



Times of Services 2015

Friday 25 September
Shabbat begins: 6.38 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.45 pm

Shabbat 26 September
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Kiddush
Shabbat ends: 7.37 pm

Sunday 27 September
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 2 October
Shabbat begins: 6.22 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.30 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.

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Ealing Synagogue Newsletter



שבת שלום

Friday 25 September 2015/Shabbat 13 Tishri 5776

Sidra: Haazinu

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Menashe Tahan** who will be 80 years young on Friday 25 September. We wish Menashe a very happy birthday, until P.G. 120. and may he have much nachat from his children and grandson. Mazal Tov.

MAZAL TOV TO

Chana Tal on the forthcoming wedding of her grandson **Adi Finklestone** to **Tehila**, which will take place in Israel in October. We wish Chana and all the family much nachat from the soon-to-be newlyweds.

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER EREV SUCCOT

The Succah will be decorated this Sunday morning from 10.30 am. All hands on deck will be appreciated if you are able and able-bodied, to help. Donations of fruit, kosher cakes, wine, whiskey etc., will be gratefully accepted. **NB:** The Ealing Half Marathon is taking place on Sunday 27 September so please check about road closures. You will be able to get into Grange Road from Ealing Common.



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THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER COMMUNITY LUNCH

The Community Lunch will be on Thursday 1 October at 12.30 pm, Chof Hamoed Succot, in the Succah (weather permitting). For catering purposes, please advise Alison Shindler-Glass if you would like to attend. Everyone is welcome.

SHABBATUK SHABBAT 24 OCTOBER 2015

Be part of **ShabbatUK** at Ealing Synagogue. Our guests will be Aron and Rochel-Leah Lovatt. Enjoy a special Shabbat with lunch, an afternoon programme which will include a quiz and a talk, and Seudah Shlishit. Reservations must be made in advance. Please see the attached flyer.

ShabbatUK starts with the **Great Challah Make** on **Thursday 22 October** near Brent Cross. Please advise Marianne Temple asap if you would like to join the Ealing Table. Tickets are £10.00 and need to be booked online: <http://www.shabbatuk.org/challah-make/>.

Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

ISSUE 49

26th September 2015

HA'AZINU

13th Tishrei 5776

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 32, verses 1 - 6

- ✦ Moshe's poetic song begins by calling the heaven and earth to act as witnesses to the words Moshe was about to speak.
- ✦ Hashem's Torah sustains life in this world just like the rain which makes the vegetation thrive, yet there are those who have the audacity to rebel against Hashem because they lack the wisdom to recognise all of his blessings bestowed upon them.

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 32, verses 7 - 12

- ✦ Moshe entreats Bnai Yisrael to reflect on their history, starting with the generation who built the tower of Babel, whom could have been wiped out if not for the fact they were destined to become Hashem's chosen nation in the future.
- ✦ Moshe then describes how Hashem protected them with clouds during their time wandering the Midbar (desert) where they came to realise the unique bond and relationship they had with their creator.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Chapter 32, verses 13 - 18

- ✦ Moshe then warns the people about their future, once they have settled down in the land of Israel.
- ✦ Even though they might become too complacent and abandon Hashem completely by straying into the practise of idolatry Hashem will still protect them from harm because he loves them.

R'vi' - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 32, verses 19 - 28

- ✦ Hashem would become incensed by these behaviours and would mete out strong punishments against them including plagues, famine and allowing their enemies to invade their land, dispersing them all into exile.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 32, verses 29 - 39

- ✦ The fact the enemy refused to acknowledge it was Hashem who destroyed the Jewish Nation and not their Gods or idols; convinced Hashem to show mercy upon Bnai Yisrael and save them.
- ✦ The Jewish nation will see the errors of their ways and atone for their sins, rededicating themselves back to Hashem and the Torah way of life.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 32, verses 40 - 43

- ✦ Hashem would take his wrath out against Israel's oppressors and justice will be restored.
- ✦ Moshe concludes the song by telling the people to make sure they teach the Torah to their children as it will prolong your lives on the land which you will soon inherit.

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 32, verses 44 - 52

- ✦ Moshe presents the song to Bnai Yisrael.
- ✦ Hashem tells Moshe to ascend Mount Nevo, where he will pass away.
- ✦ Hashem explains the reason why he refused Moshe's pleas to enter the Promised Land because he rejected the will of Hashem and did not sanctify his name among Bnai Yisrael when he struck the rock, instead of speaking to it.

Haftorah – Shmuel II (2nd book of Samuel) Chapter 22, verses 1 - 51

OVERVIEW:

To express his gratitude to Hashem for saving him from all his enemies David Hamelech composed the following song.

He starts with the famous words, "The Lord is my rock and my fortress." before describing the pain and hardships he encountered during his life and reiterating the point that in those moments of despair, he always turned to Hashem who never once let him down and always delivered him from harm.



LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✦ The Parsha consists of Moshe's last Poem he recited to Bnai Yisrael before he passes away.
- ✦ The Haftorah is a song that David Hamelech wrote and performed in his old age

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

Parsha Ha'azinu contains Moshe's last words to the Jewish people before passing away. What's unusual here Moshe switches from his normal use of prose which is conveyed over the whole book of Devarim and instead recites a poem which for a lot of people seems to be highly literary and difficult to understand. Why finish his speech in this obscure style?

