



Times of Services

2015

Friday 6 February
Shabbat begins: 4.44 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 4.45 pm

Shabbat 7 February
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Haftarah: David Kochan
Mincha: After Kiddush
Shabbat ends: 5.49 pm

Sunday 8 February
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 13 February
Shabbat begins: 4.57 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 5.00 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.

Rabbi Hershi Vogel: 07970 829758
Brian Robinson: 020 8567 6558
Neil Shestopal: 020 8579 5099

Ealing Synagogue Newsletter



שבת שלום

Friday 6 February 2015/Shabbat 18 Shevat 5775

Sidra: Yitro

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 2 of this newsletter for more details.

SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2015

SUPPER QUIZ

Details are on the attached flyer. For catering please RSVP by Friday 27 February at the latest. We look forward to seeing you.

THE NEW EALING REVIEW

PESACH 5775/2015

A reminder that all greetings, adverts and articles for the Pesach edition of The New Ealing Review should be submitted by **no later than Friday 27 February**. Your support is greatly appreciated.

WANTED

Continuing the aims of Mitzvah Day, the Community Cares committee are asking for any clean, old clothes to be donated to Acton Homeless Concern, based in Acton. They are desperate for men's, women's and kids' clothes and specifically mentioned a need for pants and socks (which many charity shops don't take). They are also desperate for sleeping bags. Donations can be delivered to the synagogue on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or please bring them with you to the **Community Lunch on Thursday 12 February** or the **"Stolperstein" film on Sunday 22 February**. Thank you.

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ISRAEL ADVOCACY

Following the success of the Israel Advocacy meeting it has been suggested (should there be enough interest) that we start an Israel Advocacy Study Group using various resources, including those of our own Ealing Jewish community and of others nearby. The idea is to have a few meetings in which we would learn more and develop our skills in putting Israel's case. If you are interested, please email Stephen Hirst at stephen.hirst@btinternet.com. Feel free to include suggestions on approach, subjects, methods, etc.



In shul last Shabbat, just before we sang Adon Olam, Tony Hitman and Brian Robinson each read out a name and brief dates of a particular Holocaust victim. These names were taken from the card inserted into the book “70 Days for 70 Years”, which each household should have received from the United Synagogue.

It has been suggested that to mark the “70/70” project, we read out at least one name at each service and occasion we hold as a community during the 70 days, the last day being Erev Pesach. To quote a victim's words, “I should like someone to remember there once lived a person named David Berger.” We hope to remember at least seventy people in this way.

I had the privilege of starting things off last Erev Shabbat when I read out the name and dates of one Gabriela Rosenthal z”l just before Yigdal. Please may I suggest that if you are asked, to be ready either on Shabbat or at an event in the Synagogue, to read out a name. To achieve the commemoration of at least 70 individuals in the time, ideally several congregants should be prepared read a name on Shabbat.

Thank you.

Stephen Hirst
Chairman

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. For security and catering purposes, please advise Marianne Temple if you will be attending. No charge.

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

Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHAH

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YITHRO

18th Shevat 5774

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 18, verses 1 - 12

- When Yithro (Jethro), the priest of Midian and Moshe's father in law heard about all the miracles Hashem had done for Bnai Yisrael; he left Midian along with Moshe's wife and two children to meet up with Moshe.
- Upon hearing the account of how Hashem had delivered Bnai Yisrael out of Mitzraim (Egypt), Yithro offered up korbanos (sacrifices) to show his gratitude and acceptance that Hashem is truly the one and only G-d.

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 18, verses 13 - 23

- Yithro observed how Moshe spent the majority of his days, judging all the people. So he advises him to create a judicial system for the menial disputes, so Moshe can concentrate and deal exclusively with the more difficult problems.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Chapter 18, verses 24 - 27

- Moshe heeds Yithro's advice and chose the most qualified men to assist him with his new service to judge the people.
- Yithro says farewell to Moshe and heads back to his homeland alone.

