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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 24 January 2014/Shabbat 24 Shevat 5774

Sidra: [Mishpatim](#)

Times of Services

Friday 24 January 2014
Shabbat begins: 4.20 pm

Mincha/

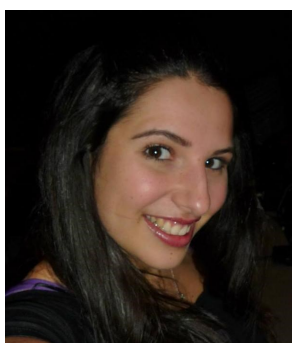
Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.30 pm

Shabbat 25 January 2014
Shabbat Mevorachim Adar I
Shacharit: 9.30 am

Mincha follows after Kiddush
Shabbat ends: 5.28 pm

Sunday 26 January 2014
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 31 January 2014
Shabbat begins: 4.33 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.45 pm



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADMINISTRATOR MELLISSA LEVITT

Ealing Synagogue is delighted to welcome Mellissa Levitt as our new Administrator. Some background: She went to JFS School sixth form and then went on to study Mathematics with Actuarial Sciences at the University of Southampton where she graduated last year. In the Jewish community she has been a leader at Maccabi and is currently involved with Limmud UK.

In her spare time she loves to dance, especially ballroom and Latin, which she started at university and now competes on a regular basis.

Mellissa will be in the Ealing Synagogue office every Tuesday from 9.00am to 5.00pm. She can also be contacted via the office telephone number Monday-Thursday.

Please feel free to give her a call if you have any issues, enquiries or just want a friendly chat. We wish Mellissa all the best in her new role and we look forward to working with her.

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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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2014

The Mayor of Ealing, Councillor Kamaljit Dhindsa, has invited Ealing Synagogue to a tree planting ceremony to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. This will take place at 11.00am outside Perceval House, Uxbridge Road.

ROSH CHODESH ADAR I
1ST DAY—FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2014

Shacharit will be at 8.00 am.

SHABBAT 1 FEBRUARY 2014
2ND DAY ROSH CHODESH ADAR I

Basil Mann will be giving the D'Var Torah this Shabbat Rosh Chodesh.

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2012
CHIEF RABBI EPHRAIM MIRVIS

Please see the attached notice.

EALING CARES
FOOD BANKS

The Ealing Cares Committee is supporting the Ealing food banks that are mainly run by the churches. A box will be left in the shed at the entrance to the shul for the next couple of weeks and people are invited to donate non-perishable items when they come either to the Community Lunch, Sunday morning services or on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the shul is open (not including Shabbat!). The items required are tins of food, dried pasta, tea bags, pasta sauces, sugar, tinned baby foods and toiletries. Thanking you in advance for your donations.

SNAPSHOT TORAH

Our thanks to Jeremy Symons of Southend and Westcliff Hebrew Congregation for kindly allowing us to reproduce his overview of the week's Sidra.



Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis at Ealing Synagogue

Sunday 2 February 2014

Shacharit: 8.30am prompt

**You are kindly requested to arrive as close to 8.00am as possible.
The Chief Rabbi will be arriving at 8.20am.**

Followed by a
Tefillah Breakfast
and
Address by the Chief Rabbi

RSVP by: Wednesday 29 January 2014

Contact:

Neil Shestopal (T: 020 8579 5099; E: neil117@talktalk.net)

Brian Robinson (T: 020 8567 6558; E: brian.judith@tiscali.co.uk)

Parking: There will be no parking in the shul car park.

Please park in Grange Road (parking restrictions extended until 10.30am).

There is unrestricted parking in Webster Gardens and Kenilworth Road.

Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHAH
ISSUE 18

25th January 2014

MISHPATIM

24th Shevat 5774

Kohen - First Aliya:

Chapter 21, verses 1 - 19.

- ✚ Bnai Yisrael receives the social laws from Moshe beginning with how Masters should treat their Jewish slaves and maidservants.
- ✚ A person who kidnaps or intentionally kills another will be put to death. However if the victim was killed unintentionally, the murderer is allowed to seek sanctuary in a city of refuge.
- ✚ The death penalty would be meted out to a child who either curses their parents or strikes them hard enough to make them bleed.

Levi - Second Aliya:

Chapter 21, verse 20 - Chapter 22, verse 3

- ✚ Someone who wounds another, but not fatally must compensate them for the injury caused as well as all of the financial losses sustained during their recovery. Including medical fees and lost income.
- ✚ Any slave that is hurt due to the negligence of their master, must be released.
- ✚ Any murderous ox who kills someone must be put to death. If the ox's owner was aware of his dangerous ox and was found guilty of not taking the necessary safety precautions he must pay the victim's family damages to the value of their loss. The laws relating in compensation for goring animals, and fines meted out for theft are also discussed.

Sh'lshli - Third Aliya:

Chapter 22, verses 4 - 26

- ✚ Damages and reimbursements relating to animals grazing on another person's field and any land or property destroyed by fire are related here.
- ✚ An unpaid custodian cannot be held liable for any loss of an object if they swear they were not negligent in any way; however if they are employed, they are held responsible and must reimburse the owner for the loss. They are also made to pay damages if an object gets broken or livestock in their care dies. Unless they make an oath, stating there was no way it could have been prevented.
- ✚ If a man seduces a single woman, then he must marry her or pay the woman's father 50 shekels if he doesn't agree with the marriage. Anyone caught practising the occult or performing idolatry must be killed.
- ✚ A person is prohibited to oppress a stranger or charge interest to his fellow for loans borrowed.