Rav Levi Yitzchak (one of the great Chassidic Masters) answers as follows. At the end of his life Moshe was weak. He was obviously neither the man nor the prophet he had once been. Therefore, he had no option at this point in time but to abandon his clear, direct, precise, and readily understandable prose style which he employed for most of his career and lapse, instead, into an obtuse, allusive, stylized poetic elegance. According to Rav Levi Yitzchak, the poetic material which Moshe produces at the end of his life does not constitute a crowning artistic achievement but, rather, a falling off of his strength of communication, brought on by his advanced age and impending death.

It maybe counterintuitive of me to go against a Chassidic Master, but I would like to view the reason why Parsha Ha'azinu was written as a poem in a more positive light. Maybe it's possible and I'm only speculating here because I don't really know; but by switching to poetry could have been Moshe's attempt to express more beautifully and more richly the last things he wanted to convey over to his beloved nation. After all, as Poet Lauriat, Ted Hughes once quoted about his work. 'Poetry is, well, poetic, whereas just writing prose is, basically, prosaic.' The final chapters of the Torah should be seen as a beautiful, artistic finale to the life of Moshe; rendered all the more touching and inspiring by putting it into verse.

The language of words can be highly suggestive. Fundamentally, Judaism's emphasis on the written and spoken word of the torah is our search for 'the divine truths'. In his defense, Rav Levi Yitzchak sees the beautification of language by poetry as a weaker form of communication. He is naturally suspicious of the beauty of such a text written in the Torah and is afraid that its message, 'its truth', may be obscured in some way and lose its potency.

Rav Levi Yitzchak prefers clarity and directness, with a less ambiguous tone running through it. However I would like to accept that ornamentation and prose has its place too. I strongly believe that Moshe wanted to express one last time to Bnai Yisrael in a way that would ease his pessimistic fear for his beloved nation and their Jewish future, trying to live up to Hashem's high standards is not easy. Moshe's final eternal message to us all is one of hope that we, the Jewish people will live up to our covenant with Hashem, praying wholeheartedly that we actually will. How poetic is that.



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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUCCOT : 2015/5776

EREV SUCCOT

Sunday 27 September

Yom Tov begins 6.35 pm
Mincha/Maariv 6.35 pm

1ST DAY SUCCOT

Monday 28 September

Shacharit 9.30 am
Mincha/Maariv 6.30 pm

2ND DAY SUCCOT

Tuesday 29 September

Shacharit 9.30 am
Mincha 6.40 pm
Maariv/Yom Tov ends 7.30 pm

Friday 2 October

Shabbat begins 6.22 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat 6.30 pm

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED SUCCOT

3 October

Shacharit 9.30 am
Shabbat ends 7.21 pm

HOSHANAH RABBA

Sunday 4 October

Shacharit 8.00 am
Yom Tov begins 6.19 pm
Mincha/Maariv 6.30 pm

SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday 5 October

Shacharit 9.30 am
Yizkor 11.00 am
Mincha/Maariv 7.00 pm
Hakofot 7.30 pm

RECEPTION

SIMCHAT TORAH

Tuesday 6 October

Shacharit 9.15 am
Hakofot
Mincha 6.30 pm
Maariv/Yom Tov ends 7.14 pm

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

Shabbat begins: 6.06 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat 6.15 pm

SHABBAT BERESHIT

10 October

Shacharit: 9.30 am
Shabbat ends: 7.05 pm

Chatan Torah
Peter Sinclare

Chatan Bereshit
Ian Westbrook

Eshet Chayil
Dorothy Kochan



WELCOME TO SHABBATUK AT EALING SYNAGOGUE

SHABBAT 24 OCTOBER 2015

**OUR GUESTS FOR THIS SPECIAL SHABBAT WILL BE
ARON AND ROCHEL-LEAH LOVATT**

**SHACHARIT : 9.30 AM
SERMON BY ARON LOVATT**

LUNCH

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

QUIZ PREPARED BY ELLA MARKS

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION LED BY ARON LOVATT

TALK BY ROCHEL-LEAH LOVATT

MINCHA

SEUDAH SHLISHIT

HAVDALAH

**ADULTS : £20.00 EACH
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS : £15.00 EACH
INCLUDES CATERED LUNCH AND SEUDAH SHLISHIT
CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO "UNITED SYNAGOGUE"
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE**

**CONTACT DAWN SHESTOPAL:
EMAIL: DAWN@DAWNFREEDMAN.CO.UK OR TEL: 0208 579 5099**

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THE LEGENDS OF SWING



RAY LOWE'S TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF

**FRANK
SINATRA**

**DEAN
MARTIN**

**BOBBY
DARIN**

**SAMMY
DAVIS JR**



SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER

**Tickets £25.00pp • 6.30pm – Doors open
7.00pm – Supper • 10.30pm – Carriages**

For tickets & information please contact:

020 8933 5645 esevents@btinternet.com

15 Grange Road, London, W5 5QN

OR BOOK ONLINE: <https://myus.theus.org.uk/events/19854/legends-of-swing/>

**Ruislip United Synagogue (Affiliated)
In Conjunction with Hillingdon Interfaith Committee**

Presents

**AN EVENING OF
“ANY QUESTIONS”**

**Inter Religious Relations
Engaging with a Difference
Fact or Fiction?**

**A Panel from Major Religious Groups in the Area – Muslim, Church of England,
Sikh and Jewish - Will Answer Your Questions (Pre-Submitted)**

**Chairperson: Fiona Gibbs
Stronger Communities Manager, London Borough of Hillingdon**

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2015

7.45 PM

RUISLIP SYNAGOGUE

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QUESTIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO:

secretary@ruislipsynagogue.org.uk

Refreshments Will Be Provided

For security reasons please notify the office by Monday 12th October if you intend to join us.

I require places for An Evening of Any Questions

(Please print) Name:

Names of guests

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