

PESACH
5775/2015



חג פסח שמח

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 would be delighted to help with any preparation or revision that would be needed.

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

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 3 April 2015/Shabbat Yom Tov 14 Nissan 5775

TIMES OF SERVICES : PESACH 5775/2015

Friday 3 April — Erev Pesach and Fast of the First Born

Shacharit followed by Siyyum	8.00 am
Last time for eating Chametz	10.53 am
Latest time for burning Chametz	11.59 am
Mincha and Maariv	7.00 pm
Shabbat and Yom Tov Begin	7.22 pm

Shabbat 4 April — 1st Day Pesach

Shacharit	9.30 am
Haftorah—Ben Kosky	
Mincha/Maariv to be said at home	

Sunday 5 April — 2nd Day Pesach

Shacharit	9.30 am
Haftorah—Leslie Sommer	
Mincha/Maariv	7.50 pm
Yom Tov ends	8.29 pm

Thursday 9 April — Erev Yom Tov (Eruv Tavshillin)

Yom Tov begins	7.33 pm
Mincha/Maariv	7.00 pm

Friday 10 April—7th Day Pesach

Shacharit	9.30 am
Haftorah—Ian Westbrook	
Shabbat and Yom Tov begin	7.34 pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	7.00 pm

Shabbat 11 April—8th Day Pesach

Shacharit (Yizkor)	9.30 am
Haftorah—Michael Jacobs	
Shabbat and Yom Tov end	8.40 pm

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY LEVENING

PESACH

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4th April 2015 – 12th April 2015

15th Nissan 5775 - 22nd Nissan

First Day Yom Tov: Shemot, Chapter 12, Verses 21 - 51

- ✚ The reading relates to the events that precede Yetziat Mitzraim (the Exodus from Egypt) and continuing with the final plague of the firstborn and the Exodus itself.
- ✚ The Portion concludes with the various laws involved in eating the Passover Lamb.

Maftir: Bamidbar, Chapter 28, Verses 16 - 25

- ✚ The Maftir describes the Korbonos (Sacrifices) brought into the Sanctuary over the Pesach period.

Haftorah: Yehoshua (Joshua) Chapter 5, Verse 2 - Chapter 6, verse 1 & Chapter 7, verse 1

- ✚ The Haftorah recounts the festival of Pesach that B'nei Yisrael celebrated before Yehoshua led them into battle in order to conquer the land of Israel, echoing the Torah portion which describes the preparations and the sacrifice done in Mitzraim under Moshe's leadership.

Second Day Yom Tov: Vayikra, Chapter 22, Verse 26 - Chapter 23, Verse 44

- ✚ This section enumerates a number of laws pertaining to Korbonos (Sacrifices)
- ✚ It also warns us, not to profane Hashem's name because he took us out of Mitzraim.
- ✚ A brief synopsis of what Shabbat, Pesach, Shavuot, Yom Kippur and Succot is mentioned too.

Maftir: Bamidbar, Chapter 28, verses 16 – 25

- ✚ The Maftir describes the Korbonos (Sacrifices) brought into the Sanctuary over the Pesach period.

Haftorah: Melachim II (2nd book of Kings) Chapter 23, verses 1 - 9 & 21 – 25

- ✚ King Yosheyahu commands all B'nai Yisrael to keep the festival of Pesach
- ✚ This would be the first Pesach celebrated since the reign of the Judges.

Third Day Chol Hamoed: Shemot, Chapter 13, Verses 19 - 25

- ✚ The Laws pertaining to firstborn humans and animals are discussed here.
- ✚ The Mitzvah to remember Yetziat Mitzraim is given here. The Torah tells us that one way of doing it is by educating the children. Another way is to maintain a bond with Hashem by wearing Tefillin.

Maftir: Bamidbar, Chapter 28, verses 16 – 25

- ✚ The Maftir describes the Korbonos (Sacrifices) brought into the Sanctuary over the Pesach period.

