



Times of Services 2015

Friday 14 August
Shabbat begins: 8.11 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

Shabbat 15 August
Rosh Chodesh Elul
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Haftorah: Ivor Gertler
Kiddush
Mincha: 7.50 pm
Shabbat ends: 9.16 pm

Sunday 16 August
Rosh Chodesh Elul
Shacharit: 8.20 am

Friday 21 August
Shabbat begins: 7.57 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 contact Brian Robinson, who will be delighted to help with any preparation or revision.

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 2.00 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 14 August 2015/Shabbat 30 Av 5775

Sidra: Re'eh

SHABBAT 15 AUGUST ROSH CHODESH ELUL

Mincha will be at 7.50 pm followed by a Seudah Shlishit kindly sponsored by Leslie and Evelyn Sommer. Everyone is welcome.

MAZAL TOV

To **Maisie Wallach** who was 99 on Monday 10 August. The Ealing community wishes her only good health till 120!

SHABBAT 22 AUGUST

We are delighted to welcome Aron Lovat who will be leyning, reading Haftorah and giving an address to the congregation. We look forward to seeing him and his wife Rochel-Leah, who is Joan Michael's granddaughter.

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2015 SHOFAR BLOWING MASTERCLASS

Michael Mars will be leading a masterclass in shofar blowing. Details are on the attached flyer. Payment can now be made online at:

<https://myus.theus.org.uk/events/19839/shofar-blowing-masterclass/>

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY LUNCH

The special guest at the Community Lunch will be Dr Rupa Huq, MP for Ealing Central and Acton. For catering purposes, please contact Alison Shindler-Glass if you would like to attend.

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

ISSUE 44

15th August 2015

RE'EH

30th Av 5775

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 11, verse 26- Chapter 12, verse 10

- ✦ Moshe informs Bnai Yisrael that if they obey Hashem's commandments they will be reciprocated with blessings but they would be the recipients of curses if they don't.
- ✦ Moshe tells them once they are in the land of Israel they are only allowed to bring Korbonos (sacrifice offerings) to a designated area where Hashem will show them (Jerusalem) and not to any other place they might desire.

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 12, verses 11 - 28

- ✦ Moshe assures the people that although it is forbidden to offer korbonos in any location other than the one designated by Hashem, it is permitted to slaughter cattle for consumption purposes in their own cities.
- ✦ Blood of any animals may never be eaten.
- ✦ The consumption of various tithes and other sacred foods is also restricted to the holy city of Jerusalem only.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Chapter 12, verse 29 - Chapter 13, verse 19

- ✦ Moshe expresses that every Mitzvah described in the torah is perfect and warns the nation not to add or subtract any part from them.
- ✦ If someone claims to be a Prophet and tells you to follow other G-ds, Moshe warns Bnai Yisrael not to listen as he / she is a heathen and must be put to death.
- ✦ If someone receives the death penalty for trying to coerce someone else to perform idolatry, don't take pity on them, even if they happen to be a family member or a friend).
- ✦ Moshe describes the consequences of an Ir ha'nedahat (a city whose inhabitants are leading people astray) If proven the city along with everything in it must be completely burned to ground.

RV'I - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 14, verses 1 - 21

- ✦ Moshe warns the people that since we are Children of Hashem, we should refrain in taking part in other Nations common practices or rituals, including mourning the departed by self-mutilation, or defacing the body with tattoo's etc.
- ✦ Moshe repeats some of the laws relating to the laws of kashrus, what is and what is not considered Kosher and the law which teaches us not to cook meat and milk products together.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 14, verse 22- 29

- ✦ The laws of giving Ma'aser (tithing) and Ma'aser Sheni are explained.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 15, verses 1 - 18

- ✦ The rules relating to the Shmittah year (the end of a seven year cycle) are discussed here.

Sh'v'i - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 15, verse 19 - Chapter 16, verse 17

- ✦ The male firstborn of kosher cattle must be consecrated and given to the Kohen to eat.
- ✦ The three pilgrimage festivals of Pesach, Shavu'os and Succot are described more in detail here.

Maftir – Bamidbar, Chapter 28 Verses 9 – 15

- ✦ The Korbonos (Sacrifices) which are required to be offered up to Hashem on Rosh Chodesh during the times when the Mishkan and the Beis Hamikdash stood are discussed here.

