



Times of Services 2014

Friday 17 October
Shabbat begins: 5.49 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.00 pm

Shabbat 18 October
Shabbat Bereshit
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Shabbat ends: 7.03 pm

Sunday 19 October
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 24 October
Shabbat begins: 5.34 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 5.45 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 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 Michaels: 020 8579 4261.

AJR—Meets the 1st Tuesday in every month at 2.30 pm. Contact Leslie Sommer: 020 8993 7574.

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.

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Ealing Synagogue Newsletter

שבת שלום

Friday 17 October 2014/Shabbat 24 Tishri 5775
Sidra: Bereshit



HOSHANA RABBA Wednesday 15 October (Eruv Tavshilin)

Shacharit 7.30 am
Mincha/Maariv 6.00 pm
Yom Tov begins 6.00 pm

SHEMINI ATZERET Thursday 16 October

Shacharit 9.30 am
Yizkor 11.00 am
Mincha 6.15 pm
Maariv/Hakofot 7.00 pm

**EVERYONE IS INVITED
TO THE RECEPTION
IN HONOUR OF
OUR CHATANIM
AND ESHET CHAYIL**

SIMCHAT TORAH Friday 17 October

Shacharit 9.15 am
Hakofot
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat 6.00 pm
Shabbat begins 5.49 pm



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אֶשֶׁת חַיִּיל



חַיִּים בְּרַשִׁית

SHABBAT 18 OCTOBER SHABBAT BERESHIT

Mollie Phillips has pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush in celebration of her 95th birthday. Please join us in celebrating with Mollie on this landmark occasion.

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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SHABBAT 25 OCTOBER
CHIEF RABBI'S SHABBATUK



Ealing Synagogue will be having a Special Kiddush and Rebbetzen Zelda Vogel will be giving a talk. Please join us in recognising the Chief Rabbi's national Shabbat.

SHABBAT 1 NOVEMBER
CIVIC SHABBAT

To celebrate Ealing Synagogue's 95th anniversary, the Mayor of Ealing and other local dignitaries will be attending our Shabbat morning service. Everyone is invited.

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER
UJIA EALING
FUNDRAISING EVENT IN SUPPORT OF
THE JORDAN RIVER VILLAGE
GUEST SPEAKER : CHAIM TOPOL



Please see page three of this newsletter for more information about this special event. Places are limited.

Closing date: Tuesday 21 October 2014.

TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER
AJR MEETING



The Association of Jewish Refugees
SERVING HOLOCAUST REFUGEES AND SURVIVORS NATIONWIDE
www.ajr.org.uk

The next AJR meeting will be on **Tuesday 4 November**. Please contact Leslie Sommer for more information.

THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER
COMMUNITY LUNCH

Everyone is welcome to the Community Lunch. Please contact Alison Shindler-Glass if you would like to attend.



TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER
MITZVAH DAY

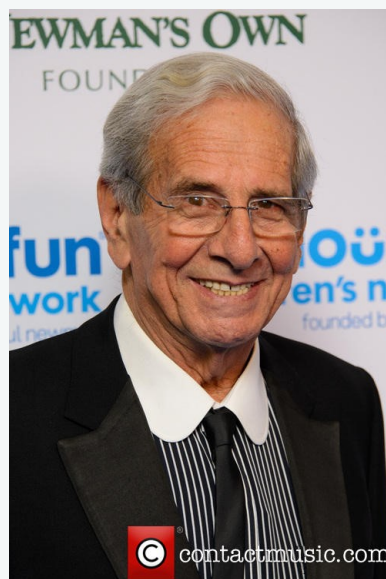
Ealing Synagogue will be hosting the residents and carers of St David's home for tea and cake. Everyone is invited. Please contact Leslie Sommer or Ella Marks.



SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2014

**UJIA EALING
FUNDRAISING EVENT IN SUPPORT OF
JORDAN RIVER VILLAGE**

GUEST SPEAKER : CHAIM TOPOL



UJIA Ealing has great pleasure in inviting you to join them for an intimate evening with Chaim Topol, to hear about his life and in particular his work with the Jordan River Village in the Galil, northern Israel. UJIA Ealing are proud to be raising funds for the Jordan River Village. JRV creates free, fun-filled, memorable and safe camping experiences, which enriches the lives of children of all ethnic and religious backgrounds in Israel, who suffer from a chronic or life-threatening illness.

