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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 9 May 2014/Shabbat 10 Iyar 5774

Sidra: [Behar](#)

Times of Services

Friday 9 May 2014
Shabbat begins: 8.22 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

Shabbat 10 May 2014
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Haftarah: Michael Jacobs
Special Kiddush
Shabbat ends: 9.34 pm

Sunday 11 May 2014
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 16 May 2014
Shabbat begins: 8.33 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

SHABBAT 10 MAY 2014 SPECIAL KIDDUSH

Muriel Jacobs has pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush in celebration of her 95th birthday. Please join us in wishing Muriel a very happy birthday and only good health and happiness, until 120!

THURSDAY 15 MAY 2014 : 12.30 PM COMMUNITY LUNCH

Everyone is invited to the Community Lunch. For catering purposes, please contact [Alison Shindler-Glass](#) if you would like to attend.

SHABBAT 17 MAY 2014 SPECIAL KIDDUSH

Deborah and Jonny Leigh have pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush in celebration of the birth of their daughter, Amelia Daisy. Please join us in wishing Deborah and Jonny Mazal Tov and welcoming Amelia Daisy into the Ealing community. Queue for cuddles with the baby!

SUNDAY 18 MAY 2014 EALING SYNAGOGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ealing Synagogue's AGM will be on Sunday morning at 11.30 am. Please support this event and have your say.

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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SUNDAY 25 MAY 2014 (BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY)
STONE SETTING
LEON GERLIS Z"l

The stone setting for Leon Gerlis z"l will take place at 12.00 pm at Bushey Cemetery. Following the commemoration, guests are invited back to the home of Jeremy and Simone Gerlis. Please contact Daphne Gerlis if you are intending to return to the house.

SATURDAY 31 MAY 2014
WOMEN V CANCER - RIDE THE NIGHT

Alison Shindler-Glass will be cycling from Windsor to London in aid of charities for breast cancer, cervical cancer and ovarian cancer. If you would like to support Alison to raise much needed funds for these charities, please go to her Just Giving page <http://www.justgiving.com/Alison-Shindler>. Good luck, Alison!

SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2014
CHALLAH BAKING CLASS

Following the success of the last class, Zelda Vogel will be taking another challah baking class on Sunday 1 June at 10.30 am in the shul kitchen. Please call her directly if you would like to take part : mobile 07977 262220. Zelda will provide all the utensils and ingredients. Cost £20.00 per person.

YOM YERUSHALIM
WEMBLEY SYNAGOGUE

Yom Yerushalayim is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in June 1967. On May 12, 1968 the government proclaimed a new holiday—Jerusalem Day—to be celebrated on the 28th of Iyar, the Hebrew date on which the divided city of Jerusalem became one. On March 23, 1998 the Knesset passed the Jerusalem Day Law, making the day a national holiday. The Chief Rabbinate of Israel also declared Jerusalem Day a minor religious holiday to thank G-d for victory in the Six-Day War and for answering the 2,000-year-old prayer of "Next Year in Jerusalem".

This year the 28th of Iyar is on the 28th of May and Reuben Turner Presents

An Evening of Music and Song
TO CELEBRATE YOM YERUSHALAYIM
(includes Choral Sefiras HaOmer)

Wembley Synagogue, 8-10 Forty Avenue, Wembley, Middx HA9 8JW
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Menorah Primary School Choir conducted by Rabbi Zvi Zimmels

Pianist: David Silkoff; Violinist: Miriam Kramer

Special Guest Speaker: LORD LEVY

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Tickets: £25 Reserved £15 Unreserved £12.50 Concessions

Ticket information-Contact 02082027023 or 02089070616

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

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10th May 2014

BEHAR

10th Iyar 5774

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 25, verses 1 - 13

- ✦ Whilst still on Mount Sinai, Hashem instructs Moshe the laws regarding Shmittah, (the seventh or sabbatical year).
- ✦ Once Bnai Yisrael have entered the land of Israel, they are allowed to cultivate and plough their land for six years but on the seventh year, It is forbidden to do work the land at all, including Sowing, harvesting etc. however during this Shmittah year, any produce naturally grown on the land can be harvested by the poor, the land owners slaves as long as the produce picked are not sold to anyone.
- ✦ After a cycle of seven consecutive Shmittah's, the 50th Yovel (jubilee year) is observed. All the laws which apply to Shmittah also apply on the Yovel year.

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 25, verses 14 - 18

- ✦ Any land that was sold during the course of the previous forty nine years must be returned back to their original owners. No land can be sold indefinitely because all the land belongs to Hashem.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya Chapter 25, verses 19 - 24

- ✦ Hashem promises that if Bnai Yisrael abide by these laws properly, he will guarantee enough produce will be grown in their fields in the year prior to the Shmittah which will sustain them over the three years, including the Shmittah and Yovel period.

