



Times of Services

Friday 8 August 2014
Shabbat begins: 8.22 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

Shabbat 9 August 2014
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Haftarah: Michael Jacobs
Shabbat ends: 9.31 pm

Sunday 10 August 2014
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 15 August 2014
Shabbat begins: 8.09 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

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 8 August 2014/Shabbat 13 Av 5774

Sidra: **Vaetchanan**

MAZAL TOV!

To Isabel Kosky on the birth of her first grandchild born on Tuesday 5 August (Tisha B'Av) in Israel. "Baby girl" weighed in at a bouncy 8lbs 8oz. Mazal Tov to parents Dan and Natasha Kosky, Uncle Ben, Great-Aunt Helen and all the family. May they schep much nachat, good health and happiness from the new addition to their families.

SHABBAT 16 AUGUST KIDDUSH

Dorothy Kochan has pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush in honour of her daughter and granddaughters from America being with her in Ealing.

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2014 FASHION SHOW AND TEA

Ladies! Buy a new outfit for Rosh Hashannah. Tickets are now available. Please contact Marianne Temple and/or email esevents@btinternet.com. Payment can be made by cheque payable to the "United Synagogue". Alternatively, you can pay online at: <https://myus.theus.org.uk/events/8406/fashion-show-and-tea/>. **Please RSVP by Friday 29th August at the latest.**

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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9th August 2014

VA'ETCHANAN

13th AV 5774

Kohen - First Aliya:

Chapter 3, verse 23 – Chapter 4, verse 4

- ✚ Moshe Relives the moment when he pleaded with Hashem to allow him entry into Israel but Hashem refuses. Instead Hashem did allow Moshe to stand on top of a mountain to view the whole land from afar where he tells him that Yehoshua (Joshua) will appointed to lead the people in his stead.
- ✚ Moshe explains to Bnai Yisrael what to do and how to behave when they enter the Promised Land.
- ✚ Moses instructs the people to follow Hashem's Torah, and never to add to or detract from it

Levi - Second Aliya:

Chapter 4, verses 5 - 40

- ✚ Moshe warns the nation not to forget the Torah's revelation and all the miracles they witnessed at Mount Sinai.
- ✚ Worshipping any forms of graven images is totally forbidden and would result in exile and annihilation. However in his mercy, Hashem would eventually forgive them and allow them to return once more.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya:

Chapter 4, verses 41 - 49

- ✚ Moshe sets aside three (Ir Miklat) cities of refuge on the western bank of the Jordan River: Betzer, Ramot and Gilad.
- ✚ These cities are to be used to house anyone who has accidentally killed another in order to keep them safe.

R'Vi' - Fourth Aliya:

Chapter 5, verses 1 - 17 and

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya:

Chapter 5, verse 18 - Chapter 6, verse 3

- ✚ Moshe reminds Bnai Yisrael what occurred at Mount Sinai and he stood between them and Hashem, because they were afraid of the fire that had engulfed the mountain.
- ✚ The Ten Statements (Commandments) are repeated to remind Bnai Yisrael that Hashem's covenant to them is eternal and not just for those who were physically present at the time of the original revelation.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya:

Chapter 6, verses 4 - 25

- ✚ The first paragraph of the Shema is recited here.
- ✚ Moshe expresses all the wonderful things both agriculturally and in construction that Bnai Yisrael is going to receive after they've conquered the land as long as they don't forget it was Hashem who had given it to them.
- ✚ Moses instructs the nation what to respond to their children who might inquire why they observe all the commandments: "We were slaves in Egypt, and Hashem took us out in order that we serve Him, so that we could reap the rewards for doing so."

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya:

Chapter 7, verses 1 - 11

- ✚ Moshe reassures his people, although the seven nations who currently occupy the land of Israel are strong, they will be no match for them.
- ✚ Finally Moshe warns Bnai Yisrael about the prohibition of intermarriage because Hashem has chosen them over all the other nations to be Hashem's holy people.

