



Times of Services 2015

Friday 6 March

Shabbat begins: 5.35 pm

Mincha/

Kabbalat Shabbat: 5.45 pm

Shabbat 7 March

Shacharit: 9.30 am

Mincha: After Kiddush

Shabbat ends: 6.38 pm

Sunday 8 March

Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 13 March

Shabbat begins: 5.47 pm

Mincha/

Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.00 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 2.00 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 6 March 2015/Shabbat 15 Adar 5775

Sidra: Titzaveh

SHABBAT 7 MARCH SPECIAL KIDDUSH

Ros and Kurt Eger have pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush in celebration of Kurt's 90th Birthday. Kurt has been a committed and devoted member of the Ealing community for many years. Please join us in wishing Kurt a very happy birthday and only good things for many years to come.

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH STONE SETTING

The stone setting for Richard Goldwater z"l will take place at Bushey Cemetery on Wednesday 11 March at 12.00 pm. We take this opportunity to wish Marion, Graham, Adrian and all the family long life.

SHABBAT 14 MARCH SPECIAL KIDDUSH

Joan and Tony Hitman have pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush before they go to Israel for Pesach until after Shavuot. Please join us in wishing them Nesiyah Tovah and Chag Sameach.

SHABBAT 21 MARCH SPECIAL KIDDUSH

Judith and Brian Robinson have pleasure in inviting the congregation to Kiddush in celebration of Judith's 70th Birthday. Please join us in wishing Judith a very happy birthday and many more years in only good health so that she can continue cooking, shopping, worrying and generally looking after everyone in the community.

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

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KE TISAH

16th Adar 5775

Kohen - First Aliya:

Chapter 30, verses 11 – Chapter 31, verse 17

- ↓ Hashem commands Moshe to take a half shekel coin from every male over the age of twenty in order to count them. The money taken will be used for the upkeep of the Mishkan.
- ↓ Hashem asks Moshe to build a Keyor (A copper washbasin with a copper base), to be used by Aaron and his sons to wash their hands and feet with, before entering the Ohel Moed (Tent of Meeting) or when approaching the Mizbayah (Altar).
- ↓ Moshe is told the formula by Hashem of how to make the Shemen Hamishha (The anointing oil), which must not be used or copied by anyone except the Kohanim.
- ↓ Hashem bestows great wisdom and understanding upon Betzalel, who is to become the architect in the construction of the Mishkan, with aid from his assistant Oholiav.
- ↓ Bnai Yisrael are instructed to keep the Shabbat as a sign between them and Hashem.

Levi - Second Aliya:

Chapter 31, verse 18 – Chapter 33, verse 11

- ↓ Moshe had ascended Mount Sinai in order to receive the Luchot (two stone tablets which the Ten statements (Ten Commandments) were inscribed upon by Hashem himself.) but the people waiting at the foot of the mountain were getting anxious that Moshe had yet to return back to them.
- ↓ They demand and force Aaron to create for them an Idol, to replace Moshe as their leader.
- ↓ All the Golden Jewellery which was gathered up by the people to make the Idol was thrown into a furnace, where the image of a calf was miraculously formed and came out of the flames.
- ↓ Aaron declares that the following day will be a festival to Hashem. In response the people arose up early and began to offer up sacrifices in front of the Idol.
- ↓ Hashem is angry and wishes to destroy the people for their acts of desecration, and to begin afresh, creating a new nation from Moshe's descendants. However Moshe pleads on their behalf not to wipe them out and reminds Hashem of the Promises he had made with Avraham, Yitzhak and Yaacov that he will personally lead them to the land of Israel.
- ↓ Acquiescing to Moshe, Hashem backs down and lets the people live.
- ↓ Moshe descends the Mountain carrying the two Luchot, but upon seeing the people rejoicing around the Idol. He throws down and shatters the Luchot into pieces.
- ↓ The Idol is destroyed and Moshe re-ascends Mount Sinai to ask Hashem to forgive the people for their sins.
- ↓ Hashem does so but decides not to lead Bnai Yisrael to the land of Israel personally but will send down an angel to lead them in his stead.

