



Times of Services

Friday 16 May 2014
Shabbat begins: 8.33 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

Shabbat 17 May 2014
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Haftarah: Ben Kosky
Kiddush
Shabbat ends: 9.47 pm

Sunday 18 May 2014
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 23 May 2014
Shabbat begins: 8.43 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 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 and Neil Shestopal would be delighted to help with any preparation or revision that would be needed. Please contact them directly—Brian: 020 8567 6558; Neil: 020 8579 5099.



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.



Israeli Dancing!

Every Tuesday evening at 8.00 pm at Ealing Synagogue. All welcome. No charge. **THERE WILL NOT BE ISRAELI DANCING ON EREV SHAVUOT, TUESDAY 3 JUNE.**

In the event of a bereavement, in the first instance please contact the Burial Office : 020 8950 7767.

Rabbi Hershi Vogel: 07970 829758
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Ealing Synagogue Newsletter



שבת שלום

Friday 16 May 2014/Shabbat 17 Iyar 5774

Sidra: **Behukotai**

SHABBAT 17 MAY 2014 SPECIAL KIDDUSH

Deborah and Jonny Leigh have pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush in celebration of the birth of their daughter, Amelia Daisy. Please join us in wishing Deborah and Jonny and their parents Mazal Tov and welcoming Amelia Daisy into the Ealing community. Queue for cuddles with the baby!

SUNDAY 18 MAY 2014 - LAG B'OMER EALING SYNAGOGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ealing Synagogue's AGM will be on Sunday morning at **11.00 am**. Please support this event and have your say.

SUNDAY 25 MAY 2014 (BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY) STONE SETTING LEON GERLIS Z"L

The stone setting for Leon Gerlis z"l will take place at 12.00 pm at Bushey Cemetery. Following the commemoration, guests are invited back to the home of Jeremy and Simone Gerlis. Please contact Daphne Gerlis if you are intending to return to the house.

SATURDAY 31 MAY 2014 WOMEN V CANCER - RIDE THE NIGHT

Alison Shindler-Glass will be cycling from Windsor to London in aid of charities for breast cancer, cervical cancer and ovarian cancer. If you would like to support Alison to raise much needed funds for these charities, please go to her Just Giving page <http://www.justgiving.com/Alison-Shindler>. Good luck, Alison!

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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SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2014
CHALLAH BAKING CLASS

Following the success of the last class, Zelda Vogel will be taking another challah baking class on Sunday 1 June at 10.30 am in the shul kitchen. Please call her directly if you would like to take part : mobile 07977 262220. Zelda will provide all the utensils and ingredients. Just bring an apron! Cost £20.00 per person.

YOM YERUSHALIM
WEMBLEY SYNAGOGUE

Yom Yerushalayim is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in June 1967. On May 12, 1968 the government proclaimed a new holiday—Jerusalem Day—to be celebrated on the 28th of Iyar, the Hebrew date on which the divided city of Jerusalem became one. On March 23, 1998 the Knesset passed the Jerusalem Day Law, making the day a national holiday. The Chief Rabbinate of Israel also declared Jerusalem Day a minor religious holiday to thank G-d for victory in the Six-Day War and for answering the 2,000-year-old prayer of "Next Year in Jerusalem".

This year the 28th of Iyar is on the 28th of May and Reuben Turner Presents
An Evening of Music and Song
TO CELEBRATE YOM YERUSHALAYIM
(includes Choral Sefiras HaOmer)

Wembley Synagogue, 8-10 Forty Avenue, Wembley, Middx HA9 8JW

Featuring Guest Chazan Rafi Muller of the Yeshurun Cheadle
and the Choir's resident Chazanim David Shine and David Rome
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or email: concert@tlcs.org.uk or purchase tickets online via www.tlcs.org.uk

TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2014
EREV SHAVUOT

On Tuesday 3 June, Erev Shavuot, there will be Mincha and Maariv service in the shul followed by a light supper and Tikun Leil. Everyone is invited to come along. Details and times will be announced soon.

Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

ISSUE 34

17th May 2014

B'HUKOTAI

17th Iyar 5774

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 26, verses 3 - 5 and

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 26, verses 6 - 9

- ✦ Hashem informs Bnai Yisrael that if they walk and follow in his path by adhering to all the 613 mitzvot's then they will be blessed.
- ✦ These blessings include having a prosperous year in which the right amount of rainfall will descend at the right time, so the land will produce the best and maximum quantity of crops; and allowing the land of Israel triumph over all of her enemies, enabling her to be at constant peace.
- ✦ Hashem's Shekinah (spiritual essence) will forever dwell in the Mishkan as a sign that Bnai Yisrael are his chosen people.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Chapter 26, verses 10 - 46

- ✦ However if Bnai Yisrael don't listen to Hashem and defy him, then unfortunately they will have to suffer the consequences and be severely punished.
- ✦ Hashem lists forty nine different punishments he would mete out for their disobedience. Including: Physical punishments such as suffering from swelling of the joints, high temperature, as well as being constantly attacked by their enemies; Agricultural punishments i.e. drought and famine and Natural-orientated disasters, for example enduring a plague of wild animal, life threatening diseases etc.
- ✦ Other forms of punishments are also mentioned such as the land of Israel's total annihilation and being forced to flee once more into Golus (Exile).
- ✦ Yet despite all of this Hashem will always remember his covenant he made with Avraham, Yitzhak and Yaacov of not destroying Bnai Yisrael completely and will ultimately forgive them and return them back to their promised homeland to live in peace once more.

R'Vti - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 27, verses 1 - 15

- ✦ Hashem tells Moshe, if a person articulates a notion of donating a gift to the value a human life, for the Mishkan. They must follow a particular formula that takes into consideration of the person's age, gender and how much they can realistically afford without harming their health and the wealth fare of their family.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 27, verses 16 - 21 and

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 27, verses 22 - 27

- ✦ If a person pledges an animal, a house or a field to Hashem, they must be evaluated by a Kohen first. Once the value has been determined it is redeemed for the exchange of money which is then given to the Kohen.
- ✦ Land which was purchased and then consecrated by the buyer can also be redeemed, but it reverts back to its original owner when the Jubilee year arrives.

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 27, verses 28 - 34

- ✦ Someone who wishes to redeem his Ma'aser (the Tithe that is set aside from the persons land and produce is set aside for Hashem) may do so, on the condition they add one fifth of the Ma'aser's value first.
- ✦ The correct method of how the Ma'aser is calculated and evaluated from either herds of cattle or flocks of sheep is to count each animal individually as they are herded into a pen and every tenth one is put aside to be given as Ma'aser.

Haftorah – Yermeyahu (Jeremiah) Chapter 16, verse 19 – Chapter 17, verse 14

OVERVIEW:

- ✦ The Prophet Yermeyahu rebukes the people of Israel for their idolatrous ways and for not having faith in Hashem.
- ✦ Yermeyahu conveys Hashem's words of wrath towards those who do not put their trust in Him, by foretelling exile as their punishment and of Hashem blessing the ones who do.
- ✦ Yermeyahu emphasizes his point by comparing Man to a Tree. "If we put our faith in people, we will be like a tree craving for water in the desert. Not knowing if they are going to find enough to survive. However, if we place our trust in Hashem. We will be like a tree near a river. Never fearing where its water will come from, even during a drought."

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✦ The Haftorah discusses the punishments that await those who disregard G-d's law, and the blessings that are the lot of those who follow the Creator's wishes. This follows the theme of this week's Torah reading which details at length the blessings and curses.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

B'hukotai begins by offering blessings for following Hashem's footsteps and adhering to his commandments, "I will give rain in their seasons, and the earth will yield its produce ..." These blessings include agricultural bounty, security and peace. Conversely, Hashem then expresses in quite strong language, the curses he would implement if we choose not to follow in his footsteps and disobey him.

On first reflection on these verses, I found myself asking the same theological question asked since the beginning of time. Why do the good law abiding people seem to suffer more hardships for doing the right thing, while those who break it seems to avoid being punished for their actions? This week's Torah portion is very different to the way I perceive the world is being run. You only need to read a newspaper to know that good people suffer every day. So why aren't individuals blessed or cursed like for like?

On carefully reviewing these passages for a second time, I realised that Hashem's words are not directly pointed at any individual but is entirely addressed in the plural. Implying the text does not promise reward and punishment for my own choices or actions but instead what the community decides as a collective.

