



Times of Services

2015

Friday 30 January
Shabbat begins: 4.31 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.30 pm

Shabbat 31 January
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Haftarah: Neil Shestopal
Mincha: **After Kiddush**
Shabbat ends: 5.26 pm

Sunday 1 February
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 6 February
Shabbat begins: 4.44 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.45 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 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 2.30 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 30 January 2015/Shabbat 11 Shevat 5775

Sidra: Beshalach

MAZAL TOV

To Ruth and Bertram Mindell on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jack Heller which will take place on Shabbat 31 January at South Hampstead Synagogue. The Ealing community extends a hearty Mazal Tov to Bar Mitzvah boy Jack, parents Susan and Andrew Heller and all the family on this very joyous occasion.

SHABBAT 31 JANUARY 2015 KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week has been very kindly sponsored by Aviva Preston.

SHABBAT 7 FEBRUARY 2015 SPECIAL KIDDUSH

Dorothy Kochan has pleasure in inviting the Ealing community to Kiddush in celebration of her 85th birthday. Please join us in wishing Dorothy a very Happy Birthday.

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2015 COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch will be on Thursday 12 February at 12.30 pm. Please contact Alison Shindler-Glass if you would like to attend.

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2015 FILM—"STOLPERSTEIN"

See page 4 of this newsletter for more details.

SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2015 SUPPER QUIZ

Details are on the attached flyer. We look forward to seeing you.

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHAH

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BESHALACH

11th Shevat 5774

Kohen - First Aliya:

Chapter 13, verse 17 - Chapter 14, verse 8

- ✚ Before departing, Moshe gathers up Yosef's coffin in order to fulfil Yosef's request of being buried properly in the land of Israel.
- ✚ Guided by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, Hashem led Bnai Yisrael away from Mitzraim towards the midbar (desert) and the Yam Suf (red sea), rather than the more direct route back to the Promised Land.
- ✚ Reports came back to Pharaoh that Bnai Yisrael seemed to be wandering aimlessly around and are now trapped between Baalzephon and the sea. Pharaoh regrets letting them go and decides to give chase so he can return them back to Mitzraim, as his slaves once more.

Levi - Second Aliya:

Chapter 14, verses 9 - 14

- ✚ Riding alongside his army and all of his horses and chariots, Pharaoh quickly overtakes the area where Bnai Yisrael were encamped.
- ✚ Seeing the pursuers from afar Bnai Yisrael cried out to Moshe, asking him why he took them out of Mitzraim, only to be killed here in the desert. Moshe tells them not to be afraid as they will not be harmed because Hashem is on their side and will save them.

Sh'lshli - Third Aliya:

Chapter 14, verses 15 - 25

- ✚ Hashem tells Moshe to stretch out his rod over the Yam Suf and the waters will divide long enough for Bnai Yisrael to travel through it on dry land in order to continue their journey.
- ✚ The pillar of cloud which was guiding Bnai Yisrael moved to the back separating and protecting them from the imminent attack from the Egyptians.
- ✚ Moshe lifted his hands over the sea and an East wind parted the waves, creating walls on either side so Bnai Yisrael could now enter the water safely. The Egyptians followed suit and went in after them.

R'viti - Fourth Aliya:

Chapter 14, verse 26 - Chapter 15, verse 26

- ✚ On Hashem's command, Moshe stretched his hands out towards the sea once more, returning it back to normal, drowning all the Egyptians in the process.
- ✚ Bnai Yisrael are in awe of what Hashem had achieved and began singing songs of praise in recognition of the miracle they all just witnessed.
- ✚ Three days later they arrive in Marah and start complaining to Moshe that there is no water to drink as it is bitter. Hashem shows Moshe a tree, which once thrown into the water, will make it sweet and drinkable.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya:

Chapter 15, verse 27 - Chapter 16, verse 10

- ✚ Continuing on with their journey, Bnai Yisrael complain to Moshe again. This time because their supply of food has run out and they are starving. Hashem tells Moshe he will rain down, food called manna for the people to collect daily, except on Shabbat, so they have to gather double portions on Friday in order to have enough.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya:

Chapter 16, verses 11 - 36

- ✚ Before the arrival of the manna the next day, a flock of quails flew over the camp that afternoon, which were caught and eaten. (The manna remained to be the main source of food throughout the forty years, wandering through the Midbar)

Sh'viti - Seventh Aliya:

Chapter 17, verses 1 - 16

- ✚ Moshe implores Hashem for help, once more because yet again, Bnai Yisrael are complaining due to the lack of drinking water. Hashem tells him to go to a place called Horev and strike a rock he finds there. Moshe obeys and water starts gushing out from it.
- ✚ The tribe of Amalek attacks. Moshe is told to keep his arms raised high in the air, as Yehoshua (Joshua) along with a small army of men went to fight them off. Once victorious, Hashem commands Moshe to write this episode down and promises that one day, he will utterly wipe out the memory of Amalek's existence for what they have done.