For more information about the Jordan River Village, please [click here](#).

If you would like to attend this fundraising event, please [click here](#) to register. Closing date: Tuesday 21 October.

There will be an appeal. Strictly limited places.

Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA **SIMCHAT TORAH** **ISSUE 56**
17th October 2014 **V'ZOT HA'BERACHAH** **17TH Tishrei 5775**

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 33, verses 1 - 7

- ✦ Just before his death, Moshe blesses Bnai Yisrael. He recalls how Hashem had appeared to him on Mount Sinai when He offered us the Torah and how we expressed its acceptance unconditionally.
- ✦ Beginning with Reuven and Judah, Moshe blesses each tribe in turn.
- ✦ Reuven was blessed with long life in both this world and the next. Judah was blessed with many successes and victories over their enemies in battle.

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 33, verses 8 - 12

- ✦ Moshe extols the virtues of holy tribe of Levi who were the only tribe not to succumb to the temptation of building the Heter Elgel (Golden Calf).
- ✦ Moshe declares, "They will teach Hashem's Torah to the house of Israel and will be the only tribe to be allowed to place incense on the (Altar and perform all the korbanos. (Offerings to Hashem)).
- ✦ The tribe of Benjamin, is acknowledged to be Hashem's beloved and will be graced by having the Holy Temple situated in its portion of Israel.

Sh'lshli - Third Aliya: Chapter 33, verses 13 - 17

- ✦ Moses blessed the tribe of Yosef (Joseph) with a bountiful portion that will be blessed with ample rain, dew, produce, and delicacies.
- ✦ The tribe of Yosef are also blessed with an unusual ox-like strength which they would use to vanquish their enemies.

R'viti - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 33, verses 18 - 21

- ✦ Zebulun's tribe was blessed with success in all of their business endeavours and Issachar's tribe in their Torah studies.
- ✦ The tribe of Gad was blessed with the strength of a lion who can tear off the arm and head of their enemy with one blow. Gad is also praised for choosing a portion on the eastern bank of the Jordan River, opting to settle in the proximity of where Moshe was to be buried, and for leading their troops into battle in order to conquer the land of Canaan.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 33, verses 22 - 26 (Read for children pre bar/bas-mitzvah age)

- ✦ Dan's tribe, too, is blessed with the strength of a lion cub; whereas Naphtali's portion in Israel is lauded as one that "brings satisfaction to all its inhabitants, and is filled with Hashem's blessings.
- ✦ Asher is blessed with sons and along with an abundance of olive oil.
- ✦ Moshe concludes the individual blessings, and addresses the nation as a whole telling them how fortunate they are to have Hashem as their shield and their deliverer in times of trouble.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 33, verses 27 to Chapter 34, verses 1 - 12 (Portion for Chatan Torah)

- ✦ Moshe ascends Mt Nevo, Hashem shows him the land of Israel and tells him this is the land I swore to Avraham, Yitzhak and Yaacov that I would give to their descendants.
- ✦ Moshe dies on the mountain at the age of 120 years old. Hashem personally interments him in order that no-one would know his precise burial place. Bnai Yisrael mourn his passing for thirty days.
- ✦ Yehoshua (Joshua) becomes leader and the people swear to obey him.
- ✦ There will never again be a prophet like Moshe, who knew and spoke to Hashem face to face and performed such wonders in front of Bnai Yisrael, entirely out of Love. 'Chazak! Chazak! Venischazek!

Sh'viti - Seventh Aliya: Beraishis Chapter 1, verses 1 to Chapter 2, verse 3 (Portion for Chatan Beraishis)

- ✦ The creation of the world.

Maftir – Bamidbar Chapter 29, verse 35 to Chapter 30, verse 1

- ✦ The Maftir speaks about the korbanos (offerings) which were bought to the Beis Hamigdosh's on this day.