Haftorah – YISHAYAH (ISAIAH) Chapter 40 verses 1 to 26

OVERVIEW:

- ✚ This week's Haftorah begins with Hashem's encouraging and inspiring the prophets by revealing that Jerusalem's period of golus (exile) has been fulfilled and that all past sins have been forgiven.
- ✚ Yishayah describes some of the miraculous events that will unfold with the onset of the messianic era, such as the return of the exiles to Jerusalem, the revelation of Hashem's glory to the world etc.
- ✚ Yishayah comforts the people, by reassuring them that Hashem has always had and always will love, care and look after his chosen nation.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✚ This is the first of the seven 'Prophecies of comfort' which are read between the ninth of Av and Rosh Hashanah.
- ✚ The Haftorah begins with the words "You should be comforted" describing the bright future that Bnai Yisrael are destined to receive.
- ✚ Va'etchanan is always read the Shabbat after the fast of Av because it contains the ten statements, symbolizing the fact that our sadness has ended and we can once again resume in embracing Hashem's torah with joy and happiness.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION: The Importance of the Shema

The Shema is the oldest fixed daily prayer in Judaism, recited both morning and night since ancient times. It is one of only two prayers that are specifically commanded to recite in Torah (the other being Birkat Ha-Mazon (Grace after meals)). Unlike most other prayers which were written by humans to bring us closer to Hashem; the Shema is unique because it is a prayer to Hashem written by Hashem.

The content of the Shema talks about the very core of Hashem and our relationship towards him. The first part of the Shema begins with one of the best-known and most fundamental expressions of Jewish belief, and the one from which this prayer gets its name: Shema Yisrael Hashem Kelohainu, Hashem E'chad (Hear O' Israel, Hashem is our G-d, Hashem is one). The second line however, (Barukh sheim k'vod... (Blessed is His name, whose glorious kingdom is forever) is actually not part of this passage read from the Torah. It's a congregational response from the temple times whenever the Kohen Gadol (High Priest) would say Hashem's Divine Name, the people would respond with this line. Today, it is not said aloud except during the Yom Kippur services.

The Shema itself is a declaration of faith. So much of Judaism is concerned with observing practical laws, both positive and negative, both ethical and ritual. The Shema stands out as a cry of belief, something that cannot be complacent with or ignored. The words have to personally penetrate all our hearts. Not simply carried out ritually or avoided, it has to be personally taken to heart.

The Shema also includes two particular rituals as reminders that Judaism is not just for once a week on the Sabbath, nor reserved for a special place or time to practice and embrace the religion. Both the wearing of Tefillin and placing Mezuzah's at eye level on our doors show us that Judaism is integral for all times of the day and week, and in every place ("when you sit in your home and walk in the street, when you lie down and rise up").

I believe our daily readings of the shema will enforce our Jewish values, traditions, and heritage preparing us to overcome any obstacles we find across our paths. This will bring us all, ever closer to Hashem showing the world that Hashem truly is one' who will ultimately allow us to live our lives in united peace in the land of Israel, together as one.



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BRIEFING ON OPERATION PROTECTIVE EDGE

SITUATION UPDATE FOR DEPUTIES

TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2014

Latest Developments:

- Egypt negotiated a 72 hour ceasefire, similar to the July 15th proposal, which was initially rejected by Hamas. Israel was not present at the negotiations between Egypt, Hamas and the PA; however an Israeli delegation has left for Cairo in order to negotiate a sustained ceasefire along the principle of the demilitarisation of Gaza in return for lifting the blockade.
- Hours before the 08:00 ceasefire started, the IDF announced their complete withdrawal from Gaza, after meeting their objectives.
- 32 terror tunnels have been destroyed.
- 3000 rockets have been destroyed.
- 900 terrorists have been killed.
- Hamas used the moments before the ceasefire to launch a barrage of long range missiles, reaching as far north as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.
- This resulted in the destruction of a Palestinian home in Bethlehem; however the family sleeping inside were not hurt.
- Baroness Sayeeda Warsi resigned as Foreign Office minister in protest of David Cameron's support for Israel.
- The UN, at the request of Arab nations, has called an informal meeting to discuss the war in Gaza.
- On Monday, a terrorist in Jerusalem used a stolen digger to turn over a bus, killing an Israeli civilian. The police shot the suspect through the windscreen, killing him.
- On Sunday morning the IDF announced that the kidnapped soldier, Second Lt. Hadar Goldin, had been killed.
- 12 rioters were arrested on Monday after hurling rocks at police on Temple Mount.
- 10 Palestinians died on Sunday after another UN school was hit. Israel has denied involvement, saying the IDF targeted three armed men on a motorbike in the vicinity of the school, but did not fire into the building itself.
- The PA Foreign Minister has gone to the ICC this morning, urging Israel be tried for war-crimes.