R'viti - Fourth Aliya:

Chapter 22, verse 27 - Chapter 23, verse 5

- ✚ The prohibition of cursing anyone of authority over you, i.e. a judge or a king.
- ✚ Firstborn children, animals and all first produce harvested must be redeemed as they belong to Hashem.
- ✚ The rules of what you must do if you come across a stray or fallen animal is discussed next.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya:

Chapter 23, verses 6 - 19

- ✚ The prohibition of taking bribes or favouring a poor person without sufficient evidence and giving false testimonies are mentioned here.
- ✚ The mitzvahs relating to Shmittah, Shabbat and the festivals of Pesach, Shavuot and Succot are spoken about next along with the prohibition of consuming meat and milk products together.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya:

Chapter 23, verses 20 - 25

- ✚ Hashem instructs the nation to respect the authority of His Navi's (Prophets) and Rabbis.
- ✚ Hashem then promises to chase out the seven nations who currently inhabit the land of Israel and forewarns Bnai Yisrael in against making a treaty of peace with them.

Sh'viti - Seventh Aliya:

Chapter 23, verse 26 - Chapter 24, verse 18

- ✚ Hashem explains the means by which the seven nations will be chased out of Israel.
- ✚ The borders of Eretz Yisrael (The Land of Israel) are defined.

- ✦ Moshe builds an altar and offers up a Korban (sacrifice). Bnai Yisrael proclaim "Naaseh Vnishma (We will do and we will listen). Moshe is told by Hashem, to ascend Mount Sinai where he will remain for 40 days and nights learning torah, so he can teach Bnai Yisrael all the mitzvahs upon his return.

Haftorah –

YERMEYAHU (JEREMIAH) Chapter 34 verses 8 to 22 and Chapter 33 verses 25 & 26

OVERVIEW:

- ✦ Jerusalem is under siege by the Babylonians and is on the brink of defeat.
- ✦ King Tzidkeyahu (Zedekiah) proclaims that all slaves must be set free. At first the slaveholders comply, but they soon regret this and force them back.
- ✦ Yermeyahu (Jeremiah) sees this as a violation of the covenant made at Mount Sinai and against the essence of creation.
- ✦ Hashem promises Yermeyahu that even though, Jerusalem will fall because of their actions. In the future, out of love for his people, he will personally assist them in reclaiming what's rightfully theirs.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✦ The first laws mentioned in this week's Parsha are about purchasing Jewish slaves and emphasizing the point they must be released after 6 years of labour.
- ✦ In the Haftorah the slave-owners did not adhere to this, so Hashem had to stress to Yermeyahu that he himself is the true master of the Jewish Nation, as only he has the power of protecting them from harm.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION: Insights to the ethics of a Jewish Judicial System

In Jewish Law, the Torah only allows someone to be sold into slavery if they are caught stealing and is unable to repay back the debt owed. I'm betting that if you were asked what you would do to a thief who stole from you, the majority of you would say regardless if the thief can repay you back or not, they still need to be punished for his actions, even if it means going to prison.

Jewish Law is not concerned solely on the crime, but the perpetrators too. The Beth Din (Jewish Court) wouldn't send them to jail. Why? Because they believed sending them into the penal system, alongside murderer's and other criminal connections would more likely than not, once released, lead them to further and possibly worse acts of crime than just being a petty thief.

Since most people are commonly influenced by their surroundings. The Beth Din would send thieves to a place, not just to pay off their debts, but to educate them with good torah values, enabling them to become a better person.

The main aim of the Jewish Judicial System is to integrate the offenders, not to alienate them. Jewish Judges wanted to make sure that the criminals entered back into society, not once they had done the time and paid off their debts; but while they were paying them off. In that way the perpetrators would feel a sense of achievement and respect for both themselves and others in their lives, rather than feeling unloved and neglected whilst in prison.

The whole idea of Jewish ethics in my opinion is to create a positive environment where we can all live in harmony with one another, doing mitzvahs, learning torah etc., instead of a place full of negativity. If the Torah can show a master how they should treat their servants, aiding them to soften the blow of servitude and turn a common crook into a proper torah observant person, then surely we can learn the same lessons enabling us to become a more productive and successful community.



US Women's Conference 2014

Relationships

**Sunday 9th
March 2014
9.30am-3.00pm**

Lunch included

Yavneh College
Hillside Road
Borehamwood
Herts WD6 1HL

Explore your relationship with God, the community and your family. There will be a variety of textual, discussion and hands-on skills sessions with an excellent line up of speakers including: Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Elana Stein Hain and Rebbetzin Binstock

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£25 per person. £15 Students

For further information email
uswomen@theus.org.uk

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RICHMOND SYNAGOGUE
INVITES YOU TO

An Evening With **Ashley Blaker**

BBC Comedy Writer

As a radio producer, Ashley was responsible for the smash hit series, 'Little Britain' and has worked with numerous comedy stars, including close friend Matt Lucas, Clive Anderson, Graham Norton, Russell Brand, Alistair McGowan and Andy Parsons. His new show, The Matt Lucas Awards, which he wrote and created with Matt, was recently on BBC One. Most importantly, he lays claim to being the only man with kupples, tzitzis and payos working in comedy in the entire world, while also being the only person in TV who doesn't own a TV himself!



SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 2014, 7:30pm

Richmond Synagogue, Lichfield Gardens, TW9 1AP

ADULTS ONLY

BUFFET SUPPER

TICKETS: £15

To reserve your place please contact Gail Sackloff on 0208 8926 255
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