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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 4 April 2014/Shabbat 4 Nissan 5774

Sidra: [Metzora](#)

Times of Services

Friday 4 April 2014
Shabbat begins: 7.24 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

Shabbat 5 April 2014
Shacharit: 9.15 am
Kiddush
Shabbat ends: 8.29 pm

Sunday 6 April 2014
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 11 April 2014
Shabbat begins: 7.36 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

MAZAL TOV

To Ruth and Ivor Gertler on the arrival of a new grandson, Zachary Lucas, born on 7th March 2014 to parents Sharon and Richard Starr. Wishing all the family much nachat and bracha from the new addition.

SHABBAT 5 APRIL 2014—"SHABBAT TAHAN" "A THIRD HAGGADAH MYSTERY AND ITS HISTORY"

The final instalment in the trilogy of the mysteries of the Haggadah. On "Shabbat Tahan" Menashe will regale us in his own unique way about the mystery which has caused and is still causing much controversy among our people, its source and meaning and why it is included in the Haggadah.

Please note that Shacharit will start at the slightly earlier time of 9.15 am.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

In an effort to keep postage expenses down, we will be hand delivering the Pesach magazine next week. If you can walk an/or drive and have an hour or two to spare to play postman, please contact Marianne Temple.

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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Following the article in the Newsletter on 7th March about the two menorahs found by British soldier Arthur South when he was serving in Germany, we are pleased to tell you that his daughter Joan Menez has very kindly returned them to Ealing Synagogue. Below is a photo of the menorahs, together with a "thank you" note from Joan Menez. The menorahs will be put on display soon.



Dear Mr Neil Shestopal,

I am pleased that your congregation welcomes them and they will reside in the community near where I was born.

The prayers of your people lie within them, we will never know the owners but they are in good hands now.

It was my husband's final wish to return them to the Jewish people.

Sincerely
Joan Menez

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHAH
ISSUE 28

5th April 2014

METZORA

5th Nissan 5774

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 14, verses 1 - 12

- Hashem teaches Moshe the process that will allow a Metzora (Someone who has been diagnosed with Tzara'at (a supernatural disease which looks very similar to leprosy)), to re-enter back to the main camp.
- A Kohen first visits the Metzora outside of the camp for assessment. If they find the Metzora healed, the Kohen tells them they must bring two birds to begin the purification process.
- The first bird is slaughtered, and its blood is caught in an earthenware bowl. The blood is then sprinkled seven times on the Metzora. The second bird is then set free.
- The Metzora must then shave off their hair, wash their clothes and immerse themselves in a Mikvah.
- The Metzora can then be allowed into back into the main camp, but is not allowed to return to their own home for seven days.

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 14, verses 13 - 20

- On the eighth and final day of the purification process, the Metzora must bring four types of korbanos. A Korban Asham (Guilt offering), Korban Hatat (Sin offering), Korban Olah (Burnt Offering) and a Korban Mincha (Meal offering)

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Chapter 14, verses 21 - 32

- If the individual suffering from Tzara'at cannot afford the above korbanos, two birds can be substituted for two of the animals.
- The rest of the Aliya describes the slightly altered purification process reserved for someone who is impoverished.

R'viti - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 14 verses 33 - 43

- Hashem tells Moshe and Aaron that even Houses can be afflicted with Tzara'at.
- If a person thinks his Home is affected, he must first inform a Kohen, and then remove all the furniture and personal belongings out of the house, ready for the Kohen to come and inspect the walls.
- If traces of Tzara'at is found, the Kohen will quarantine the house for seven days.
- Depending on the spread of the Tzara'at, the home is either declared to be Tahor (pure), or the specific stones effected are removed from the house, or, in the most extreme situations, the house is completely demolished and rebuilt.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 14, verse 44 - Chapter 15, verse 15

- A Man is deemed as a 'Zav' if he has diagnosed with either a sexual disease or an unnatural seminal discharge. Once recovered, the Zav must count seven days, then wash his clothes and immerse himself in a Mikvah to become pure.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 15, verses 16 - 28

- The laws relating to the ritual impurities and its purification process of a 'Niddah' (menstruating woman), and a man who has cohabited with her during her cycle, are discussed in detail here.

Sh'viti - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 15, verses 29 - 33

- ✦ Under certain circumstances, menstruating women were required to bring and offer up two bird Korbanos in order to attain purity. The method how it was done is explained here.

Haftorah – MELAHIM II (2ND BOOK OF KINGS) Chapter 7 verses 3 to 20

OVERVIEW:

- ✦ A catastrophic famine was raging in the northern territories of Israel. King Jehoram of Israel was contemplating having Elisha the Navi killed because he believed that had Elisha davermed (prayed) on his peoples behalf, the entire tragedy could have been prevented.
- ✦ Elisha reassured the king that the famine would come to an end the very next day and food will be plentiful once more.
- ✦ The King's officer disbelieved him and scoffed at the prophecy made. Elisha responded, "You will see with your own eyes what I say is true, but you shall not reap any benefit or eat from any of the produce."
- ✦ Four men suffering from Tzara'at who were dwelling in quarantine were so hungry, that in desperation decided to approach their enemy's camp, to beg for food, but upon arrival they found the place deserted.
- ✦ The men reported their findings to King Jehoram. Even though the king originally thought the enemy were playing a trick on him and were preparing a surprise attack against his kingdom, he sent messengers to confirm the four Tzara'at statement. The people, realizing a miracle had taken place, swarmed out of the city and looted the enemy camp, thus breaking the famine and fulfilling Elisha's prophecy.
- ✦ The officer who mocked Elisha was trampled to death by the rampaging crowds fulfilling the Navi's words.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✦ The Haftorah relates the story of four men stricken by Tzara'at, a skin ailment caused by sins, which was one of the main topics of this week's Torah reading.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

In this week's Parsha we continue delving into the topic of the mysterious disease known as Tzara'at, (any visible ailment that produces white flaking skin, or other type of blisters or eruptions found on the skin like leprosy for example.) These types of diseases were greatly feared in ancient times and anyone who happened to be afflicted were removed from the community so as to not infect others and could only return once the symptoms had left.