Key Facts:

- Over 3100 rockets have been fired at Israel since 8th July. The Iron Dome intercepted 560 of these.
- The IDF has said Hamas still has 3000 rockets remaining.
- Since the beginning of the ground phase the IDF has targeted over 4600 terror sites.
- The total count of IDF deaths stands at 64.

- The total count of Palestinian deaths stands at 1800.
- 3 Israeli civilians and a Thai worker in Israel have died.

Ceasefires:

15th July:

Egypt proposed a ceasefire based on the text from 2012.

17th July:

- 5 hour ceasefire adhered to.

Saturday 26th July:

- 12 hour ceasefire (did not apply to the destruction of the tunnels).
- Israel extended the ceasefire for a further 4 hours; Hamas rejected this extension and began to fire rockets into Israel.

Sunday 27th July:

- Israel agreed to a 24 hour UN ceasefire. Hamas rejected this, stating they would only stop if Israel withdrew from Gaza unilaterally.
- Hamas fired a large barrage of rockets into Israel, prompting an Israeli response.
- Hamas then requested a 24hr ceasefire whilst continuing to fire rockets into Israel.

Tuesday 29th July:

- Hamas rejected reports that a ceasefire was near.

Wednesday 30th July:

- Israeli initiated four hour truce where the IDF were not operating. Hamas rejected this.

Friday 1st August:

- US and UN brokered a 72 hour ceasefire. One and a half hours in, Hamas launched 15 rockets, carried out an attack killing three Israeli soldiers, prompting an Israeli response.

Monday 4th August:

- Israel announced a 7 hour ceasefire across Gaza with the exception of eastern Rafah.

Tuesday 5th July:

- 72 hour Egyptian ceasefire begins.

Key statements:

IDF spokesman, Lt-Col Peter Lerner: "The Israel Defence Forces will be redeployed in defensive positions outside the Gaza Strip and we will maintain those defensive positions,"

Senior Israeli Official: "Israel will bring to these discussions our top priority, which is preventing Hamas from rearming,"

Text from the Egyptian Ceasefire: "Crossings shall be opened and the passage of persons and goods through border crossings shall be facilitated once the security situation becomes stable on the ground."

Foreign Office minister Baroness Warsi Tweeted: "With deep regret I have this morning written to the Prime Minister & tendered my resignation. I can no longer support Govt policy on #Gaza."

How to support Israel:

- **The Jewish Agency for Israel - Support for Victims of Terror:**
<https://donate.iewishagency.org/page/contribute/Victims-of-Terror>
- **Yad Ezra V'Shulamit - Food packages for southern Israeli families:**
http://www.vadezra.net/index_e.php
- **UJIA - Children of the South Campaign - delivering hot meals and supporting day camps to be run in shelters across the south, as well as in northern Israel:**
<http://www.ujia.org/children/#sthash.Ui6PBlg.dpuf>
- **ALEH - Emergency funding for severely disabled children who are in the line of rocket fire:**
<https://www.aleh.org/Donate.asp?CC=ALEHUNDERFIRE>
- **Magen David Adom - Medical emergency service:**
<https://www.committedgiving.uk.net/mdauk/public/doncc.aspx>
- **OneFamily - Retreats and support groups for the victims of terror:**
<http://www.onefamilytogether.org/operation-protective-edge-can-help/>
- **ZF - Urgent care packages for soldiers:**
<http://www.zionist.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/NEW-Care-Packages-Flyer-JUL14-copy1.jpg>

