



Times of Services 2015

Friday 7 August
Shabbat begins: 8.24 pm
Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15 pm

Shabbat 8 August
Shacharit: 9.30 am
Haftorah: Jo Glass
Kiddush
Shabbat ends: 9.31 pm

Sunday 9 August
Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 14 August
Shabbat begins: 8.11 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.

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Ealing Synagogue Newsletter



שבת שלום

Friday 7 August 2015/Shabbat 23 Av 5775

Sidra: Ekev

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Hilde Stern who is 95 years young today. We wish Hilde many happy returns of the day and only good things for the coming year.

SHABBAT 15 AUGUST ROSH CHODESH ELUL

Mincha will be followed by a Seudah Shlishit kindly sponsored by Leslie and Evelyn Sommer.

SHOFAR BLOWING MASTERCLASS WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2015

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/>

MEMORIAL PRAYER—YOM KIPPUR

If you would like the name of a relative read out at Yizkor on Yom Kippur, please complete the form on page 9 of this newsletter.

SHABBATUK FRIDAY 24-SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

Save the date! As part of the Chief Rabbi's initiative, Ealing Synagogue will be putting on a very special Shabbat. Details to follow. The Challah Bake will take place on Thursday 22 October. If you would like to participate, please see the details on the attached flyer on how to register.

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

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EKEV

23rd Av 5775

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 7, verse 12 - Chapter 8, verse 10

- ✦ Moshe informs Bnai Yisrael that in exchange for observing the torah, Hashem will shower them with an abundance of blessings including defeating their enemies and conquering the land of Israel.
- ✦ Moshe reminds his people about all the miracles that Hashem performed for them during their time in the midbar (desert): Providing and sustaining them with Mahn (Manna), how the clothes they wore never wore out and that their feet never blistered or swelled etc.
- ✦ Moses then describes many of the wonderful features of the Land of Israel, and teaches Bnai Yisrael the law of reciting Birkat ha-Mazon (grace after meals) after they've eaten and become satiated.

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 8, verse 11 – Chapter 9, verse 3

- ✦ Moshe warns the people, once they conquer and start living in the Promised Land and things are going well, they should not forget it was Hashem who was behind their good fortune because by doing so would lead to their downfall.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Chapter 9, verses 4 - 29

- ✦ Moshe emphasizes the point it was not due to their own virtues but rather, in the merit of their Forefathers which enabled them entry into the land of Israel.
- ✦ Moshe relates how they kept provoking Hashem from the day they left Mitzraim until their arrival on Israel's borders.
- ✦ Moshe recounts how after descending Mount Sinai and witnessing the Heter Eigel (Golden Calf) for himself, he had no choice but to smash the two Luchot (tablets of stone) in order to prevent Hashem from destroying everyone who was involved, (including Moshe's brother Aaron) completely.

R'Vi'i - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 10, verses 1 - 11

- ✦ Moshe continues on how Hashem then commanded him to ascend the mountain once more to carve out for himself a new set of Luchot depicting the Ten Statements (Ten Commandments) and to build a wooden ark to store both the broken fragments of the first set together with the new tablets inside.
- ✦ Hashem also designated the Levites to be His holy servants, because of the devotion they demonstrated throughout the Heter Eigel incident.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 10, verse 12 - Chapter 11, verse 9

- ✦ Moshe informs Bnai Yisrael of what Hashem expects from each one of them: "To fear, love and worship him with their hearts and souls, observing the torah and following in Hashem's footsteps by performing Mitzvahs.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 11, verses 10 – 21 and

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 11, verses 22 - 25

- ✦ The second Paragraph of the Shema is recited here. Its main focus is since the land of Israel is dependent on Hashem providing it with rain. It's important to heed to Hashem's word and serve him correctly in order that Hashem will send the right amount of rain required in its proper season.
- ✦ If however the people turn their backs on him and worship other G-ds then Hashem will become angry and the rain would desist.
- ✦ In order to bring the importance of Hashem's word home, the second paragraph re-emphasises the same points as the first; teaching the torah to our children, and the commandment of putting up Mezuzahs on the door posts of our homes.

Haftorah – YISHAYAH (ISAIAH) Chapter 49 verse 14 to Chapter 51 verse 3

OVERVIEW:

- ✦ The Jewish nation expresses their concern that Hashem has abandoned them whilst they are all living in Golus (exile).
- ✦ Hashem reassures them that it is not so, comparing His love and mercy for His people to that of a mother who cares and cherishes her children, and even greater than that, too.
- ✦ Yishayah devotedly defines the ingathering of the exiles which will occur with the Messiah's arrival and just how Avraham and Sarah were blessed with a child when they had all but given up hope, so too, Hashem will send them the Moshiach.