Haftorah – Yishayah (Isaiah), Chapter 66, Verses 1 – 24

- ✦ Yishayah describes the ultimate downfall of all our enemies during the war of Gog and Magog. The Navi forewarns that insincere expressions of devotion are synonymous to those who offer up blemished korbonos (sacrifices) to Hashem for because of this lack of sincerity and devotion, will be ultimately punished for it.
- ✦ Nevertheless, Yishayah's message, those who truly mourn for the absence of the Beis Hamikdash will merit and rejoice in its future redemption and reconstruction and will once again be able to witness the Rosh Chodesh offering and service, and fully participate in expressing their devotion and commitment to Hashem.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

There is a clear instruction in this week's sedra: "Do not add or subtract from any of Hashem's mitzvot." (Deut. 4:2) Intuitively, it is understandable why we should not subtract from the Torah. But surely Hashem would give his approval if we added something to it. Isn't doing more always better?

I once posed this question to a friend of mine. He answered 'Judaism is a process, a journey, where every step counts.' He perceives that when it comes to individual observance of a Mitzvah, A person must strive to do their best, and no more. But on a national level, we can't allow lower standards to be "institutionalized." The strength of Jewish law is its belief that human needs and desires remain consistent throughout history. If you try and redefine a particular Mitzvah for each individual, family, or society, then it will cease to be effective, resulting in the whole Jewish framework falling apart.

Our Commentator's explains that the reason for this mitzvah of 'bal tosef and bal tigras' (not adding or subtracting) is that when a person adds on to or subtracts from something, in essence they are saying that the original was in some way lacking, it wasn't perfect. Consider a great work of art for example. Would you remove a few notes from a Verdi opera or a Beethoven symphony or add some additional brushstrokes to a Rembrandt or a Picasso? No! It would spoil the whole ambience of the piece. And could damage their longevity of being masterpieces. This applies to all of the mitzvot written in the Torah too as they all originate from Hashem and therefore are inherently perfect. Everything that Hashem does and commands us to do or refrain from is beneficial and intrinsically good with no imperfections. If anyone of us decided to add or subtract from even one of them, we are implying that there must be a flaw in Hashem's laws which needs addressing to make it right. Therefore, Moshe is emphasizing the importance of this commandment in his final teachings before Bnei Yisrael enter the Promised Land.

Adding to the mitzvot is not being subservient to Hashem; it is in effect self-worshiping of one's own creativity. Perfection, by definition, cannot be improved upon. Jewish law is a precise metaphysical science. For just as removing one wire from a phone means that it no longer can pick up a reception, so too we mustn't tinker with the mitzvot. Don't mar a masterpiece! If we take heed to the well-known verse and song written by David Ha Melech (King David in Tehilim (Psalm) 19:8 "*Torah Hashem Temimah*" (the Torah of Hashem is perfect) we all be serving Hashem, just the way he would like us to.



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SAVE THE DATE!



PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY.

**EALING SYNAGOGUE WILL BE PUTTING ON A VERY SPECIAL
SHABBAT INCLUDING LUNCH, SEUDAH SHLISHIT AND
DYNAMIC SPEAKERS.**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

DETAILS TO FOLLOW.





Rosh Hashannah 2015/5776

"The New Ealing Review"

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Please return to Marianne Temple, C/O Ealing Synagogue, 15 Grange Road, London W5 5QN.

I wish to advertise in the Rosh Hashannah 2015/5776 magazine and enclose my payment of £_____ (cheques to be made payable to "UNITED SYNAGOGUE").

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Shofar Blowing Masterclass

Wednesday 2nd September 2015

7.00pm—9.00pm

Ealing Synagogue

15 Grange Road, Ealing W5 5QN



Many people own shofarot but cannot blow them;
others would like to learn how to blow them, whether or not they have a shofar.

This practical class is designed to improve the technique and
quality of shofar blowing to achieve a high standard.

The class will be led by Dr Michael Mars who has blown shofar at
Ealing Synagogue since 1990, together with Sam Shindler-Glass and
Ben Shindler-Glass, both experienced in shofar and
highly proficient brass instrument players.

If you have your own shofar, please bring it along.
There will be a large number of jumbo kudo shofarot on which to practise.
These will be available to purchase at a little above cost price
for those who wish to own their own.

Class will be limited to 25 participants.

Cost: £10.00 adults
£7.00 for children under Bar Mitzvah age
Light refreshments will be provided.

Cheques to be made payable to the "United Synagogue".
All proceeds will go to Ealing Synagogue.

Please reply to:
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Ealing Synagogue

Dear Member

Memorial Prayer—Yom Kippur 5776-2015

If you would like the name of a relative to be included on the list read out at Yizkor during the Yom Kippur service, please complete and return the form below to the Synagogue office no later than **Tuesday 8 September 2015**.

Should you wish to make an offering in memory of your relatives, please include it with your form. Cheques should be made payable to the “United Synagogue”.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Moses
Administrator
Tel: 020 8579 4894

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