Fourth Day Chol Hamoed: Shemot, Chapter 22, Verse 24 - Chapter 23, verse 19

- ✚ Laws ranging from giving Charity to the actions of Judges are discussed.
- ✚ The reading concludes with the commandment to travel into Jerusalem three times a year (Pesach, Shavuot and Succot) and bring korbanos to celebrate these festivals.

Maftir: Bamidbar, Chapter 22, verses 19 – 25

- ✚ The Maftir describes the Korbonos (Sacrifices) brought into the Sanctuary over the Pesach period.

Fifth Day Chol Hamoed: Shemot, Chapter 34, Verses 1 - 26

- A new covenant was made with Hashem after B'nei Yisrael sinned by worshipping the Heter Eigel (golden calf.)

Maftir: Bamidbar, Chapter 28, verses 19 – 25

- The Maftir describes the Korbonos (Sacrifices) brought into the Sanctuary over the Pesach period.

Sixth Day Chol Hamoed: Bamidbar Chapter 9, Verses 1 - 14

- The Laws Pertaining to Pesach Sheni are read.
- Those people who were unable to bring their Korban Pesach at its proper time either because they were tamei (impure) or too far away were allowed to bring one a month later on the 15th Iyar.

Maftir: Bamidbar, Chapter 28, verses 19 – 25

- The Maftir describes the Korbonos (Sacrifices) brought into the Sanctuary over the Pesach period.

Seventh Day Yom Tov: Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs)

- Shir HaShirim is a poetic love song composed by Shlomo Hamelech (King Solomon)
- It describes allegorically the love of B'nai Yisrael for Hashem.
- This is an appropriate song to sing as it this day that Hashem freed us from Slavery.

Shemot, Chapter 13, Verse 17 - Chapter 15, Verse 26

- We read about the Exodus from Mitzraim and the miracle of the splitting of the sea.
- The Torah then continues with the Shira (song of praise) B'nei Yisrael sang after crossing the sea safely
- The Portion concludes with how Hashem showed Moshe to miraculously turn the bitter waters of Marah into sweet drinking water enabling the people to quench their thirst.

Maftir: Bamidbar, Chapter 28, verses 19 – 25

- The Maftir describes the Korbonos (Sacrifices) brought into the Sanctuary over the Pesach period.

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

- The Haftorah connects to the theme of thanksgiving in the Torah reading.
- David Hamelech (King David) composes his own song of thanksgiving to Hashem for all of his victories and deliverances from the enemy.

Eighth Day Yom Tov: Shemot, Chapter 14, Verse 22 -Chapter 16, Verse 17

- We are taught the importance of giving charity and helping one another.
- The reading concludes by summarizing the three festivals.

Maftir: Bamidbar, Chapter 28, verses 16 – 25

- The Maftir describes the Korbonos (Sacrifices) brought into the Sanctuary over the Pesach period.

Haftorah: Yosheyahu (Isaiah) Chapter 10, verse 32 - Chapter 12, Verse 6

- The famous prophecy of "The wolf dwelling with lamb" and the "leopard lying down with the kid" depicting a future co-existence that will occur when we are once again redeemed from exile.

PESACH DISCUSSION: Lessons we can take away from the Passover story

I remember as a small child sitting through the Seder service each year with little sense of why I was there or what we were doing. I knew the Exodus story, but the actual celebration of Passover meant little to me. In effect I was celebrating more out of a sense of obligation than anything else.

As I grew up I began learning a bit more about the holiday and its symbolism, but I remember still being more concerned with the fact that I couldn't eat bread for a week than I was about my ancestors being freed from slavery by a G-d with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Pesach still felt devoid of anything meaningful or spiritual but full of a sense of being stuck in a Mitzraim, where I was enslaved by the rules and laws that went with the Pesach Festival.

It was not until my father allowed me to host our own family Seders, I began to understand and appreciate what our ancestors had to go through in those distressing and hard times in our history.

Today, the term Mitzraim provides a new meaning to my Pesach observances especially the Seder services. It makes me think of my own personal and sometimes difficult situations and experiences I've found myself in and how with Hashem's help discovered not only how to overcome them in the physical sense but gave me a chance to connect with who I really am spiritually as well.

