



Times of Services 2014

Friday 5 September
Shabbat begins: 7.24 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

Shabbat 6 September
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Shabbat ends: 8.24 pm

Sunday 7 September
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 12 September
Shabbat begins: 7.08 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 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.

Rabbi Hershi Vogel: 07970 829758
Brian Robinson: 020 8567 6558
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Ealing Synagogue Newsletter



שבת שלום

Friday 5 September 2014/Shabbat 11 Elul 5774

Sidra: **Ki Tetsei**

SHABBAT 6 SEPTEMBER KIDDUSH

Dawn and Neil Shestopal have pleasure in inviting the community to Kiddush in celebration of Neil's 70th birthday. Please join us in wishing Neil mazal tov on his special day.

Jeremy Gerlis will be reading Haftorah and Cherna Crome will be giving the D'Var Torah.

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER : "BLOW YOUR OWN SHOFAR"

Michael Mars will be demonstrating how to "Blow Your Own Shofar" with a selection from his personal shofar collection. Everyone is welcome. For catering purposes, please **RSVP to Michael Mars on michael.mars@msn.com or call him on: 020 8993 0290 if you would like to come along.**

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER : EALING FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Foods desperately wanted are tinned spaghetti, coffee, sugar, tinned puddings, tinned potatoes, dried or UHT milk, tinned vegetarian meals, long life fruit juice. Please bring your contributions to the shul on Sunday morning or on Wednesday evening.

WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER : "IT'S NO DREAM"

The film will start promptly at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be served in the interval. For catering purposes, please tell Marianne Temple if you will be coming to this special screening.

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER : COMMUNITY LUNCH - 12.30 PM

Please contact Alison Shindler if you would like to attend.

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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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

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6th September 2014

KI TETZE

11th Elul 5774

Kohen - First Aliya:

Chapter 21, verses 10 - 21

- ✦ Moshe forewarned us of the moral and hereditary dangers of warfare. If a soldier see a beautiful woman and brings her home, he must shave her head, let her nails grow and allow her to mourn for parents for a month before he can marry her. If he decides not to, then he must set her free.
- ✦ If a man has two wives, one he loves and one whom he despises; if his firstborn child comes from the wife he hates, the man must nevertheless give a double portion of his inheritance to the child.
- ✦ If a son refuses to listen to their parents no matter what they do. They must drag him to the elders of the city and declare him as a 'rebellious son' before putting him to death by stoning.

Levi - Second Aliya:

Chapter 21, verse 22 - Chapter 22 verse 7

- ✦ When a murderer is put to death by hanging, their body must not be left on the gallows overnight. It must be buried on the same day.
- ✦ The laws relating to returning lost property and assisting with a fallen animal are discussed.
- ✦ Men are not allowed to wear women's garments and Women are forbidden to dress in Men's clothes.
- ✦ Sending away the mother bird before you take her eggs, will guarantee you a prolonged life.

Sh'lisli - Third Aliya:

Chapter 22, verse 8 - Chapter 23, verse 29

- ✦ If you build a new house you must make fences around the roof so no-one should fall off.
- ✦ The Laws of Shatnez (forbidden mixtures), wearing Tzitzits are explained here.
- ✦ The laws pertaining to a betrothed woman, virgins and mamzer's (a child born from adultery or incest) comes next, followed by the prohibition against marrying either an Ammonite or Moabite.

R'Vi'i - Fourth Aliya:

Chapter 23, verses 7- 24.

- ✦ Only a third generation Edomite or Egyptian can marry into the Jewish nation.
- ✦ Laws pertaining to the sanctity of an army camp, sheltering runaway slaves and prostitution are laid down in detail.
- ✦ A Jew is forbidden to charge interest to a fellow Jew but is allowed if the transaction is with a non-Jew.
- ✦ All vows which have been pledged to Hashem must be kept.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya:

Chapter 23, verse 25 - Chapter 24, verse 4 and

Shlishi - Sixth Aliya:

Chapter 24, verses 5 - 13

- ✦ A Labourer may eat as much produce as they like while they are working in the fields or orchards but must not take any home with them.
- ✦ Laws relating to divorce, remarriage and military exemptions for a new husband are discussed next in detail.
- ✦ A kidnapper who enslaves or sells his captive will be put to death.
- ✦ The general laws regarding security for loans are discussed next.