Haftorah – SHOFTIM (JUDGES) Chapter 42 verse 5 to Chapter 43 verse 10

OVERVIEW:

- ✚ The Jewish nation is being oppressed by King Yavin of Amor and his general Sisrah
- ✚ Devorah, a prophetess, manages to rally the people to stand up and fight against their oppressor. Although Bnai Yisrael is outnumbered, miraculously they are able to win the war.
- ✚ In recognition for Hashem's intervention, Devorah leads the nation thanking and praising Hashem for his help in their victory

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✚ Just as, in our Parsha, for performing one of the greatest ever miracles of splitting the sea, and leading Bnai Yisrael through safety, away from their pursuers (the Egyptians). Moshe, followed by Miriam led Bnai Yisrael in singing out their gratitude towards Hashem in the form of a song; the Haftorah follows suit with Devorah, conducting the people in praising Hashem with a song.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

Straight after witnessing the great miracle of the splitting of the sea, we read that Moshe breaks into song praising Hashem and encourages Bnai Yisrael to join in. Why?

Our Commentators give many answers to this question, but I would like to only elaborate on just one. Moshe was seeking forgiveness, trying to amend for the harsh words he spoke to Hashem earlier when he doubted Hashem's attentiveness towards Bnai Yisrael's plight and hardship under the Egyptians. Moshe had not only accused Hashem of being oblivious to their peril but seems to condone the injustices being done, standing back and doing nothing to alleviate their suffering. After witnessing all the miracles at the time of the splitting of the sea, Moshe acknowledges his mistake at misunderstanding the way Hashem runs the world and expresses his deep apology in the form of a song.

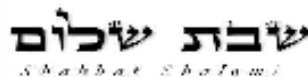
Rabbi Frand taught that normally there are two types of shira (praise) in our daily davening. The first is offering thanks to Hashem for the bountiful blessings of giving us life, health, livelihood, etc. The other type is when someone offers up their deepest thanks after being rescued from a situation of grave danger which could easily have been life threatening, had Hashem not intervened.

However Rabbi Frand went on to say there is a third type. Someone who is sensitive enough to recognise the true nature of Hashem's loving kindness and realise that although there is much pain and suffering in the world, Hashem knows what he is doing and has his reasons for allowing it. The classic example of this was during the time of the Holocaust where so many of us lost their lives; and just like Moshe's grievance earlier, many Jews were asking the same question of why Hashem seemed to have abandoned them?

Looking back on both of these events, when 'Belief' in the Almighty was no longer possible because of the 'Harsh Reality', the Jewish people were given a concept about which they could have Emunah and faith once more. The Holocaust led to the birth of the state of Israel and the events at the splitting of the sea gained us the merit of receiving the Torah.

Moshe came to the realisation that the whole purpose of what had gone on before was all because of 'Spiritual Refinement' (making Bnai Yisrael worthy of becoming Hashem's treasured nation). I think, now armed with this new insight, why Moshe encouraged the people to sing alongside him too. Moshe wanted everyone to move on to a higher level of praising Hashem, in which they no longer just thanked him for all the good bestowed upon them but also for his constant concern for us, even though at times it may seem painful and difficult.

Moshe's lesson for us today is to remain patient and continue putting our trust in Hashem's hand, because despite all the hardships going on around us; Everything is for the greater good in the end and we should all be confident that we will all live in peace and harmony speedily in our days; experiencing the full measure of Hashem's blessings.



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The US has initiated “70 Days for 70 Years”, a project designed to engage and empower participants in a global project in memory of Holocaust victims and to create a positive learning experience and build a strong Jewish identity.

On 27 January 2015, the 70 Days for 70 Years project will begin worldwide, marking the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, engaging hundreds of thousands of Jews in an uplifting educational and memorial programme. Participants will receive a copy of a specially published book of 70 inspirational essays written by internationally renowned educators, historians and scholars - to be read, one a day. In addition, each participant will receive a memorial card giving the details of one victim of the Holocaust who they will learn in memory of (information provided by Yad Vashem).

