



Times of Services 2015

Friday 28 August
Shabbat begins: 7.42 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

Shabbat 29 August
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Kiddush
Shabbat ends: 8.43 pm

Sunday 30 August
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 4 September
Shabbat begins: 7.26 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 28 August 2015/Shabbat 14 Elul 5775
Sidra: Ki Tetze

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.

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER **STONE SETTING**

The stone setting of Margret Grundmann z"l, late mother of Helen Mars, will be held at Wilford Jewish Cemetery, Wilford, Notts on Sunday 6th September at 2.00pm. This will be followed by refreshments at Nottingham Synagogue, Shakespeare Street, Nottingham NG1 4FQ. If you wish to attend please inform Helen and Michael Mars, email michael.mars@msn.com or tel: 020 8993 0290 to facilitate catering arrangements.

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER **"LEGENDS OF SWING"**

If swing is your thing, come along for supper and song and listen to Ray Lowe sing Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and many others. Details on the attached flyer.

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

29th August 2015

KI TETZE

14th Elul 5775

Kohen - First Aliya:

Chapter 21, verses 10 - 21

- ✚ Moshe forewarned us of the moral and hereditary dangers of warfare. If a soldier see a beautiful woman and brings her home, he must shave her head, let her nails grow and allow her to mourn for parents for a month before he can marry her. If he decides not to, then he must set her free.
- ✚ If a man has two wives, one he loves and one whom he despises; if his firstborn child comes from the wife he hates, the man must nevertheless give a double portion of his inheritance to the child.
- ✚ If a son refuses to listen to their parents no matter what they do. They must drag him to the elders of the city and declare him as a 'rebellious son' before putting him to death by stoning.

Levi - Second Aliya:

Chapter 21, verse 22 - Chapter 22 verse 7

- ✚ When a murderer is put to death by hanging, their body must not be left on the gallows overnight. It must be buried on the same day.
- ✚ The laws relating to returning lost property and assisting with a fallen animal are discussed.
- ✚ Men are not allowed to wear women's garments and Women are forbidden to dress in Men's clothes.
- ✚ Sending away the mother bird before you take her eggs, will guarantee you a prolonged life.

Sh'lshli - Third Aliya:

Chapter 22, verse 8 - Chapter 23, verse 29

- ✚ If you build a new house you must make fences around the roof so no-one should fall off.
- ✚ The Laws of Shatnez (forbidden mixtures), wearing Tzitzits are explained here.
- ✚ The laws pertaining to a betrothed woman, virgins and mamzer's (a child born from adultery or incest) comes next, followed by the prohibition against marrying either an Ammonite or Moabite.

R'viti - Fourth Aliya:

Chapter 23, verses 7- 24.

- ✚ Only a third generation Edomite or Egyptian can marry into the Jewish nation.
- ✚ Laws pertaining to the sanctity of an army camp, sheltering runaway slaves and prostitution are laid down in detail.
- ✚ A Jew is forbidden to charge interest to a fellow Jew but is allowed if the transaction is with a non-Jew.
- ✚ All vows which have been pledged to Hashem must be kept.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya:

Chapter 23, verse 25 - Chapter 24, verse 4 and

Shlishi - Sixth Aliya:

Chapter 24, verses 5 - 13

- ✚ A Labourer may eat as much produce as they like while they are working in the fields or orchards but must not take any home with them.
- ✚ Laws relating to divorce, remarrying and military exemptions for a new husband are discussed next in detail.
- ✚ A kidnapper who enslaves or sells his captive will be put to death.
- ✚ The general laws regarding security for loans are discussed next.