R'Vi - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 19, verses 1 - 6

- Three months after leaving Mitzraim, Bnai Yisrael arrive at the base of Mount Sinai.
- Moshe ascends the mountain where Hashem tells him, if his people will obey his commandments they will become a kingdom of Kohanim (Cohen's) and henceforth be known as Hashem's holy nation.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 19, verses 7 - 19

- Moshe repeats Hashem's words to the Bnai Yisrael and they all cry out in unison, 'Naaseh Vnishma' (We will do and we will listen).
- Moshe tells the people to purify themselves and commands them not to touch the mountain because in three days' time, Hashem is going to descend onto the mountain to address them all personally.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 19, verse 20 – Chapter 20, verse 14

- With the sound of a Shofar (ram's horn) loudly ringing out, thunder and lightning enveloped the whole mountain as Hashem descended down immersed in a huge fiery cloud.
- For the first time ever Hashem's voice is heard in full clarity by every single person present, as Hashem recites the Ten Statements. (ten commandments) to them.

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 20, verses 15 - 23

- Bnai Yisrael tremble in fear, as they witness the greatest ever event in Jewish history.
- They request Moshe to address them instead of Hashem as they feared they might die if Hashem continued speaking to them.
- Moshe enters the smoking cloud where the divine presence is waiting for him to receive two stone tablets for which the ten statements were inscribed in written form.
- Hashem relates to Moshe additional laws, which correlates into the 613 mitzvahs we know of today.

Haftorah –

YISHAYAH (ISAIAH) Chapter 6, verse 1 to Chapter 7, verse 6 and Chapter 9, verses 5 & 6

OVERVIEW:

- ✦ This week's Haftorah recounts the famed vision known as Maaseh Hamerkavah - the vision of Hashem as he sits upon his throne of glory.
- ✦ Yishayah prophesies the eventual destruction of Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) and goes to King Achaz, to warn him and not to fear because the enemy alliance will not win the upcoming battle.
- ✦ Yishayah's prophecy continues that Chizkiyahu, will succeed the throne and will be crowned as "The Prince of Peace," returning the Jewish people back to an unprecedented devotion and commitment to Torah observance.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✦ In our Parsha Bnai Yisrael, upon receiving the torah became a kingdom of Kohanim meaning they are now Hashem's holy population.
- ✦ The Haftorah enforces this, making it clear that Hashem still expects the Jewish people to continue being that holy nation despite the fact they are not living as one at that time because they had rejected Hashem and his torah. Luckily Chizkiyahu succeeds in turning the situation around and their total annihilation is averted.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

Engaging with heavy issues can really tax the mind. Sometimes we become so involved with the pursuit of an ideal, we can easily lose track of what it is going on around us. Sometimes all we need is to take some good advice from a friend or family member to help with lightening the load.

This is exactly what was happening with Moshe in this week's sedra. He was so engaged with the applications of Halacha, teaching Hashem's laws and resolving disputes, He did not realise it was actually affecting him in a negative way. Witnessing Moshe's burden, Yithro approaches him and offers advice on how to ease the situation.

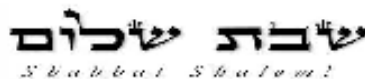
Moshe's, acceptance of Yithro's recommendations shows the unparalleled greatness of his leadership and management style. How easy would it have been for him to say, "Look Here! I know you are my father-in-law and you mean well but who are you exactly to tell me what I should be doing. I'm in constant communication with Hashem and if he's upset with the way I'm doing things, He would tell me." However the Torah tells us, that didn't occur. To Moshe's credit, he gladly accepts Yithro's words of wisdom and changed the way he was governing his people accordingly.

Ben Zoma teaches us in the first line of chapter four in Pirkei Avos (Ethics of the fathers), "Who is Wise? He who learns from every person", and there's no better example than this.

Moshe illustrates here two cases of his great leadership; firstly, the willingness to listen to advice, even when we are very busy and think we know what we are doing. Secondly, that at the end of the day, constructive criticism and useful advice is good advice, and that it can come from anyone. This is not an easy teaching to grasp as sometimes our ego likes to get in the way.

I personally feel strongly that this lesson has wide-reaching applications and can easily be applied in our daily life. There are so many people and professions we generally should give respect to but don't because they don't seem to listen. Politicians are a classic example.

I pray, especially with the Elections coming up, that everyone should take time out listen and heed to the good advice given. We all have the opportunity to learn and grow to become better and wiser people and just like Moshe, have the humbleness to accept and act upon the teaching.



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Text of Advert/Greeting

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I wish to advertise in the Pesach 2015/5775 magazine and enclose my payment of
£_____ (cheques to be made payable to "United Synagogue").

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____



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.

Quiz will start at 7.45 p.m.

There will be a raffle on the night.

Email: esevents@btinternet.com

Tel: 020 8933 5645