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya:

Chapter 24, verse 14 - Chapter 25, verse 19

- ✦ When you hire a person to work for you, make sure you pay them on time.
- ✦ When you reap your field and forget or drop a bundle, don't go back to retrieve it. It must be left for the poor. The same applies when regarding vineyards.
- ✦ If a person has been found guilty and whose punishment is malikos (Lashes) they must not receive no more than forty.
- ✦ An unmarried brother must marry his late brother's widow (Yibbum) if she was left childless. If the brother refuses then he has to perform the Halitza process (removal of the widow's shoe and spitting) in front of the elders of the land.
- ✦ Make sure you are honest with your weight and measures.
- ✦ Bnai Yisrael are commanded to remember what Amalek did to them while they were on the road. They are instructed to blot out their memory from under the heavens and don't forget!

Haftorah – YISHAYAH (ISAIAH) Chapter 54 verses 1 to 10

OVERVIEW:

- One of the ways to ensure a nation's survival is its numbers. Being fruitful is one of the best blessings Hashem can bestow on his people.
- Hashem comforts the Jewish nation promising them that all their barren women will all conceive and give birth, so their desolate cities will be once more be inhabited.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- This week's Haftorah is the fifth of a series of seven "Prophesies of Consolation." Read between the fast of Av and Rosh Hashanah.
- The Haftorah compares the final Redemption to the pact Hashem made with Noah. Just as Hashem promised to never bring a flood over the entire earth, so too He will never again be angry at the Jewish people

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

Out of the seventy four mitzvot mentioned in this week's sedra, I would like to pick out just one. 'Sending away the Mother bird before taking its eggs. What is the reason for this unusual mitzvah?

The Rambam would say "In order to teach us compassion". He insists that animal mothers, just as human mothers, suffer deeply when their offspring are harmed. Others have different explanations for the mitzvah. The foremost Torah commentator, Rashi, writes "Hashem did not give us His commandments because of compassion, but rather to place upon us, a set of decrees to make us aware that we are His servants."

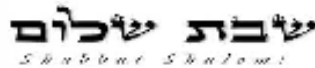
I remember a speaker from the JLE who was once asked about this and he seemed to side more with the Rambam. He indicated that compassion is indeed the issue here and stressed quite correctly that Hashem is known as 'Harachaman', the compassionate one, (just look at the attributes of Hashem indicated in the Torah (Exodus 34:6), the first attribute of Hashem, after omnipotence, is mercy.

However, this rabbi argued, sending away the mother bird is not considered 'a complete act of compassion'; the true act of compassion would be if we were forbidden to disturb the nest at all. He believes that the permission to take the young after sending away the mother bird is a concession, like the concession He asserts that the Torah's ultimate goal is for us to be so sensitive that we won't want to disturb the nest at all, but the Torah deals with reality, its human instinct to take it all, mother and child. Hence, while the commandment to send away the mother bird aims to sensitize us to the moral act of what is right, it can't be invoked as an ideal of compassion based on which we can ask for Hashem's compassion.

In spite of this consideration of the now, limited compassion involved in this mitzvah, the Torah promises a great reward, a long life, to the person who fulfils it. The only other mitzvah for which long life is promised is for honouring one's parents, the fifth of the Ten Commandments. Many have puzzled over why the same reward is promised for the extremely difficult mitzvah of honouring parents and the relatively simple mitzvah of sending away a mother bird. Perhaps the connection is that when a child sees his parents showing compassion to a mother bird, he or she will be reminded of his obligations to his or her own parents.

I'll finish off with a quote from Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, an outstanding 19th century philosopher who eloquently summarizes what I've wrote nicely.

