



Times of Services

Friday 6 June 2014
Shabbat begins: 8.59 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

Shabbat 7 June 2014
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Haftarah: Jonny Leigh
D'Var Torah: Leslie
Somer
Kiddush
Shabbat ends: 10.19 pm

Sunday 8 June 2014
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 13 June 2014
Shabbat begins: 9.04 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 and Neil Shestopal would be delighted to help with any preparation or revision that would be needed. Please contact them directly—Brian: 020 8567 6558; Neil: 020 8579 5099.



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.



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 6 June 2014/Shabbat 9 Sivan 5774

Sidra: **Beha'alotcha**

MAZAL TOV!

To **Helen and Mike Mars** on the birth of their first precious grandson, Benjamin Patrick Mars, born on Friday 30 May 2014, to parents Daniel and Emily in Melbourne, Australia. Mazal Tov is extended to great-grandmother Margret. And Auntie Rachel. Wishing the whole family every pride and joy from the new addition.

To **Lily Lerner** on the birth of a great-grandson, Declan James, born on Wednesday 21 May 2014, to parents Rachel and Brandon Salontai, in San Diego, California. Mazal Tov is extended to grandparents Howard and Stephanie Lerner in Toronto, Canada and all the family. Wishing them all much nachat from the new addition.

To **Joan Hitman** on the marriage of her grandson Jamie, son of Carolyn and Philip Robotkin, to Rachel, daughter of Robert Sheffrin and the late Karen Sheffrin z"l. The wedding will take place on Sunday 8 June 2014. Mazal Tov to Jamie and Rachel and all the family and we wish the couple much happiness and success for the future.

SHABBAT 14 JUNE 2014 SPECIAL KIDDUSH

Ruth Mibashan has pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush on Shabbat 14 June in celebration of her birthday. Ruth was a long-time member of Ealing synagogue and made aliyah several years ago. She is very much looking forward to seeing everyone and hopes that you will be able to come.

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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COMPETITION! THE NEW EALING REVIEW

The New Ealing Review, Ealing synagogue's magazine, is produced twice a year at Pesach and Rosh Hashanah. This year is Ealing Synagogue's 95th anniversary and we will be producing a bumper edition of the magazine to mark the occasion. We would like a new name for the magazine which depicts our community and the style of the magazine. Everyone is invited to submit their suggestions to the Magazine Committee: email - esmagazine@btinternet.com.

RETURN OF MENORAHS TO EALING SYNAGOGUE

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Jane Harrison wrote a follow-up article in the Ealing Gazette about the return of menorahs to Ealing synagogue. Click on the following link to read the article:

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/west-london-news/jewish-symbols-survived-world-war-7209961>

EALING SYNAGOGUE FASHION SHOW AND TEA SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

Tickets will soon be available for Ealing Synagogue's fashion show on Sunday 14 September. Clothes will be presented by James Lakeland and hats by Suzanne Bettley. To reserve your place, please email Marianne Temple at esevents@btinternet.com or call 020 8933 5645. Tickets are £20.00 each. Cheques to be made payable to "Ealing Synagogue". Bring your friends and family for a fun afternoon. More details will be announced in due course. We look forward to seeing you.

Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

ISSUE 37

7th June 2014

BEHA'ALOTHECHA

9th Sivan 5774

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 8, verses 1- 14

- ✦ Moshe informs Aaron that Hashem has commanded him to light the Menorah which was crafted out of one piece of solid gold. The three wicks on the right and the three on the left must all face the central lamp.
- ✦ Hashem tells Moshe to purify all the Levi'im by sprinkling water over them. The Levi'im then have to shave their entire body and immerse their clothing in the Mikveh.
- ✦ The Levi'im then have to take two young bulls for sacrifices. Moshe then takes them down to the awaiting nation who are gathered around the entrance to the Ohel Moed (tent of meeting) to watch the final consecration rituals.
- ✦ Once inaugurated, the Levi'im commence with their duties in the Ohel Moed

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 8, verses 15 -26

- ✦ The firstborn were saved by Hashem whilst they were in Mitzraim (Egypt) and belong to Him; but Hashem substitutes them for the Levi'im who will then be employed to work on behalf of Bnai Israel and provide atonement for them. The Levi'im are made to work full time from the age of 30 to 50. Those Levi'im who are between the ages of 25 to 30 are to be employed as apprentices.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Chapter 9, verses 1 - 14

- ✦ In the second year after the Exodus, Hashem tells Moshe that Bnai Yisrael have to offer up a Korban Pesach on the 14th of Nissan. However those who were deemed impure, which excludes them from bringing a Korban; will be allowed to bring one on the 14th of the following month instead.