Sh'viti - Seventh Aliya:

Chapter 24, verse 14 - Chapter 25, verse 19

- ✚ When you hire a person to work for you, make sure you pay them on time.
- ✚ When you reap your field and forget or drop a bundle, don't go back to retrieve it. It must be left for the poor. The same applies when regarding vineyards.
- ✚ If a person has been found guilty and whose punishment is malkos (Lashes) they must not receive no more than forty.
- ✚ An unmarried brother must marry his late brother's widow (Yibbum) if she was left childless. If the brother refuses then he has to perform the Halitza process (removal of the widow's shoe and spitting) in front of the elders of the land.
- ✚ Make sure you are honest with your weight and measures.
- ✚ Bnai Yisrael are commanded to remember what Amalek did to them while they were on the road. They are instructed to blot out their memory from under the heavens and don't forget!

Haftorah – YISHAYAH (ISAIAH) Chapter 54 verses 1 to 10

OVERVIEW:

- One of the ways to ensure a nation's survival is its numbers. Being fruitful is one of the best blessings Hashem can bestow on his people.
- Hashem comforts the Jewish nation promising them that all their barren women will all conceive and give birth, so their desolate cities will be once more beinhabited.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- This week's Haftorah is the fifth of a series of seven "Prophecies of Consolation." Read between the fast of Av and Rosh Hashanah.
- The Haftorah compares the final Redemption to the pact Hashem made with Noah. Just as Hashem promised to never bring a flood over the entire earth, so too He will never again be angry at the Jewish people

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

Out of the seventy four mitzvot mentioned in this week's sedra, I would like to pick out just one. 'Sending away the Mother bird before taking its eggs. What is the reason for this unusual mitzvah?

The Rambam would say "In order to teach us compassion". He insists that animal mothers, just as human mothers, suffer deeply when their offspring are harmed. Others have different explanations for the mitzvah. The foremost Torah commentator, Rashi, writes "Hashem did not give us His commandments because of compassion, but rather to place upon us, a set of decrees to make us aware that we are His servants."

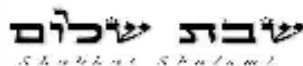
I remember a speaker from the JLE who was once asked about this and he seemed to side more with the Rambam. He indicated that compassion is indeed the issue here and stressed quite correctly that Hashem is known as 'Harachaman', the compassionate one, (just look at the attributes of Hashem indicated in the Torah (Exodus 34:6), the first attribute of Hashem, after omnipotence, is mercy.

However, this rabbi argued, sending away the mother bird is not considered 'a complete act of compassion'; the true act of compassion would be if we were forbidden to disturb the nest at all. He believes that the permission to take the young after sending away the mother bird is a concession, like the concession He asserts that the Torah's ultimate goal is for us to be so sensitive that we won't want to disturb the nest at all, but the Torah deals with reality, its human instinct to take it all, mother and child. Hence, while the commandment to send away the mother bird aims to sensitize us to the moral act of what is right, it can't be invoked as an ideal of compassion based on which we can ask for Hashem's compassion.

In spite of this consideration of the now, limited compassion involved in this mitzvah, the Torah promises a great reward, a long life, to the person who fulfils it. The only other mitzvah for which long life is promised is for honouring one's parents, the fifth of the Ten Commandments. Many have puzzled over why the same reward is promised for the extremely difficult mitzvah of honouring parents and the relatively simple mitzvah of sending away a mother bird. Perhaps the connection is that when a child sees his parents showing compassion to a mother bird, he or she will be reminded of his obligations to his or her own parents.

I'll finish off with a quote from Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, an outstanding 19th century philosopher who eloquently summarizes what I've wrote nicely.

"The Torah prohibits Jews from causing tsa'ar ba'alei chayim, any unnecessary pain, including psychological pain, to any living creatures. Here you are faced with Hashem's teaching, which obliges you not only to refrain from inflicting unnecessary pain on any animal, but to help when you can, to lessen the pain whenever you see an animal suffering, even though it may be no fault of yours.



Compiled, Designed & Written by Jeremy Symons



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.

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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.





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

1. Same Entry as last year (please tick here) ☐		
2. English Name and Surname	Relationship	Hebrew Name of Deceased English characters may be used.

I wish to make the following offering: £_____

Cheques to be made payable to the “United Synagogue”

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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**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:

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