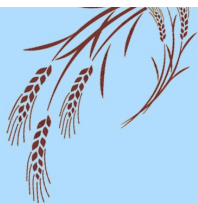
This concept of communal consequences for behaviour is a built-in feature of our world's structure in which we live in. On a global level, if we cooperatively care for the environment then we are collectively benefiting from living in a cleaner world. Conversely, if we pollute the air and water, then we all suffer the devastating health consequences of living in such a world. On a social level, if we all unite in creating a society that values kindness, then we are rewarded with the joy of living in a caring community, whereas if our society glorifies hatred, jealousy, anti-social behaviour etc. then we unfortunately have to suffer the consequences.

This week's Parsha is teaching us a valuable lesson. Not only do we as individuals make sure we are behaving and doing the right thing but we all have an obligation and a responsibility as a community to teach and act in the correct manner we would all like to live.

May Hashem only shower us all with his blessings, so we can all live in harmony with each other in peace. Amen

שבת שלום
Sabbat Shalom!

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In conjunction with Ham School Studio,
Steimatzky's and Pullingers Art Shop,
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Shavuot Painting Competition



Open to all adults aged 18+. Paintings / pictures must show a theme related to the festival of Shavuot and can be of any medium.

Paintings will be judged by Guy Shoham MA, artist and popular art tutor at The Ham Studio School (hamstudioschool.co.uk).

If you are intending to enter please text Chana Hughes on 07932 766 998 or email: rebbetzhughes@gmail.com.

All paintings should be delivered to Richmond Synagogue, TW9 1AP and must be received by Monday June 2nd 2014.

Competition will be judged on Shavuot II, Thursday 4th June 2014, 12:30pm at Richmond Synagogue. Prizes, sponsored by Steimatzky's and Pullingers Art Shop, are worth over £100.

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Now that 2014 has arrived, we are in sight of the summer and wanted to let all our communities know about our Tribe summer programmes.

Please see a short summary below. If you have any questions about specific programmes please let us know. More information can be found on our custom built summer website – www.tribesummer.com

We at Tribe believe that money shouldn't be a barrier to participation in our programmes and as such there is a US Chesed Bursary Fund available for those in need of financial assistance. Bursary forms are available only on request by emailing chesed@theus.org.uk

All bursary requests will be handled in strict confidence.

Camp Zev (Year 6)

This camp runs from the 7th to 13th August and will also be based at Alton Castle. BIGGER IS ALWAYS BETTER! CAMP ZEV is a brand new Camp exclusively for year 6. Days will be jam packed with more activities, more sports, more fun than ever before! Based at the fantastic location of Alton Castle on camp Zev you will have 7 magical days including an incredible Tribe Shabbat. There is no better way to prepare yourself for Secondary school than a week with Tribe making new friends and gaining some independence with a week away from home! Through this unforgettable week you will have two day trips including a chance to defy gravity at Alton Towers. Camp Zev is a camp not to be missed! Price £499*

Camp Barak (Year 7 and 8)

This camp runs from the 28th July to 6th August. Based in Belgium, Camp Barak promises to be an unforgettable experience which will combine thrilling outdoor activities, inspiring leaders, jam-packed days and a trip to one of the top theme parks in Europe! Camp Barak's theme this year is 'Jewish Heroes', and this will provide the participants an opportunity to engage with inspirational Jewish characters past and present! Price £549*

Camp Kerach (Year 9 and 10)

This camp runs from the 28th July to 6th August. For Years 9 and 10 we have an awesome programme lined up. Based at our residential site in Belgium, Camp Kerach guarantees to combine unbelievable activities and programmes along with engaging informal education. The theme for Camp Kerach is Israel; where the participants will engage with such topics as; the origins of Zionism, the IDF, along with examining religion and society in the modern day Israel, with the overall aim of giving participants a taste of Tribe Tour the following year. Price £549*

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding any of our programmes.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Spaces on Tribe summer camp are running out (Camp Gad for Year 5's is already SOLD OUT). Few spaces left on Camp Zev (Year 6), Camp Barak (Year 7&8) and Camp Kerach (Year 9&10). All information and details on how to book can be found on our custom built website www.tribesummer.com - Get Ready for A Summer to Remember!

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