Sh'lshli - Third Aliya:

Chapter 33, verses 12- 16 and

R'viti - Fourth Aliya:

Chapter 33, verses 17 - 23

- ↓ Moshe asks Hashem to reveal his true essence to him. Hashem replies no one has ever seen me and lived. Instead Hashem places Moshe in a cleft of a rock and shows him a vision.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya:

Chapter 34, verses 1 - 9

- ↓ Hashem tells Moshe that he must ascend the mountain once more and carve for himself a second set of Luchot.
- ↓ Hashem then reveals to Moshe the thirteen attributes of mercy.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya:

Chapter 34, verses 10 -26

- ↓ Moshe is given additional instructions by Hashem, concerning what Bnai Yisrael must do, upon reaching and dwelling in the land of Israel.

Sh'viti - Seventh Aliya:

Chapter 34, verses 27 - 35

- ↓ Moshe descends the mountain but Bnai Yisrael are afraid to approach him because the radiance of Hashem is shining through on Moshe's face.
- ↓ Moshe puts on a veil to cover his face up and only removes it when he is speaking to Hashem directly.

Haftorah – 1st BOOK OF KINGS Chapter 18 verses 1 to 39

OVERVIEW:

- King Achav and his wife Ezevel ruled the 10 Tribes with an iron fist advancing the worship of idols throughout the kingdom.
- The prophet Eliyahu (Elijah), challenges Achav's hold over his people by demanding a showdown on Mount Carmel between himself and the false prophets of the idol Ba'al.
- The confrontation takes place, proving to everyone that there is only the one true god, Hashem himself.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- Just as Moshe's proved the falsehood of the Golden Calf, in this week's sedra; so too, 800 years later, Eliyahu proved the falsehood of the belief and worshiping of Ba'al.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

Every ten years, population censuses are conducted providing a unique source of information relating to composition, growth and social behaviour's within a geographical unit. In this week's Parsha, Ki Tisa, Hashem commands Moshe to take such a census of Bnai Yisrael.

"When you take the sum of the children of Israel according to their numbers, let each one give to G-d an atonement for his soul when they are counted; then there will be no plague among them when they are counted. This they shall give, everyone who goes through the counting: half a shekel..."

Due to fact that counting heads was strictly forbidden, The most distinctive and unique feature of this census was that every person had to contribute a half-shekel donation to the *Mishkan*, and the population could then be figured out by simple math. Why choose this method?

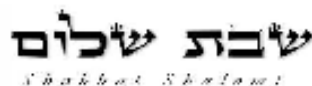
This was not just a national undertaking Census being taken here, what made this one special was that it also served as a method for individual atonement and to show Bnai Yisrael despite their wrongdoings, Hashem still cares for them very much. Problematically though, as our Sages point out, when Jews are in a state of unity, they are connected to their source and do not need added protection. However by singling somebody out by counting them directly, It could bring a harsher judgment upon them as they are then subjected to more of an individual scrutiny and may be punished more severely than if they were part of a collective.

Another Torah commentator points out that it's fine to count animals (such as sheep) with a headcount because each animal is exactly like and behaves in the same way as the others. Whereas counting Bnai Yisrael by the same method would certainly demean their individualities.

The reason why the Half shekel was instituted and the fact that regardless if they were rich or poor, everyone still gave the same donation. The census indicated equality before the eyes of Hashem. Hashem doesn't discriminate or favour somebody because of how much or how little money they have. Every one of us are cherished and loved by Hashem exactly the same.

What I personally like about the way this Census was conducted was by donating half-shekels to the Mishkan, Bnai Yisrael were able to turn a public activity (the census) into a religious and spiritual one (the funding and upkeep of the Mishkan), a way of killing two birds with one stone. In order to show their appreciation to Hashem by keeping him close to their hearts too.

Chances are that none of us will be donating half-shekel coins in our next upcoming census; but the values that the census in this week's sedra embodies 'philanthropy, equality and individuality' are ones that we should all try to emulate in our own lives.



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