



Times of Services

2015

Friday 9 October

Shabbat begins: 6.06 pm

Mincha/

Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.15 pm

Shabbat 10 October

Shabbat Bereshit

Shacharit: 9.30 am

Haftorah: Ben Kosky

Kiddush

Shabbat ends: 7.05 pm

Sunday 11 October

Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 16 October

Shabbat begins: 5.51 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 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 9 October 2015/Shabbat 27 Tishri 5776

Sidra: Bereshit

A BIG THANK YOU!

Chatanim Peter Sinclair and Ian Westbrook, and Eshet Chayil Dorothy Kochan would like to express their deep appreciation and profound thanks to the Ladies who worked so hard on Simchat Torah to make the Reception held in their honour such a success.

MAZAL TOV TO

Eileen Eckman on the birth of a new great-grandson, Naftali Moshe Taylor. The Ealing community extends a hearty Mazal Tov to parents Rabbi Sam and Rebbetzen Emma Taylor, grandparents Carol and Nigel Hart and Sheila and Stuart Taylor. Wishing the whole family much nachat from the new addition to their family.

Simeon Arnold on birth of a new great-grandson, Blake Freddy Stoltzman. The Ealing community extends a hearty Mazal Tov to parents Ricky and Lauren Stoltzman, grandparents Selwyn and Rosalyn Arnold, Richard and Marilyn Stoltzman. Wishing all the family much nachat from the new addition to their family.

ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN

Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 October

Shacharit : 8.00 am

SHABBAT 17 OCTOBER 2015

AUFRUF—DOVI VOGEL

The Ealing community is invited to Kiddush in celebration of the forthcoming marriage of Dovi Vogel, son of Rabbi Hershi and Rebbetzen Zelda Vogel, to Katie Sassoon, daughter of Rochelle and Eli Sassoon. Please join us in wishing Mazal Tov to Dovi and all the family.

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

THIRD EDITION / ISSUE 1

10th October 2015

BERESHIT

27th Tishri 5776

Kohen - First Aliya: Page 1, Chapter 1, verses 1-13

- ✦ Hashem starts creating the Heaven and the Earth by uttering those famous words 'Let There Be Light'
- ✦ On the 2nd day the firmament is fixed in place by separating the water which was covering the entire earth.
- ✦ Dry Land appears on the 3rd day as grass; different types of trees and plant life are produced.

Levi - Second Aliya: Page 4, Chapter 1, verses 14-23

- ✦ On the 4th day, Hashem placed the Sun, moon and stars into the sky to distinguish the night from the day.
- ✦ The 5th day saw Fish being introduced to the oceans and seas, Insect life on the ground and the creation of Birds to fly in the sky.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Page 5, Chapter 1, verse 24- Chapter 2, verse 3

- ✦ The 6th day saw the creation of the rest of the animal kingdom.
- ✦ The final thing Hashem fashioned was an image of himself, 'Man'
- ✦ Hashem then rests on the 7th day and sanctifies it as the Sabbath.

R'v'i - Fourth Aliya: Page 8, Chapter 2, verse 4- Chapter 3, verse 21

- ✦ 'Man' who Hashem called Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden where he was given the task to name every living creature that Hashem created.
- ✦ While Adam slept, Hashem took one of his ribs and formed 'Woman' who Adam named as Chava. (Eve)
- ✦ Hashem tests both Adam and Chava to see if they would listen and comply with his command of not eating the fruit from the tree in the centre of the garden. Unfortunately due to the trickery of a serpent that convinced Chava that no harm would be done if indeed the fruit was partaken. Adam and Chava failed the trial and because of their shame and embarrassment, tried to hide themselves away but the all-knowing Hashem finds them and chastises them accordingly.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Page 16, Chapter 3, verse 22- Chapter 4, verse 26

- ✦ As punishment for eating the forbidden fruit, Hashem banishes them from the Garden of Eden.
- ✦ Kayin (Cain) and Hevel (Abel) are born.
- ✦ Kayin murders his brother Hevel because he was jealous of the fact that Hashem declined his Korbanas (sacrifice) and accepted Hevel's instead. Kayin tries to deceive Hashem, claiming that he was not his brother's keeper when questioned by Hashem of Hevel's whereabouts.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Page 21, Chapter 5, verses 1-24

- ✦ The Torah now starts going through the lineage of Adam via the descendants of Adam's and Chava's third child Shais (Seth)

Sh'v'i - Seventh Aliya: Page 24, Chapter 5, verse 25- Chapter 6, verse 8

- ✦ Noach (Noah is born) and later has three sons Shem, Ham and Japheth.
- ✦ Immorality and violence is now rife amongst all the men and women at this time and Hashem is beginning to regret having created the human race and decides to wipe them out completely.
- ✦ Hashem finds favour and grace with Noach and decides to give Mankind a second chance.