It's easy enough to find your own kind of 'Mitzraim' that exists in our lives right now or have in the past 12 months. No matter what it is, we are able to place them on our own personal Mizbayah (altar) which is our Seder table for all to see, hear and relive our own Passover experience; because after all we were there and it's our own story we are recounting. The feeling and struggle of being slaves and the elation and the joy of freedom felt as all the shackles became loose. We may be just reading the same Haggadah year in, year out but if we incorporated our own lives from the present we can surely live as if we were, indeed, there in the real Mitzraim with those we read about in the Torah.

The main lesson I take from Pesach is always believe in Hashem have faith that he will, help us all, come out of the tight places we may find ourselves in. All we need is to trust Ha Kodesh Baruch Hu, like Nachson, who entered the waters of the Reed Sea even when Moses could not part the waters with his words or his staff. Nachson just walked into the water until it was up to his nose and he couldn't take another breath without drowning before the waters parted. His faith caused the miracle to occur. And our faith can do the same today.

The observance of Pesach and all of its ritual's gives me a new sense of spirituality, I've never encountered before. for me at least, my renewed Passover observances has transformed all the pre-cleaning, the food restrictions, the Seder all the elements of this beautiful festival; from an empty observance to both meaningful and spirit full ones.

We should all embrace this opportunity and moment with both hands, to make our moment of freedom count. Otherwise will just find ourselves falling once again into the trap, feeling ourselves once again squeezed, in a tight place, between a rock and a hard place and ending up back in Mitzraim. Heaven Forbid!

Chag Pesach Kasher V'Sameach



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On Sunday 19 April 2015, the aim is bring together the largest gathering of the Jewish community to remember together the loss of six million and to pay tribute to the Survivors and Refugees for the remarkable contributions they have made to the Jewish community and wider UK society. The National Commemoration Event 'Remember Together - We Are One' is taking place on Sunday 19 April, 2pm, at Barnet Copthall Stadium - the same date as the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.





YOM HA'ATZMAUT COMMUNITY LUNCH THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2015



**Come along to Ealing Synagogue's
Yom Ha'atzmaut Community Barbecue Lunch**

**Head chef will be Rabbi Hershi Vogel.
Volunteers are needed to be "sous-chefs".**

Special dietary requirements will be catered for.

No charge but donations will be greatly appreciated.

**For catering purposes, please contact Alison Shindler-Glass
if you would like to come along.**

Lunch at 12.30 pm.



United Synagogue Women



US Women Annual Dinner

Guest Speaker

Rt. Hon. Lady Hazel Cosgrove CBE
Scotland's first legal lady

Lady Cosgrove was born in Glasgow, is a graduate in law from the University of Glasgow and was the first woman to be appointed to a permanent seat as a judge in the Court of Session. She is a patron of JNF, Stand With Us, the Alyn Hospital in Jerusalem, a member of Edinburgh Friends of Israel and a board member of St Johns Wood United Synagogue.

13th May 2015

Hampstead Garden Suburb United Synagogue,
Norrice Lea, London, N2 0RE
Reception: 7.15pm
Dinner: 7.45pm

Price: £30 per person (one table of 10 per synagogue)

Tickets can be bought online at: www.theus.org.uk/uswomen

Alternatively, please contact Anne Shisler on:
07971 845 653 / 020 8958 1776 or anne@shisler.com if you are:

1. Booking a single ticket (i.e. not part of your shul table)
2. Reserving a table, but paying by cheque or cash



United Synagogue
Women

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The annual US Women's dinner which will be taking place on **13 May 2015** when their guest speaker will be the **Rt. Hon. Lady Hazel Cosgrove**, Scotland's first legal lady.

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Ealing Synagogue's FR has kindly agreed for Ealing Synagogue to pay half the cost of the tickets. The cost would therefore be only **£15.00** per person for Ealing Synagogue participants only.

Places will be on a first-come first-serve basis. If you would like to attend this dinner, please contact Marianne Temple as soon as possible.