"The Torah prohibits Jews from causing tsa'ar ba'alei chayim, any unnecessary pain, including psychological pain, to any living creatures. Here you are faced with Hashem's teaching, which obliges you not only to refrain from inflicting unnecessary pain on any animal, but to help when you can, to lessen the pain whenever you see an animal suffering, even though it may be no fault of yours.



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Chairman's Message

Security – Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur 2014/5775

Dear Members and Visitors,

Sadly, recent events have made us look to Synagogue security especially during the coming festival season. We are grateful to Basil Mann, our security lead for organising the rota, liaising with CST and police etc. amongst his other duties.

We believe we remain safe as Jews in the Ealing Community but nevertheless simple precautions do not go amiss. In particular we ask:

- That those on security duty routinely inspect the grounds and for the most part be stationed at the Synagogue door except for the colleague covering the caretaker's break.
- The Synagogue door is to be kept locked "on the latch". In the unlikely event of a possible emergency this would prevent intrusion for enough time for activation of the alarm and the automatic rapid police response.
- The exception would be with children playing outside. In an emergency it would be very difficult for security at the door to shepherd them inside. Because of this we ask that *children be always under adult supervision*.
- The Synagogue's fire doors are to be kept closed even in hot weather. We believe there should be adequate ventilation if all necessary windows are opened, especially with Hall & Synagogue combined, as during the High Holidays.

