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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

שבת שלום

Friday 28 February 2014/Shabbat 29 Adar I 5774

Sidrot: [Pekudai](#) and [Shekalim](#)

Times of Services

Friday 28 February 2014
Shabbat begins: 5.24 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 5.30 pm

Shabbat 1 March 2014
Shabbat Shekalim
Mevorachim HaChodesh Adar II
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Kiddush
Shabbat ends: 5.28 pm

Sunday 2 March 2014
1st day Rosh Chodesh Adar II
Shacharit: 8.20 am

Monday 3 March 2014
2nd Day Rosh Chodesh
Adar II
Shacharit: 8.00 am

Friday 7 March 2014
Shabbat begins: 5.36 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 5.45 pm

SHABBAT 1 MARCH 2014 SHABBAT SHEKALIM

This Shabbat, Leslie Sommer will be giving the D'Var Torah.

Our thanks to Gail Sackloff who has very kindly sponsored this week's Kiddush.

As Shabbat is now going out later, there will not be Mincha after Kiddush.

MAZAL TOV

The Ealing community wishes Joan Michaels a hearty Mazal Tov on the forthcoming marriage of her granddaughter Rachel-Leah Michaels to Aron Lovat which will take place on Sunday 2 March. Wishing parents David and Ruth Michaels and all the family much bracha and nachat from this union.

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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SEFER HASHIVA

As previously mentioned, Ealing Synagogue is now in possession of the new Sefer HaShiva books. If you have committed, or not yet committed but would like to dedicate a book in memory of a close relative, please send your inscription to our administrator, Mellissa Levitt.

All inscriptions will read the same, i.e.

In loving memory of
[Name] z"l

We are requesting a suggested donation of £20.00 per book. Cheques should be made payable to "United Synagogue" and sent to Mellissa Levitt, Administrator, Ealing Synagogue, 15 Grange Road, Ealing, London W15 5QN.

"THE NEW EALING REVIEW" **PESACH 2014**

Last chance! If you would like to place a Yom Tov greeting or advert in the Pesach edition of "The New Ealing Review", please complete the form on page 5 of this newsletter and return it to Marianne Temple as soon as possible.

KOSHER GOOD FOOD GUIDE 2014

Copies of the latest Kosher Food Guide are now available for purchase for the nominal price of £7.95. Please contact Mellissa Levitt to arrange payment/delivery.

WANTED!

Is there a techie out there, or do you know of anyone who can help with the Ealing Synagogue website. Please contact Marianne Temple.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE **BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY 25 MAY 2014** **STONE SETTING - LEON GERLIS Z"L**

The stone setting for Leon Gerlis z"l will be at 12.00 pm at Bushey Cemetery.

Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA
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PEKUDEI

29th Adar 5774

Kohen - First Aliya: Page 591, Chapter 38, verse 21 – Chapter 39, verse 1

- Before work began on the construction of the Mishkan (tabernacle), an Audit of all the donations given by B'nai Yisrael took place and was accounted for.

Levi - Second Aliya: Page 593, Chapter 39, verses 2 - 21

- The Ephod (Apron) worn by Aaron, the Kohen Gadol, incorporating with the Shoham (Onyx) stone, studded shoulder straps were made and sewn together.
- The Hoshen Mishpat (The Breastplate of Judgment) was assembled. This consisted of twelve precious stones placed in a four by three row formation.
- Skilled handicrafts workers engraved the names of the Twelve Tribes of Israel upon these twelve stones. It was then secured by straps, connecting it to the Ephod.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Page 594, Chapter 39, verses 22 - 32

- The rest of the priestly garments were completed
- The Me'at (robe) was adorned with alternating golden bells and pomegranates around the hem of the garment.
- The Tzitz (a golden Headband which was engraved with the words "Holy to Hashem"); and the four garments worn by both Aaron and the other Kohanim: (The tunics, turbans, sashes and trousers) were also completed.
- The construction of the Mishkan along with all of its vessels and accoutrement were finished too.