LINK TO SEDRA READING:

- ✦ This is the second of the seven prophecies of comfort read between the ninth of Av and Rosh Hashanah.
- ✦ Just like Moshe reminds Bnai Yisrael in this week's sedra, the Haftorah, relates how Hashem reminds the people of their rebellious behavior that brought about their golus and suffering and how Yishayah guarantees that a new and improved Bnai Yisrael will emerge and will soon be reunited with the land of Israel, turning its devastation to paradise.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

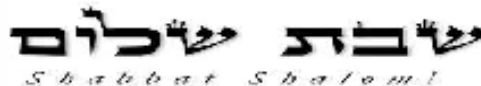
In an interview I heard last week, the presenter asked the guest, what was the best piece of advice given to you in which you took to your heart and made you the successful person you are today? The answer given was as follows: 'No matter what you have done or will do in the future, in order to achieve perfection in life, all you have to do is remember where you came from, take responsibility for your actions and perform good deeds'. For me this is the essence of what Parsha Eikev is all about. 'The positive effects and dangers surrounding what prosperity brings.'

Before entering Israel, Moshe stops to teach Bnai Yisrael not to become too egotistic and smug over all the successes they will achieve in their new found freedom and fresh start in a new land. Moshe tells them, "Remember! If it wasn't for Hashem, all of you would still be slaves in Mitzraim. It was he who got you where you are today, not you alone."

Of course there is nothing intrinsically wrong with wanting to do well for oneself. I'm sure most of us from a very young age have been told that we need to try and make the right choices, and work hard in order to thrive and become successful in any pursuits we endeavour to undertake; but even with such good advice, we still need to be careful because there are pitfalls and hazards we might end up falling into along the way; It are these dangers that Moshe is alluding to and warning us about in this week's sedra, especially if pride and greed should take over for instance.

The reason Moshe perceives prosperity as a problem is because being prosperous is an elusive goal in of itself and is not the torah way. Creating money often makes us want to have more money but it isn't necessarily going to improve our lives. Moshe's not saying we would be happier if we all lived our lives by simple means. He wants all of us to succeed but the mind-set that we may create along the way might not be the ideal one because you might end up distancing yourself away from Hashem without even realising it or g-d forbid forget his existence all together.

Moshe's important lesson is the focal point what later becomes the 2nd paragraph of the shema we read every day. Rashi, teaches us that if we hear and learn the lessons of the past, we will be more able to hear the new lessons of the future. May we all draw wisdom from the past so we can embrace our Judaism in a new light, in order to draw ourselves closer to Hashem and truly become successful.



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Thursday 22nd October 2015
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SHABBAT UK-23/24 OCT'15

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Watford & District Synagogue, 16 Nascot Road, WATFORD WD17 4YE

Zahav is Watford Synagogue's club for the over-50s. Members of other Jewish communities are welcome. All of the meetings below will take place on a Thursday and start at 2pm. Except for the outing, all events take place at the Synagogue.

13 th August	Games afternoon
27 th August	Outing to Elstree & Borehamwood Museum
Break for Yom Tovim	
8 th October	Richard Conradi - Insight into the Criminal Justice System
22 nd October	Derek Scott - Out of Russia
12 th November	Howard Lanning - My life in the Film Industry
26 th November	Stuart Nagler - The Princes Trust
10 th December	Chanukah Party (with entertainer)

If you have any questions about Zahav or any of its meetings, please telephone Watford Synagogue on 01923-222755 or email us at secretary@watfordsynagogue.org.uk.



Rosh Hashannah 2015/5776

"The New Ealing Review"

If you would like to donate a page in this year's Rosh Hashannah magazine, advertise an event or business, or simply insert New Year greetings and/or any other message, please complete the form below and return it to Marianne Temple. Thank you for your support.

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Please return to Marianne Temple, C/O Ealing Synagogue, 15 Grange Road, London W5 5QN.

I wish to advertise in the Rosh Hashannah 2015/5776 magazine and enclose my payment of £_____ (cheques to be made payable to "UNITED SYNAGOGUE").

Date: _____

Signed: _____

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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.

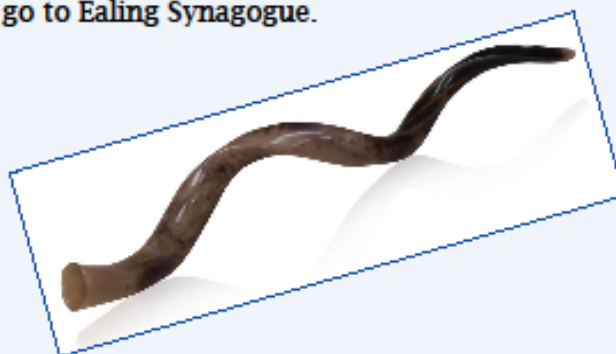
Class will be limited to 25 participants.

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.

Please reply to:
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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: _____