With best wishes & Shana Tova

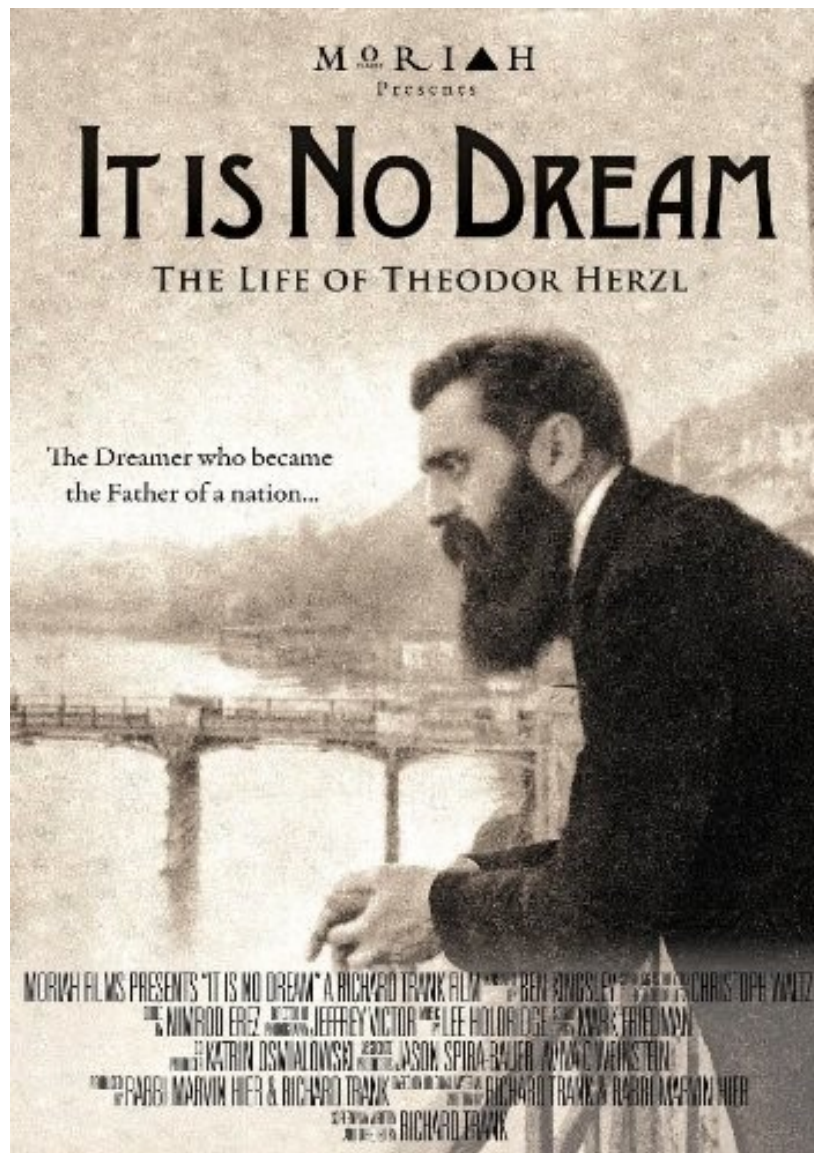
Stephen Hirst

**WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2014 : 7.30 PM PROMPT
FILM PRESENTATION**

“It is No Dream—The Life of Theodor Herzl”

Narrated by Sir Ben Kingsley

Christoph Waltz as the voice of Theodor Herzl



“It Is No Dream: The Life of Theodor Herzl” explores the life and times of Theodor Herzl, father of the modern State of Israel. The film examines how Herzl, a well-known journalist and playwright, an assimilated, Budapest-born Jew, horrified by the Dreyfus trial in Paris and the anti-Semitism he saw spreading across Europe, took upon himself the task of attempting to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine against all odds. Over the span of eight years, Herzl organized and led a worldwide political movement that within fifty years led to the establishment of the State of Israel. The film follows Herzl as he meets with Kings, Prime Ministers, Ambassadors, a Sultan, a Pope and government ministers from Constantinople to St. Petersburg, from Paris to Berlin, from Vienna to Vilna in his quest to build a Jewish nation.

Our thanks to Guy Ornadel for initiating and organising the showing of this film.

Suggested donation: £5.00. Refreshments will be provided. For catering purposes, please advise Marianne Temple if you would like to come to this special screening.

Galil/Golan Archaeology Tour 2014

Guide Lecturer Dr. Haim Cohen, Biblical Archaeologist

Update:

Dates: 26th -31st October 2014 (preferred) or 2nd – 7th November 2014

When I know where everyone is staying we will decide best pick-up location(s).

I am assuming pick up early on Sunday from Tel Aviv/Herzlia/Natanya and returning to there on Friday afternoon, but this is flexible.

You should be aware that the clocks change (go back) on the 26th - that is at 2.00am - which will become 1.00am - this is important for two reasons –

1. That you don't miss the bus; and
2. That we get you back to wherever in good time for Shabbat the next week which will be at 4.30pm.

We will be staying in the North hopefully at Ramot Resort Hotel if not there then at Kfar Blum - both great places to stay and if you want to stay on for Shabbat afterwards I'm sure we can get good rates.

Dr. Haim Cohen is our Archaeologist guide and lecturer.

I have to stress that Haim is a top rated lecturer/guide and our hotel choice is the best in the area so the costs are not going to be bargain basement. I estimate the cost will be in the region of £900 per person.

If you are Israeli then there is vat to be added to hotel charges and if you are coming alone no doubt there will be a supplement for single occupancy of the room.

The Itinerary:

Day One: Driving North Haim will be lecturing on the history and topography and we will be visiting the caves in Mt Carmel, (pre historic) Megiddo (the Jewel in the Crown of Biblical Archaeology, and the subject of many controversies within the archaeology community, (So even if you have visited before, doing so in the company of a noted biblical archaeologist may be an eye-opener) and Beit Shearim to where Sanhedrin moved after the destruction of the 2nd temple and where Yehuda Hanassi is buried.

Day Two: will be in the Tel Dan area and further. We will also visit Tel Facher and include a winery.

Day Three we'll be at Hazor and new excavations and in and around Sefat.

Now there is so much new to see and learn in Akko that will become the main part of Day four, returning via Hamat Gader and dinner on the lake.

Finally if you haven't been to Bet Shean it's a must, and if you have then it's worth a return trip again especially in the company of Haim. That's the basic plan - but knowing Haim there will be more stops en route!

Trust me, it'll be a great week!

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS
PASS ON THIS E MAIL NOW!**

Numbers will influence price obviously and as this is very soon I need to secure hotel rooms asap.