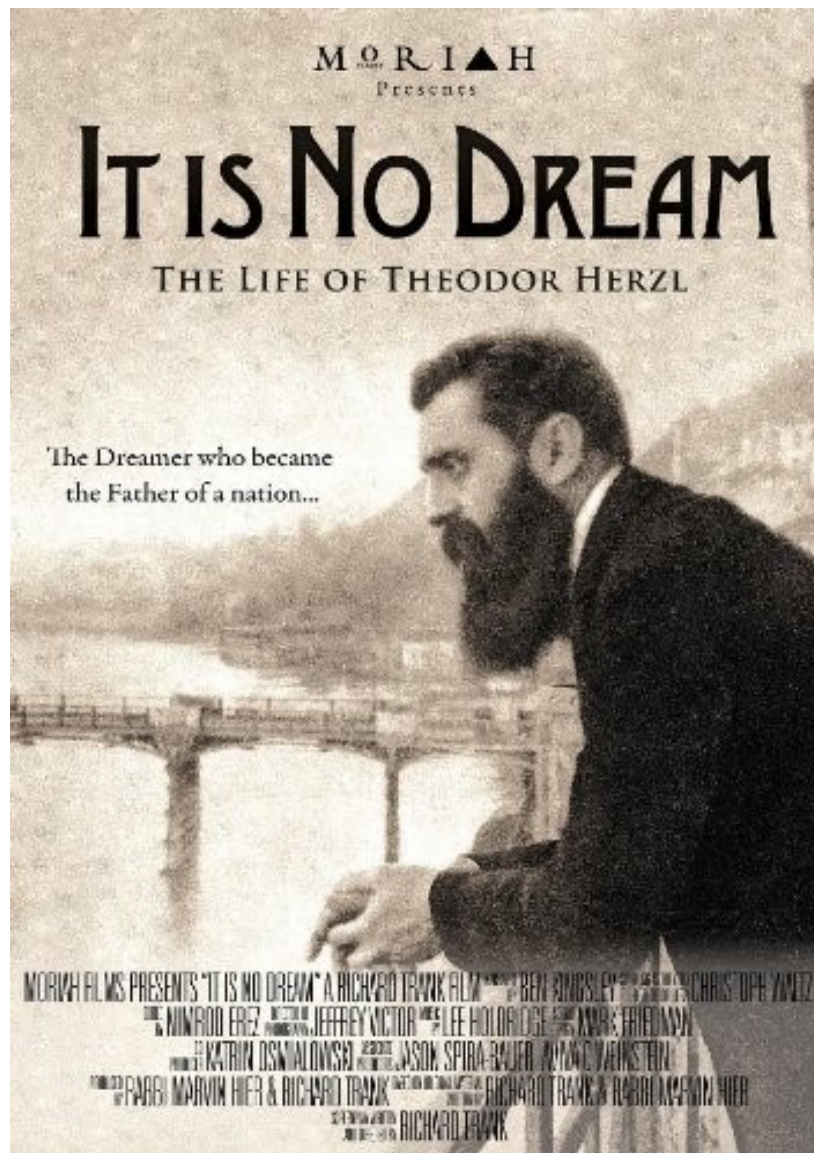
Compiled, Designed & Written by Jeremy Symons

**WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2014 : 7.30 PM PROMPT
FILM PRESENTATION**

“It is No Dream—The Life of Theodor Herzl”

Narrated by Sir Ben Kingsley

Christoph Waltz as the voice of Theodor Herzl



“It Is No Dream: The Life of Theodor Herzl” explores the life and times of Theodor Herzl, father of the modern State of Israel. The film examines how Herzl, a well-known journalist and playwright, an assimilated, Budapest-born Jew, horrified by the Dreyfus trial in Paris and the anti-Semitism he saw spreading across Europe, took upon himself the task of attempting to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine against all odds. Over the span of eight years, Herzl organized and led a worldwide political movement that within fifty years led to the establishment of the State of Israel. The film follows Herzl as he meets with Kings, Prime Ministers, Ambassadors, a Sultan, a Pope and government ministers from Constantinople to St. Petersburg, from Paris to Berlin, from Vienna to Vilna in his quest to build a Jewish nation.

Our thanks to Guy Ornadel for initiating and organising the showing of this film.

Suggested donation: £5.00. Refreshments will be provided. For catering purposes, please advise Marianne Temple if you would like to come to this special screening.



Rosh Hashannah 2014/5775 "The New Ealing Review"

This year is Ealing Synagogue's 95th birthday and we are hoping to produce a bumper edition of the magazine to mark this occasion. If you would like to donate a page in the magazine, advertise an event or business, or simply insert New Year greetings and/or any other message, please complete the form below and return it to Marianne Temple. Thank you for your support.

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Quarter Page	☐	£50.00	Box	☐	£25.00

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EALING SYNAGOGUE
FASHION SHOW AND HIGH TEA
SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

SUZANNE § BETTLEY james lakeland



Doors open at 3.30 pm Tea served at 4.00 pm

Fashion Show at 5.00 pm

Raffle

Opportunity to buy clothes, hats and accessories after the Show

Tickets: £20.00

Cheques to be made payable to "United Synagogue"

Reservations must be made in advance.

Contact:- Marianne Temple

Tel: 020 8933 5645 : Email: esevents@btinternet.com

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