



Times of Services 2014

Friday 24 October
Shabbat begins: 5.34 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 5.45 pm

Shabbat 25 October
Shabbat Bereshit
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Shabbat ends: 6.35 pm

Sunday 26 October
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 31 October
Shabbat begins: 4.21 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.30 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 24 October 2014/Shabbat I Cheshvan 5775

Sidra: Noah



FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER
ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN
SHACHARIT : 8.00 AM

CONDOLENCES

The Ealing Synagogue community extends its deepest condolences to:

Helen Mars on the death of her mother Margret Grundmann z”l.

Marian Cohen on the death of her mother Cynthia Lask z”l.

We wish Helen and Marian and their respective families long life.

MAZAL TOV

To Marian and Edward Cohen on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Benny Daniels, which will take place on Shabbat 25 October 2014 in Finchley. Mazal Tov is extended to parents Kate and Justin Daniels and all the family on this very special occasion.

SHABBAT 25 OCTOBER
ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN
SHABBATUK

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

Click on the following link to hear a special message from the Chief Rabbi: <http://youtu.be/rX9qf5e2N84>

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 26 OCTOBER
END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME
2.00 AM
CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR

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.

THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER
COMMUNITY LUNCH

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

UK JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL
THURSDAY 6—SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2014

The UKJF was established in 2005 by film expert and educator, Judy Ironside, and which combines the power of film and the value of stories, to promote respect and understanding about Jewish cultures worldwide.

The 18th UKJF opens at the BFI Southbank on 6th November and runs until 23rd November at 12 cinemas across London and in Manchester, Leeds, Liverpool and Glasgow.

In addition to its flagship festival, UK Jewish Film runs the annual Geneva International Film Festival (3,500 visitors), UKJF in Tel Aviv (3,000 visitors) and is programming for the first time the Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival. UKJF reaches thousands more through its six screenings every week at London's JW3 cinema and monthly previews; and through its VOD film platform at www.ukjewishfilm.org.

UKJF aims to develop a culture where Jewish and Israeli film is recognised and enjoyed by the widest possible audience, and position Jewish-related film at the heart of British culture. The work of UKJF encourages pride of, and knowledge in, our Jewish culture amongst our younger generations and promotes understanding and awareness towards Jewish and Israeli people and culture.

The Festival this year contains a huge range of films from around the world with Jewish and Israeli themes. Some are humorous, some examine current Jewish, Israeli or European issues, while others tackle important subjects from Jewish history. All are thought provoking and there is something to interest everyone and all ages.

More information on the Festival can be found on the website: <http://ukjewishfilm.org>.

Happy viewing.

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER
AN EVENING WITH DOUGLAS MURRAY
RICHMOND SYNAGOGUE



Richmond Synagogue, in collaboration with The Henry Jackson Society, Invites You To

An Evening With Douglas Murray

With Israel's latest defensive operation, we stood witness to arguably the most heated and violent wave of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric and attacks on the European Jewish communities in recent times. We here in the UK were not immune from this hatred, with direct attacks on individuals, synagogues, stores, and events, sending shockwaves throughout the British Jewish community, begging the question: what can be done to address this new reality?



Please join us for what promises to be an enlightening evening with guest speaker **Douglas Murray**, Associate Director of The Henry Jackson Society, for a discussion of the rise of radical Islam and growing intolerance and animosity no longer focused solely on Israel, but indeed Jews in the UK and across Europe.

About the Speaker Douglas Murray is an award-winning author and noted political journalist. He is the Associate Director of The Henry Jackson Society, a leading London-based international affairs think tank, previously having founded the Centre for Social Cohesion, focused on studying extremism and terrorism in the UK. Douglas serves as Associate Editor at *Spectator* magazine, columnist for *Standpoint* magazine and writes frequently for numerous other publications, including the *Wall Street Journal* and *The Daily Mail*. He is a regular guest on the BBC, Sky and other major broadcast outlets worldwide. He has authored books on conservatism, terrorism and national security as well as on freedom of speech. A prolific debater, Douglas has spoken at the British and European Parliaments as well as the White House and taken on many high-profile opponents in public debate including former London Mayor Ken Livingstone, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and representatives of many of the world's extremist and terrorist groups.

Sunday, 23rd November at 7.30pm at Richmond Synagogue, Lichfield Gardens TW9 1AP

Tickets £10. Light refreshments will be served . Limited space.

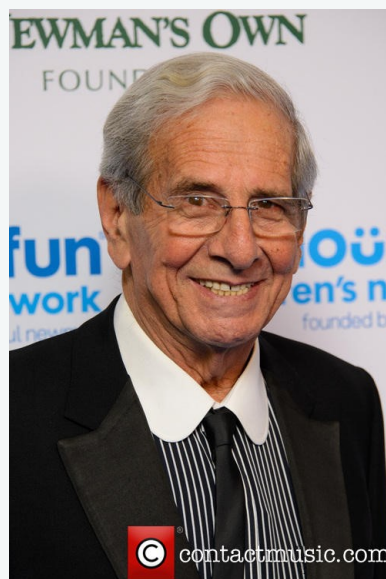
To book, please email Gail g.sackloff@btinternet.com



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 28 October.**

Strictly limited places.

Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

2ND EDITION / ISSUE 2

25th October 2014

NOAH

1 Cheshvan 5775

Kohen - First Aliya: Page 34, Chapter 6, verses 9 - 22

- ✦ Hashem commands Noah to construct an ark of specific materials and dimensions in order that Noah, and his family along with every sort of living animal, bird and insect male and female would be saved.