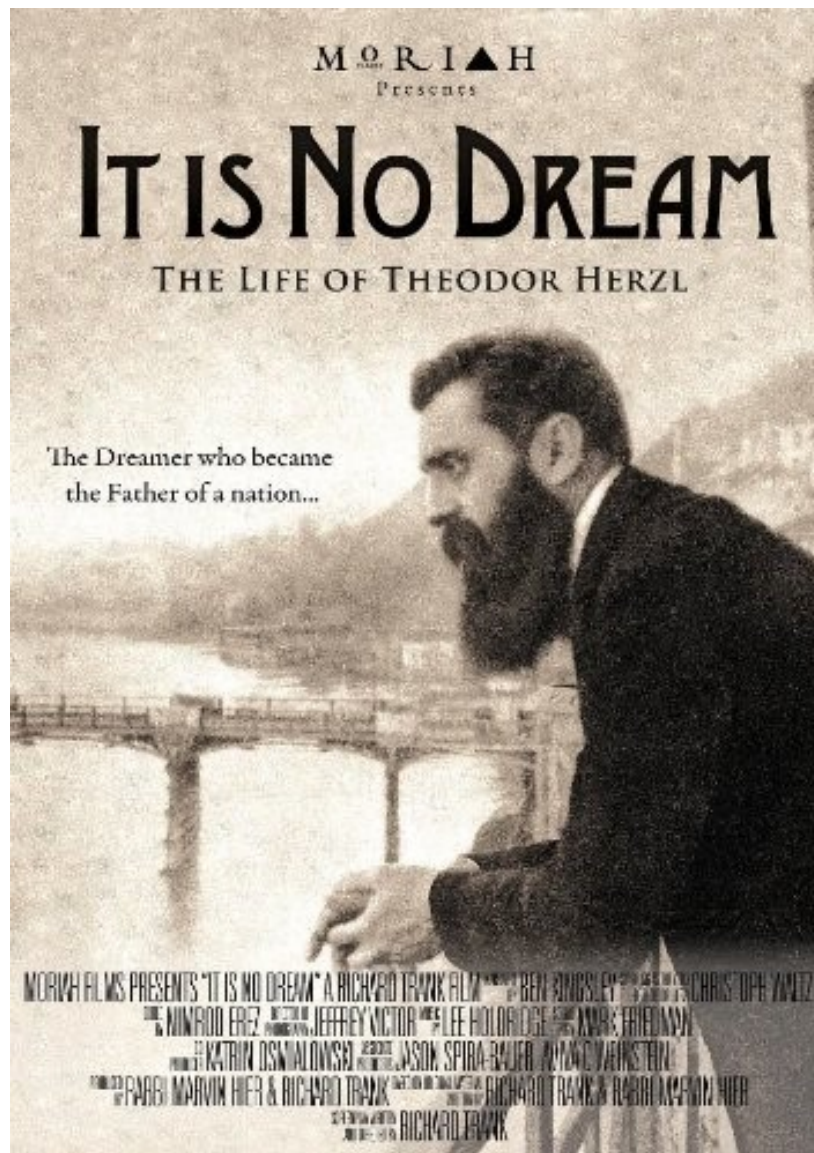
Sourced from: JPost, BBC, Haaretz, The Guardian, Huffington Post, Times of Israel, IDF blog

**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 Ornelat 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.



Rosh Hashannah 2014/5775 "The New Ealing Review"

This year is Ealing Synagogue's 95th birthday and we are hoping to produce a bumper edition of the magazine to mark this occasion. If you would like to donate a page in the magazine, advertise an event or business, or simply insert New Year greetings and/or any other message, please complete the form below and return it to Marianne Temple. Thank you for your support.

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SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

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Fashion Show at 5.00 pm

Raffle

Opportunity to buy clothes, hats and accessories after the Show

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