R'V'i - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 9, verse 15 - Chapter 10, verse 10

- ✦ From the day the Mishkan was erected, it was covered by a cloud during the day, and a fire by night. When the cloud lifted, this signalled that Bnai Israel should break camp and journey onwards, following the cloud until it came to rest in a new location of Hashem's choosing.
- ✦ In addition Moshe was asked to make two silver trumpets. The trumpet blasts blown by the Kohanim will indicate when the camp is to move, assemble, celebrate holy days, go to war etc.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 10, verse 11 - 34

- ✦ The order of breaking camp, before travelling to their new destination is discussed in detail.
- ✦ Moshe invites his father-in-law, Reuel (Yithro) to join them on their journey, but he declines.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 10, verse 35 – Chapter 11, verse 29

- ✦ No sooner than Bnai Yisrael start traveling, they start complaining. First they complain about the "arduous" journey. Then they grumble about the manna, expressing their desire for meat. A forlorn Moshe turns to Hashem and insists that he can no longer bear his leadership role any longer.
- ✦ Hashem tells Moses to gather seventy elders who will assist him in his leadership duties, to ease his burdens. He also promises to provide Bnai Yisrael with an abundance of meat.

Sh'v'i - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 11, verse 30 - Chapter 12, verse 16

- ✦ Hashem causes a wind to sweep in huge numbers of quail from the sea. Those who ate gluttonously died in a plague.
- ✦ Miriam, Moses' sister, spoke negatively of Moses' decision to become celibate. Hashem was highly displeased by this Loshen Hora and smote Miriam with Tzara'at (leprosy) for one week.

Haftorah – ZECHARIAH Chapter 2 verse 14 to Chapter 4 verse 7

OVERVIEW:

- Shortly before the building of the Second Temple. Zechariah prophesies a vivid depiction of the joy that will prevail when Hashem will return back to Jerusalem.
- Zechariah describes a scene in the Heavenly Court; where Satan was seeking to incriminate the first Kohen Gadol to serve in the Second Temple, because of his sins. Hashem himself defends the High Priest and in turn rebukes Satan for his accusations.
- Hashem then proceeds to outline the rewards awaiting the Kohen Gadol if he and his descendants follow in Hashem's ways. Namely resuming full service in the Bais Hamikdash and the coming of the Moshiach.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- The beginning of the sedra begins with how the Menorah should be lit.
- In the Haftorah Zechariah describes his vision he has of the Menorah, symbolising that victory of Israel's enemies will be achieved by the Spirit of Hashem and not by physical force.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION: Was there any justification for Miriam's gripe against Moshe?

Miriam was upset that Moshe had separated from his wife Zipporah, Her reasoning being that both Aaron and she were able to receive Hashem's prophecies without resorting to celibacy. In addition Miriam knew that the separation was in fact Moshe's own idea and that Hashem had not commanded him to stay away from his wife and the reason why she complained because she did not want to see her brother punished by Hashem for his actions.

You also have to remember that Miriam had seen and been entangled with this similar situation before whilst still in Mitzraim before Moshe was born. Both her parents had decided to split from each other, because of Pharaoh's decree that every new born boy will be thrown into the river. Causing all the other Jewish Husbands to separate from their wives. Miriam was able to save the situation by chastising her parents, stating that by staying away from each other, all they were accomplishing was actually worse than Pharaoh's decree because they were in effect killing the new born girls too. Miriam's parents, thanked her for revealing their error to them and returned back to their marital relations.

Regarding Moshe, The Talmud explains Miriam's reasoning was flawed this time because Hashem had given his approval to Moshe for his decision. Their proof being that after the revelation at Sinai, Hashem told his new nation to 'return back to you tents' (literally meaning your families). However 'You Moshe shall stay with me'

Moshe realised he could no longer be confined to the limited framework of his private life. In order to attain a higher spiritual level to reveal Hashem's revelations to Bnai Yisrael. Separating from Zipporah was the only way Moshe knew he would be able to accomplish this.