RV'I - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 25, verses 25 - 28

- ✦ If a person becomes poor and is forced to sell their land, their relatives must redeem and buy it back for them. Once the poor person has enough money, they are obliged to buy their land back.
- ✦ If a property is sold in a walled city, the property must be redeemed within a year. If it isn't then the new owner is allowed to keep the property even after the Yovel year has passed.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 25, verses 29 - 38

- ✦ Any homes belonging to the Levi'im have an eternal ancestral heritage and can be redeemed at any time. These homes will always revert back to them during the Yovel year.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 25, verses 39 - 46

- ✦ If any Jewish person has any financial problems, we are obliged to help and loan him funds, but it is forbidden to charge them interest, when they are able to pay you back.
- ✦ If a Jewish person is sold to another Jew, It is forbidden to make them perform any "Slave Labour"
- ✦ Even if the slaves' debts have not been fully paid back, when the Yovel comes around, the master must free the slave and their family. This is because Hashem is our one true master; who took us out of Mitzraim (Egypt) in order to do his bidding by performing Mitzvahs and bringing Kedusha (Holiness) into the world. A non-Jewish slave is not set free during the Yovel.

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 25, verse 47 - Chapter 26, verse 2

- ✦ A Jew belongs to a non-Jew, their relatives must redeem them as soon as possible. They are still automatically redeemed on the Yovel year but the non-Jewish owner must be compensated for their loss.
- ✦ Erecting statues and serving them as idols is completely prohibited.
- ✦ Bnai Yisrael are reminded that the Shabbat must be observed properly and to always be in awe of the Mishkan.

Haftorah – Yermeyahu (Jeremiah) Chapter 32 verses 6 to 27

OVERVIEW:

- ✦ This week's Haftorah relates one of the most tragic yet uplifting episodes in the life of Yermeyahu and the history of the destruction of the 1st Bais Hamikdash
- ✦ Hashem orders Yermeyahu, to leave straight away and redeem his cousin's ancestral land.
- ✦ Even though Bnai Yisrael are on the verge of being destroyed by their enemies, by redeeming his cousin's land, Yermeyahu wanted to show them that there still was chance of the beis Hamikdash being saved. All they had to do was put all their faith and trust in Hashem and he would disperse their enemies.
- ✦ Yermeyahu allowed himself to hope that his beloved nation would recognise the errors of their ways and repent in order to avert the oncoming disaster. Alas it was not so, and he had to witness disaster would be averted. Unfortunately, it was not to be and ended up being a witness of seeing the 1st beis Hamikdash burnt to the ground.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✦ Parsha Behar deals with the laws pertaining to the redemption of land to its original owner when the Shmittah and Yovel years come around.
- ✦ Hashem's message to the Yermeyahu and Bnai Yisrael was direct and simple. Repentance is always possible. No matter how dire your situation seems to be in; you're Houses, fields, and vineyards will ultimately be redeemed back to you eventually.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION: The Practicality of not charging interest on a loan.

In today's society there is one particular problem which is constantly discussed in the media and financial sectors and that is loan companies lending thousands of pounds to those who are unfortunately need to borrow and then charge exuberant interest rates for the privilege. The torah solves the issue in one sentence 'If your brother becomes impoverished, you must lend him the money but do not act towards him as a creditor and exact no interest from him.' Why the Prohibition?

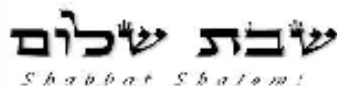
Interest is basically rent for using someone else's money, and is different from renting other things like a home or car. For example, the more a car is used the value of the car depreciates over time due to wear and tear etc. So to avoid any financial loss to the lender, the borrower would have to pay a little extra to compensate. However at least according to the Torah way of viewing it, Money itself doesn't lose value, therefore it incurs no financial risk or loss. So the lender won't lose out, once the funds have been paid back.

However, the way our economic structure is today, this is no longer the case because the money markets are constantly fluctuating, so its intrinsic value is affected dramatically thereby possibly causing a potential loss to the lender.

To avoid this, our rabbi's developed and instituted a way where charging interest would not be considered breaking the Torah law, but would consider both parties, in order that neither the lender nor the borrower would lose out. This method is called a 'Heter Iskar' basically what happens is the initial loan is seen as an investment, and the relationship between the lender and the borrower as a partnership. In which case the partner providing the funds can benefit to an agreed 'profit' made from the transaction.

For me personally, I perceive the Torah is expressing a different message. A loan should not be treated as a commercial transaction at all, rather as a matter of giving tzedoka (Charity) only. Meaning, charging interest to a poor person who needs to borrow money for whatever reason would be viewed as exploiting someone in need of help. The fact that charging interest is part of our modern business practice, the issues that emerge from the Torah's prohibition seems to be ignored.

I think we ought to try and think more about bridging the gap between the rich and poor, so that no-one will feel the need to borrow any money in the future in order to survive, not only in the Jewish community, but in the larger society as well.



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