During these 70 Days and beyond there will be a variety of events and activities to further engage and empower participants both within communities and online.

The aim is for every Jewish community worldwide to take part in this project, for every victim to be remembered and for every participant to strengthening their own Jewish knowledge and identity and build the future.

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2015

Ealing Synagogue will be showing a film entitled “Stolperstein” (“The Stumbling Stone”). This is a docu-film about the brass plaques that have been laid outside houses where Jewish people lived in Germany and other occupied countries. Helen Mars will be giving a brief introduction to the film and relating some of her family’s background during this time.

The film will start at 3.00 pm prompt followed by tea and chat. No charge.

For security reasons, please advise Marianne Temple if you will be attending.

This event is generously sponsored by Mike and Helen Mars in memory of Helen’s mother, Margret Grundmann z”l.

On 27 January 2015 it will be the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi's nefarious Auschwitz concentration camp.

A tree is planted each January by the council outside its Perceval House offices to mark Holocaust Memorial Day and remember acts of genocide across the globe. The horror of one of recent history's darkest episodes was explained in Around Ealing magazine in 2013 by a survivor who fled Germany as a child, never to see his family again. His moving account is worth repeating.



November 2013 was the 75th anniversary of 'Kristallnacht' (crystal night, or 'the night of broken glass') when synagogues were set alight in Germany and Jewish-owned businesses set upon.

It has come to be viewed as a crucial moment in the initiation of Adolf Hitler's 'final solution' and the Holocaust.

When we met him, Ernest Kolman had lived in Greenford for many years, and in England since 1939. But he was born in Wesel, Germany.

In April 1933 after Hitler's Nazi party came to power, the first signs of state-sponsored anti-Semitism began to show, with boycotts of Jewish businesses, and vandalism.

"I was five or six years old, but I can clearly remember standing outside a shop and seeing it had been branded with 'Juden'," said Ernest. "And, at the same time, a funeral procession with black horses pulling a carriage hearse went past. The two things became fixed in my mind."

Disturbed by the developing atmosphere, the Kolman family moved to Cologne. And, at 10 years old, Ernest gained entry to a top-level Jewish grammar school there. By this time, Hitler had barred Jewish pupils

from state education. This grammar school was, ultimately, to play a big role in saving Ernest's life.

'LOADING PEOPLE INTO LORRIES'

In 1938, with many Jewish people already having sought to leave Germany, Hitler decided that all 'Polish' Jews should be rounded-up and packed off to Poland.

Ernest said: "I remember in a town square they were loading people into lorries. My mother knew a couple of the people being taken away, and took a big basket of food to give to them. They were deported to the Polish border but the Polish government wouldn't let them in, and the Germans wouldn't allow them back, so they were stuck in no-man's land."

Matters quickly escalated, following the assassination of a German diplomat in Paris in an act of defiance by a young Jewish man. It was not long before Kristallnacht – the night of the broken glass – smashed what semblance of calm remained in Germany. Thousands of Jewish-owned businesses were attacked, synagogues were destroyed and homes and hospitals were ransacked.

Ernest said: "People started setting fire to synagogues and Jewish men were arrested for no reason and taken to concentration camps. I remember being in our apartment and my mother was agitated. She said 'come to the balcony', and I could see smoke billowing out of the front of the synagogue that was just five doors away. There was a semi-circle of gawpers looking on.

"The doorbell rang and we were terrified. My mother answered the door and it was one of our neighbours, a Catholic lady who lived with her grown-up daughter. My mother told me to go with this neighbour, and she took me upstairs to their apartment, to a large wardrobe in a bedroom. She told me to 'hide in there, and don't make a noise'. As you can imagine, I was petrified. I was there all day until my mother came to collect me when things seemed to have calmed down outside. I didn't want to come down. Meanwhile, my father had been away on business and, when he found out what was going on, his chauffeur, who was a Protestant, sheltered

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Supper Quiz

SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2015

Ticket: £22.50 per person

Reservations to be made and paid for in advance.

Cheques payable to "United Synagogue".



EALING SYNAGOGUE

15 Grange Road, Ealing W5 5QN

Doors open: 6.45 p.m.

Supper served from 7.00 p.m.

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There will be a raffle on the night.

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