Imagine living in a place where the only source of light is the light emitted from an occasional bolt of lightning. It would be impossible to truly understand your surroundings. Miriam did not truly recognise the sacrifices Moshe had to go through, enabling him to elevate himself to the higher level of Prophecy in order to communicate with Hashem enabling him to teach Bnai Yisrael the torah. If Moshe had remained on the same level of prophecy as herself and Aaron. Even if the prophecies were delivered frequently, Moshe would never have been able to reveal or comprehend the true essence of what the torah represented. Which is the reason why Miriam had to be punished by complaining about something beyond her comprehension.

May will all be continually be thankful and gracious to Moshe for sacrificing so much in order to bring the torah into the world.



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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

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NASSO

2nd Sivan 5774

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 4, verses 21 – 37 and

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 4, verses 38 - 49

- ✦ Hashem asks Moshe and Aaron to Count all the males of the Lev'im families of Gershon and Merari who were between the ages of thirty and fifty years old.
- ✦ As this was the time frame a Levite was allowed to work in the Mishkan, the torah next describes the duties and roles each family has to carry out.
- ✦ The total number of Lev'im who were eligible to work added up to 8,580

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Chapter 5, verses 1 - 10

- ✦ As not to contaminate the place in which Hashem's shekinah (divine presence) is residing, Hashem explains the importance of purity within the camps and orders him to expel anyone has either been infected with Tzara'at, (a supernatural disease which looks very similar to leprosy), a Zav (a person whose been diagnosed with either a sexual disease or an unnatural seminal discharge) or has been in contact with a human corpse in order to keep the camp Tahor (Pure).
- ✦ Hashem tells Moshe that if a thief has denied and lied under oath regarding his / her crime. They have committed treason against Hashem. In order to be forgiven the thief has to confess to his / her guilt and return back what was stolen plus an additional one-fifth of the value of what was took.

RV'I - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 5, verses 11 - 27

- ✦ Hashem teaches Moshe the laws regarding a Sota (A wife who has seen by witnesses, willingly going with another man into a secluded place) if the Husband has previously warned his wife not do such a thing and becomes jealous, plus the witnesses can't testify what happened next; The Husband has to take his wife to a Kohen along with Korban of barley flour.
- ✦ The Kohen escorts the wife into the Mishkan, and prepares what is known as the 'bitter waters'. He then uncovers the woman's hair and places the jealous husbands Korban into her hands. The woman has to swear that she will accept the consequences of whatever happens to her.
- ✦ The Kohen explains to her that if she is guilty of having intimate relations with the other man then she will be cursed. He then writes the curse onto a piece of parchment and erases the letters in the water mixture and makes her drink. If she had been unfaithful to her husband the curse will come to fruition. If however she is innocent. She will be blessed with bearing a child.
- ✦ Hashem next tells Moshe if the laws regarding to someone who proclaims they want to be a Nazir (A person who makes a vow in order to be closer to Hashem. Firstly a Nazir must not cut his hair, Secondly they must refrain from drinking wine and thirdly they must come near a human corpse.
- ✦ Upon concluding their allotted time of being a Nazir, they must then offer up both a sin and a peace offering to Hashem, shave their hair and throw it into the flames.
- ✦ Hashem recites to Moshe and Aaron three beracha's which the Kohanim must bless the rest of Bnai Yisrael with. 1/ May Hashem bless and safeguard you. 2/ May Hashem shine his face and be gracious unto you. 3/ May Hashem turn his face to you and establish peace for you.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 6, verse 1 – 41,

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 6, verses 42 – 71 and

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 6, verses 72 - 89

- ✦ On the day the Mishkan was erected, the princes of each tribe brought and presented korbanos before Hashem. Over the course of the next twelve days, one prince each day offered up their korbanos. All the korbanos were identical.
- ✦ Moshe enters the Mishkan and hears Hashem's voice speaking to him from the top of the ark cover between the two cherubim.