Haftorah –YEHOSHUA (JOSHUA) Chapter 1 verses 1 to 18

OVERVIEW:

- ✦ Hashem reveals Himself to Yehoshua, and officially appoints him as Moshe's successor who will be in charge to lead Bnai Yisrael into the Promised Land.
- ✦ In order to succeed in his endeavors, Hashem encourages Yehoshua to keep the torah close to him and remain brave. He assures Yehoshua that he will be always with him, just like he was during Moshe's lifetime.
- ✦ Bnai Yisrael pledge allegiance to their new leader and start making their preparations of entering and conquering the land of Israel.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✦ After reading about the death of Moshe we read in the Haftorah how his disciple Yehoshua takes the reins and embarks on his mission of leading the Jewish nation into Israel

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

Today on Simchat Torah we celebrate the fact we are about to finish off the book of Devarim, completing off the whole torah. The words Simchat Torah means 'The rejoicing of the torah' I believe it teaches us all the important lesson about on how we should embrace and immerse ourselves into the study of torah with jubilation and joy.

How do we do achieve this? The first thing we do on Simchat Torah, instead of finishing reading the book of Devarim and placing it back into the Aron (Ark), like we do every Shabbat after reading a Parsha; we instead go back to the beginning and commence reading chapter one of Beraishis straight after.

In effect we are making a declaration that we enjoy the Torah so much, we will never stop reading and learning from it.

On a personal level I too am celebrating the fact that I've completed the cycle of writing Snapshot Torah every Shabbat over the past year.

Our Rabbi's tell us a person who just stops and does not go back and review what they have previously done is compared to someone who prepares, ploughs and plants but does not harvest their crops. No matter how many times you read the torah there are always new insights that were overlooked the previous time or you find a new facet which you never saw before.

With Hashem's help I would like to continue what I started and begin again from the beginning as I feel all the time and effort I've put into this project would be wasted if I don't go back and review it again.

May I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for not only taking time out to read Snapshot Torah but for all of your kind continuous support and positive feedback you have given me over the past year. It's been my great pleasure in writing it for you.

Chazak, Chazak, Venischazeik!

BE STRONG! BE STRONG! AND LET US STRENGTHEN ONE ANOTHER!

Chag Sameach!

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

SECOND EDITION / ISSUE 1

18th October 2014

BERESHIT

24th Tishri 5775

Kohen - First Aliya: Page 1, Chapter 1, verses 1-13

- ✚ Hashem starts creating the Heaven and the Earth by uttering those famous words 'Let There Be Light'
- ✚ On the 2nd day the firmament is fixed in place by separating the water which was covering the entire earth.
- ✚ Dry Land appears on the 3rd day as grass; different types of trees and plant life are produced.

Levi - Second Aliya: Page 4, Chapter 1, verses 14-23

- ✚ On the 4th day, Hashem placed the Sun, moon and stars into the sky to distinguish the night from the day.
- ✚ The 5th day saw Fish being introduced to the oceans and seas, Insect life on the ground and the creation of Birds to fly in the sky.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Page 5, Chapter 1, verse 24- Chapter 2, verse 3

- ✚ The 6th day saw the creation of the rest of the animal kingdom.
- ✚ The final thing Hashem fashioned was an image of himself, 'Man'
- ✚ Hashem then rests on the 7th day and sanctifies it as the Sabbath.

R'Vti - Fourth Aliya: Page 8, Chapter 2, verse 4- Chapter 3, verse 21

- ✚ 'Man' who Hashem called Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden where he was given the task to name every living creature that Hashem created.
- ✚ While Adam slept, Hashem took one of his ribs and formed 'Woman' who Adam named as Chava. (Eve)
- ✚ Hashem tests both Adam and Chava to see if they would listen and comply with his command of not eating the fruit from the tree in the centre of the garden. Unfortunately due to the trickery of a serpent that convinced Chava that no harm would be done if indeed the fruit was partaken. Adam and Chava failed the trial and because of their shame and embarrassment, tried to hide themselves away but the all-knowing Hashem finds them and chastises them accordingly.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Page 16, Chapter 3, verse 22- Chapter 4, verse 26