Levi - Second Aliya: Page 36, Chapter 7, verses 1 - 16

- ✦ On completion Hashem orders Noah to begin gathering seven pairs male and female of every clean (kosher) animals and birds along with two pairs male and female of all the other species inhabiting the earth and lead them into the ark.
- ✦ As the rain starts to fall marking the beginning of the flood; Noah himself enters the ark, with his wife, three sons and their wives accompanying him.
- ✦ The rain lasted for 40 days and 40 nights continuously; covering and destroying every living thing left on the planet surface.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Page 38, Chapter 7, verse 17 - Chapter 8 verse 14

- ✦ Once 40 days had past Hashem remembered Noah and all the inhabitants aboard the ark and caused the rain to cease falling and sent a large wind to commence drying up the land.
- ✦ 150 days later the flood waters has subsided enough for the ark to finally rest itself upon the top of mount Ararat.
- ✦ Noah sent out a raven to check if the flood had dried up completely but it came back. He then twice sent out a dove. The first time it came back with an olive branch, but did not return at all the second time. So Noah knew it was now safe enough to disembark.

R'Vi' - Fourth Aliya: Page 42, Chapter 8, verse 15 - Chapter 9 verse 7

- ✦ Noah built an altar and gave korbanas (Sacrifices) to Hashem as a thank you for saving his and his family's life.
- ✦ Hashem blessed Noah and his sons to become fruitful and multiply in order to repopulate the earth.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Page 45, Chapter 9, verses 8 - 17

- ✦ Hashem makes a pact with Noah that he would never cause a flood to cover the entire world again
- ✦ As a token of the covenant, Hashem formed a rainbow in the sky which would serve as a constant reminder of his pledge.
- ✦ The seven Noahide laws are introduced.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Page 46, Chapter 9, verses 18 - 32

- ✦ The lineages of Noah's three sons Shem, Ham and Japheth are recorded in detail.

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya: Page 51, Chapter 11, verses 1 - 32

- ✦ As a united entity, the people began constructing 'The Tower of Babel' which they hoped to reach right up to heaven to be able to connect with Hashem himself.
- ✦ In order to thwart their plans, Hashem confused the people by creating and mixing up their one spoken language into many different ones and dispersed them throughout the entire world
- ✦ Avram (Abram) is born to Terach and is later married to Sarai (Sarah)

Maftir – Page 944, 2nd day Rosh Chodesh, Bamidbar Chapter 28 Verses 9 - 15

- ✦ The Maftir relates to the special additional korbanos (Sacrifices) which were brought up to the Beis HaMikdash (Temple) which were offered up on Rosh Chodesh

Haftorah – Page 1188, 2nd day Rosh Chodesh Yishayah (Isaiah) chapter 66 verses 1 - 25

OVERVIEW:

- ✦ Yishayah relates to the fact that today is also Rosh Chodesh.
- ✦ He describes the ultimate downfall of all our enemies during the war of Gog and Magog.
- ✦ Yishayah explains that this world is the manifestation of Hashem's presence and glory. Yet, we are incapable and sometimes unwilling to properly recognize his existence at all.
- ✦ Even when the Beis HaMikdash (Temple) stood the B'nei Yisroel (Children of Israel) did not appreciate their opportunity to be close to Hashem as they were at Sinai and serve Him with great love and awe.
- ✦ Yishayah forewarns that insincere expressions of devotion are tantamount to offering blemished sacrifices and Hashem will punish those who lack sincerity and devotion.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✦ As it is Shabbat Rosh Chodesh today the Haftorah is normally linked only to the subject of the Maftir and not the regular Haftorah generally read for parshas Noach.
- ✦ Nevertheless; today marks the 1st day of the new month of Cheshvan which is often referred to as Mar Cheshvan because the word Mar in Hebrew means bitter.
- ✦ Some say that this month is called bitter because - especially in contrast to the preceding month of Tishrei that had 4 major holidays - it is a month without any holidays or events to commemorate. That is except for one. It was in this month of Cheshvan when the Flood commenced. This I think although tenuous is a justifiable link between parshas Noach and the Haftorah.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

I don't know about you but when I see a rainbow in the sky, I'm always awe struck by its beauty. However when I later reflect on the reason why Hashem gave us the rainbow, I wonder if my first reaction should have different.

The natural phenomenon of a rainbow is the symbol of the very first covenant entered into by Hashem with the earth and all of humanity, guaranteeing "that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh."

Rabbi Samson Raphael asks: How can a rainbow which must have existed before the flood, now symbolise the expression of Hashem's new 'Divine covenant' with us? He answers as follows. When one looks at a rainbow, one sees seven magnificent hues or colours: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet; but as any scientist will tell you, they are not really there. Basically it's just refracted white light emanating from the sun's rays passing through the rain clouds which emits the appearance of these seven distinct colours.

Rabbi Samson Raphael explains, in order to truly understand the symbolism, we must realize that the rainbow is at best only half a symbol; the complete symbol would be a whole circle, comprising two halves together. This phenomenon is a metaphor for the human race too. Meaning that this covenant instituted by Hashem obligates us 'Man' as well as Hashem himself. Hashem's half rainbow assures that He personally will not destroy the world. However He did not guarantee that the world will not destroy itself by other means.

People appear in many different colours, religions and race: However, metaphysically within the human form, there's no difference whether the rest of the world have to follow the seven Noahide laws whereas we are obligated to perform six hundred and thirteen mitzvot's, every one of us is the same and are all responsible in saving our planet. So when you next look at a rainbow, remind yourself that Hashem has fulfilled his half of the bargain, of not destroying the earth, maybe now is the time to fulfil our half of the covenant too.

שבת שלום
Shabbat Shalom!

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