However the Torah tells us, that is not only an individual that come down with Tzara'at, but even a house can be infected with it too. Loshen Hara is such an evil transgression that if one says it in a building, then the building itself is affected.

However this symbol of an evil impiety could also prove helpful. There's a Midrash that tells us, when Bnai Yisrael first entered the land of Israel and began conquering it, a majority of the houses which were ceased, were miraculously plagued with Tzara'at because the new inhabitants had spoken Loshen Hara. Just like we learned in this week's sedra, the walls had to be knocked down and rebuilt. The Midrash continues to say, that as Bnai Yisrael were ripping down the walls, they all discovered secret cavities, hiding a multitude of treasures, jewellery and other riches.

Why should one profit from aveiros (sins)? It states in the Talmud that several factors are determined in a person's life at the time of their conception. One of them is their financial status. How a person gets his wealth is determined by how they lived their life. For those who spoke Loshen Hara and had to break down their own walls in full view of the rest of their community, were publicly humiliated for the sins that they had committed. However, Hashem followed through with His promise. That these individuals will become wealthy. But look at the cost they had to pay first to acquire it.

We have all experienced and should all know how dangerous speaking Loshen Hora can be. Rumours spread like wild fire and eventually end up hurting someone close to us. Yes! An individual may benefit in the short term of speaking bad about another but what about the damage incurred, getting it. All the effects caused by Loshen Hara, do not heal as quickly as a skin disease, and cannot be fixed as easily as rebuilding and replacing bricks in a wall. In fact, it could take a lifetime to make things right again. Is it really worth it. I think not.

Compiled, Designed & Written by Jeremy Symons



Dear Colleague

Steve Pack and Marc Meyer have asked me to email you in connection with the online member survey now taking place as a key part of the US Strategic Review. We are very keen that as many people as possible participate from every part of our membership and from every local community.

You may have seen the publicity we have produced for shul noticeboards in addition to adverts in the Jewish press and flyers in shops and restaurants. We have had a good initial response, but we really need more people to complete the survey. To help us get responses from the widest possible range of communities, please could you email the following message to your members as well as continuing to include it in your newsletter and announcements. If you could send the email from yourself, as local Shul Administrator, this will help reinforce the message that the perspective of every single local community is important.

Thank you

Kind regards

Danielle Fox

Acting PA to the President

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Have your say! – Online US Member Survey

This past week saw the launch of The US online members' survey. This is your opportunity to say what you really want from your shul membership; what you like as well as what you don't. If there's something you really like (or dislike) this is your opportunity to influence the issues that you care about. It is really important that our shul is fully represented so please do take the time to have your say.

The survey is completely confidential so look out for your unique link to the survey in your inbox and say what you really think! (If you've yet to receive the survey, please do check in your junk-mail box otherwise email survey@theus.org.uk with your name, shul and postcode.)

As part of the survey you can enter a free prize draw to win either a £500 reduction in your shul membership or up to £500 for a meal at a KLBD kosher restaurant of your choice with ten of your friends.

DELEGATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

I, the undersigned, fully empower and authorize Rabbi H Vogel to act in my place and stead, and on my behalf, to sell all Chametz possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic laws (e.g. Chametz, doubt or suspicion of Chametz and all Chametz mixtures). Also Chametz that is unfit for human food and that tends to adhere to a surface of the inside of pans, pots or cooking utensils, and all kinds of live animals or birds that eat Chametz or mixture thereof. And to lease all places wherein the Chametz owned by me may be stored or found, especially in the premises specified below, and elsewhere, up to and including Monday, 14 Nissan 5774 /14th April 2014, at 11.52 am BST. Rabbi H Vogel has the full right to sell and to lease by transactions as he deems fit and proper and for such time he believes necessary, in accordance with all the detailed terms and forms, as explained in the general Contract of Sale, which will be signed on the instruction of Rabbi H Vogel. This authorization is made part of that contract. Also, I do hereby give the said Rabbi H Vogel full power and authority to appoint a proxy in his place, with the full power to sell and to lease as provided herein. The above given power is in conformity with all the Torah, Rabbinical regulations and laws, and also in accordance with the laws of the Country. And to this I hereby affix my signature.

On this day of the month of in the year 2014/5774

- > This form must be returned by Thursday 10th April 2014 latest. No responsibility will be accepted for forms received later.
- > For those spending Pesach eastwards, e.g. in Eretz Yisrael, Chametz should be sold earlier. If intending to do so, please tick this box: ☐
- > This service is provided without charge. Any monies enclosed will help go towards the pre-Pesach appeal.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Please send the signed form to:

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