R'Vti - Fourth Aliya: Page 596, Chapter 39, verse 33 - 43

- The craftsmen brought their finished products to Moshe for inspection.
- Moshe saw that all the work had been done exactly to Hashem's specifications, and he blessed them for all for their great work.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Page 597, Chapter 40, verses 1 - 16

- Hashem instructed Moshe to erect the Mishkan on the first day of Nissan.
- Hashem also instructs Moshe to place all the vessels in their proper places, and to anoint all of the items with the anointing oil, thus sanctifying them. Moshe is also directed to dress Aaron and his sons in their prescribed priestly garments, and to anoint them, too.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Page 598, Chapter 40, verses 17 - 27

- Moshe fulfils all of Hashem's directives as mentioned above.

Sh'viti - Seventh Aliya: Page 599, Chapter 40, verses 28 - 38

- As soon as Moshe completes the task of properly positioning all of the Mishkan's vessels in it's appropriate place. The Cloud of Glory and Hashem's Divine Presence fills the Mishkan.
- This cloud also served as Bnai Yisrael's guide throughout their whole time in the Midbar (desert). When the cloud lifted, the people would travel, following the cloud until it rested, where they would set up camp until the cloud would lift again

Maftir – PARSHAS SHEKALIM, Shemot Chapter 30 Verses 11 - 16

The Maftir of "Shekalim" describes the half-shekel coin that every Jewish Male, over the age of twenty was required to contribute on a yearly basis in order to purchase all the communal korbanos (sacrifices) which were offered up on a daily basis in the Mishkan.

Haftorah – PARSHAS SHEKALIM, 2nd BOOK OF KINGS Chapter 11 verse 17 to Chapter 12 verse 17

OVERVIEW:

- Aged 7, Yeho'ash, the sole survivor from the House of Dovid Hamelech following their massacre by the hands of Queen Athalya, was crowned King.
- Upon seeing that the 155 year old Bais Hamikdash was in need of strengthening and redecoration, Yeho'ash knew that funds were needed to be raised in order to carry out the necessary maintenance.
- He placed a designated collection box by the side of the Mizbayah for the people to come and place their contributions. The Money was quickly obtained and the repairs were duly carried out.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- Both the sedra of Pekudei and Maftir Shekalim speak about all the donations given and counted in order to construct and maintain the Mishkan; whereas the Haftorah deals with the same act of charitable giving for the upkeep of the Beis Hamikdash.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION: Helping others is the key to success.

The sedra of Pekudei sees the final completion of the Mishkan. According to Midrashim, knowing that Moshe, hadn't been involved whatsoever with the actual physical work of making any of the various components required for the Mishkan, Hashem gives him the special honour of erecting it.

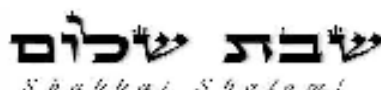
When Moshe sees how heavy all the pieces were, he exclaimed, "How am I going to lift this whole thing up?" Hashem tells him, "Don't worry! You just do your best and I will do the rest." So Moshe places his hands under the beams and the whole Mishkan miraculously comes together and raises itself up.

What does this mean? Our Rabbi's explain that the Midrash is teaching us something important about Avodas Hashem. (Serving the Almighty) Hashem is telling us that when there is work to be done in his honor, what really matters is that we must try our best. As long as we make an attempt, to create a holy place for Hashem to dwell within us; regardless of what the outcome would be. The effort put in will be pleasing, in the eyes of Hashem.

What I myself find intriguing is that we know that both of the Beis Hamikdashim were desecrated and later destroyed by our enemies and yet the Mishkan, throughout the whole time it was fulfilling its purpose in the Midbar (desert), always remained intact, never wore out and was never captured or defiled in any way.

The Gomorra brings four different reasons for this but I like to concentrate on just one. The Mishkan was built by the efforts of the whole of Bnai Yisrael, with pure hearts and plenty of enthusiasm, all for the sake of serving Hashem. However during the times of the First and Second Beis Hamikdashim, our ancestors were not necessary obeying all of Hashem's commandments and had ulterior motives, meaning that the temples construction were not being done for the sake of Hashem, which is why, along with other reasons for their downfall, they were both ultimately destroyed.

In today's society, we all have the potential to create and bring Kedusha (holiness into the world. The Torah and other Jewish traditions has shown us that the real secret of our success and survival is that we must continually remain enthusiastically united with the same goal of serving Hashem to the best of our abilities. Remember! Just as Bnai Yisrael and Moshe couldn't build the Mishkan alone without help from each other and Hashem, so too, we have to help each other realize our own potential because by helping others, we can truly help ourselves.



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