Haftorah – Shoftim (Judges), Chapter 13, Verses 2 - 25

OVERVIEW:

- Manoah and his wife, who belonged to the Tribe of Dan, were childless. One day an angel appeared to Manoah's wife, informing her that she will give birth to a child. This child, the angel instructed, was to be a lifetime Nazirite.
- In addition, the angel instructed her from the moment of her conception, she must abstain from drinking wine and all foods forbidden to a nazirite. The angel further informed Manoah's wife that her son will save the Jewish people from the Philistine oppression they were enduring at that time.
- Upon hearing the good news that they were going to be blessed with a son, Manoah and his wife then invited the messenger to partake of a special meal they would prepare, but he declined. Instead the angel encouraged Manoah to offer the goat he wished to slaughter for the meal as a sacrifice to Hashem. The angel then ascended to the heavens in the flame that devoured the sacrifice.
- The Haftorah ends with the birth of Samson and that Hashem blessed him.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- This week's Sedra discusses all the Laws regarding a Nazirite.
- The Haftorah describes the birth of the most well-known one Shimson (Samson), who was Nazir throughout his whole life.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

It's a fact that the Torah is very careful not to insert any extra words in its text which is deemed unnecessary and without relevance; and yet it seems, towards the end of this week's Parsha, when discussing what the heads of each tribe bought as an offering to commemorate the Mishkan's consecration, although every tribe bought exactly the same Korbonos, the Torah describes each one individually in great detail. Why?

Our Rabbi's taught that in fact there is two other times when this questions arises. The first is the narration when Eliezer is sent by Avraham to find a suitable wife for Yitzchak and the second time is to do with the Mishkan's actual construction. The Torah describes all the details of what was needed to be created from the various materials donated and then repeats everything at length for a second time, once the Mishkan had been built. Is there a connection regarding these three things?

The Chafetz Chaim says yes. They correspond to the three pillars of our Jewish faith and therefore merit such lengthy discussions. The choosing of a spouse is the ground work for building a family that will follow in Hashem's path by adhering to all of his 613 mitzvahs; which is why Eliezer's experience is recounted twice.

The Mishkan is the sanctuary in which we can best serve Hashem. The torah wants us to see how much happiness and joy it was for Bnai Yisrael actually building a place to house Hashem's Shekinah (his spirit), enabling to dwell amongst them, from the initial planning stage to its final completion.

The Torah also wants to emphasise how proud each and every prince was to be given the great honour of offering up their korbonos on behalf of their tribes, hence the reason why it went out of its way to express the elation being felt by each one whilst performing this most holy and sacred act.

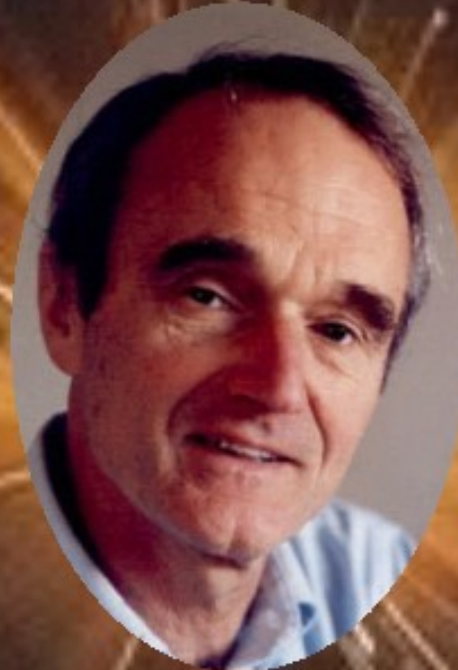
I've come to learn that these three separate elements make up the essence of what our community should strive to be. The first seeing ourselves as part of an extension of being one big happy and caring family. The second is our Jewish religion itself and last but not least is being proud of being a member of our Jewish nationality keeping our heritage alive. May Hashem continue to shower us with his blessings, in order to make our community grow from strength to strength.

שבת שלום
Shabbat Shalom!

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KKW5 and Kenton Synagogue

present an evening with



Gerald Schroeder

Author of 'Genesis and the Big Bang'

Sunday 15th June 2014

7.30pm

Kenton Synagogue, Shaftesbury Avenue HA3 0RD

**Topic: Science
has discovered
God - Literally
and even
atheists agree!**

It was less than 50 years ago that science discovered that our universe had a beginning, a creation. Until that discovery, the overwhelming majority of scientists assumed the universe was eternal, and as such, the

Bible was obviously wrong right from the first sentence. Not only has science retracted that erroneous opinion, but equally significant, the description of the creating force matches spot on the Biblical description of God.

**Tickets £10
including
Light Supper
Contact: Shul
Office before
Thursday 12th
June**