- ✚ As punishment for eating the forbidden fruit, Hashem banishes them from the Garden of Eden.
- ✚ Kayin (Cain) and Hevel (Abel) are born.
- ✚ Kayin murders his brother Hevel because he was jealous of the fact that Hashem declined his Korbanas (sacrifice) and accepted Hevel's instead. Kayin tries to deceive Hashem, claiming that he was not his brother's keeper when questioned by Hashem of Hevel's whereabouts.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Page 21, Chapter 5, verses 1-24

- ✚ The Torah now starts going through the lineage of Adam via the descendants of Adam's and Chava's third child Shais (Seth)

Sh'viti - Seventh Aliya: Page 24, Chapter 5, verse 25- Chapter 6, verse 8

- ✚ Noach (Noah is born) and later has three sons Shem, Ham and Japheth.
- ✚ Immorality and violence is now rife amongst all the men and women at this time and Hashem is beginning to regret having created the human race and decides to wipe them out completely.
- ✚ Hashem finds favour and grace with Noach and decides to give Mankind a second chance.

Haftorah – Page 27, YISHAYAH (ISAIAH) Chapter 42 verse 5 to Chapter 43 verse 10

OVERVIEW:

- ✦ Hashem speaks to the Navi (prophet) Yishayah (Isaiah), reminding him of his life's purpose and duty, namely that of arousing the Jewish people to return to being a light unto the nations in order to be ready to receive the coming of Mashiach.
- ✦ The prophecy then continues with a discussion regarding this great event to celebrate the start of the 'Final Redemption' The Messianic Era, and the song that all of creation will sing united to Hashem on that day.
- ✦ Hashem would then fulfil his promises to punish all the nations that have persecuted Israel during the time while they were in golus (exile).
- ✦ Yishayah also rebukes Israel for their sinful ways, but assures them that they will return to the correct path and will be redeemed.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✦ There are two main connections between the Sedra of Beraishis and the Haftorah.
- ✦ The first is the creation itself. Yishayah is reminding us that Hashem is the Creator of the world and that the miracle of the creation itself did not just happen the once but is constantly being updated and recreated on a daily basis.
- ✦ Secondly We as Human beings are the only living creature to have the ability and power to decide what is right and what is wrong and to choose to act accordingly.
- ✦ Therefore Yishayah stresses to us that as Hashem has chosen us The Jewish Nation to be "A light for all nations" it is vital that we should be very vigilant and choose and act the right way in order to set an example to the other nations so that they too can hopefully follow in our footsteps in order that they can also become closer to Hashem.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION: What we can learn from this week's Parsha

The episode related to Kayin and Hevel has many messages, but I think the main theme demonstrates how dangerous carrying a grudge and harbor bitter feelings against others can be; as it can easily lead to horrific consequences. Tragically Kayin killed his own brother because he was jealous of him. Hashem had accepted Hevel's offering, but rejected Kayin's.

The Torah tells us that Hashem was unhappy with Kayin's Korban (sacrifice), but not the reason why. Our sages demonstrates one possible reason for the rejection. Hashem did not discard Kayin's Korban per se. He did so because of the manner in which Kayin presented it. Hevel brought the best of his flock (the firstborn) whereas Kayin just brought what he had on hand at the time. The amount and quality of the Korban each brother was willing to offer was much less for Kayin than it was for Hevel.

What I find fascinating is the similarities and differences in the wrongful actions of both Adam eating the forbidden fruit and Kayin's sinful act. The character differences between the two are evident. Adam had to be persuaded to sin by his wife Chava (Eve) while Kayin could not be dissuaded, even by Hashem himself. Secondly, Adam told the truth about his sin when confronted by Hashem, whereas Kayin lied and even tried to make a joke about it. "How should I know where he is? I'm not my brother's keeper". Finally, Adam accepted, with respect Hashem's decree and punishment of banishing him from Gan Eden (The Garden of Eden) while Kayin argued with Hashem and refused to accept any responsibility for his actions.

There are many lessons to learn from this but the main one for me is to try and follow in the footsteps of Adam. Yes! We all do bad things at times but it's what you do next which is important. As we've just learnt over the past few weeks during the Yom Noraim. Hashem hates sins but he loves the sinners. Just recognising what we've done wrong, doing teshuva and accepting the consequences of our actions quietly and respectfully goes a long way to be totally forgiven by Hashem in the end.



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