Haftorah – YISHAYAH (ISAIAH) Chapter 42 verse 5 to Chapter 43 verse 10

OVERVIEW:

- Hashem speaks to the Navi (prophet) Yishayah (Isaiah), reminding him of his life's purpose and duty, namely that of arousing the Jewish people to return to being a light unto the nations in order to be ready to receive the coming of Mashiach.
- The prophecy then continues with a discussion regarding this great event to celebrate the start of the 'Final Redemption' The Messianic Era, and the song that all of creation will sing united to Hashem on that day.
- Hashem would then fulfil his promises to punish all the nations that have persecuted Israel during the time while they were in golus (exile).
- Yishayah also rebukes Israel for their sinful ways, but assures them that they will return to the correct path and will be redeemed.

GEMATRIA RELATING TO THE SEDRA:

The word 'Gematria' literally means 'Calculations and Measurements'. Each letter of the Hebrew Alphabet has its own Numeric value connected to it. I.e. Aleph = 1, Bet = 2, Gimel = 3 etc. By combining these numeric values in different words or phrases and comparing them to other words and phrases used in the Torah text. Sometimes hidden additional messages and meanings can be found. Starting today, each week aided by Gematria, I will try and unlock some of these hidden secrets.

- The numerical value of the word **אֶת הָאוֹר** ET HA'OR (THE LIGHT) is six hundred and thirteen. Equating to the number of the commandments mentioned in the Torah.
- Straight away the Torah is teaching us that by studying the Torah and adhering to all of Hashem's six hundred and thirteen Mitzvot, we will definitely 'See the Light'!

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

On the surface, the narrative in which Hashem creates the universe is, superficially, straightforward and simple and yet the complexity of 'The Creation' itself is quite perplexing when you study it deeper. For example: The first thing that Hashem creates, 'Light', seems to have been superseded by something else called 'Darkness'. While Hashem proclaims, "Let there be light," there is no indication that He proclaimed the existence of darkness. It appears as indicated in the very next verse; Hashem is separating His own creation, 'Light', from something which seemingly He did not create himself, 'Darkness', because it pre-existed existence.

Having read through a variety of different sources, there is no question that Hashem created everything because the Torah explicitly states in the very first pasuk (verse) of Beraishis "Hashem created the heavens and the earth." Yet, interestingly some of commentator's did suggest that because darkness was a part of the mess and undefined state of pre-creation discussed in the next pasuk, there was no need for it to be created. For me, this only exacerbates the question further as why the Torah presents darkness as a lack of creation.

From a scientific perspective. The term 'Darkness' is merely just the absence of light. While this piece of information may not startle the average educated individual, its application to these verses in the Torah produces a remarkable insight. The existence of the Torah and the world was created for the sake of human understanding. The absence of light, a vacuum, nothingness is so extraordinary that it can only be part of the reality of 'The Pre-Creation' because it is virtually unfathomable for the human mind to comprehend a total void, without any intrinsic meaning, purpose or value. The fact that Hashem does not depict the creation of darkness, does not present us with something that existed before creation, on the contrary, it emphasizes that nothing would or could even come-to-be if it was not for creation itself. The 'Void / Darkness' depicted in the verses is only known to exist because of 'The Creation' that contrasts it.

It is therefore clear that the first day of creation truly did mark the beginning of existence; Hashem provided us with the ability to discern the difference between light and dark, He created the very concept of darkness; which would have had a completely different meaning if an actual declaration stating the fact that it was created also. It would leave us with the impression that darkness and void is an entity in itself, and that pre-creation had meaning and structure. Which if true would defeat the entire significance of creation in the first place. We see from here the complexity and subtlety that the Torah's narrative is presenting to us. Proving once and for all that the Torah is the source of all knowledge; as chapter 8, verse: 22 in Mishlei (proverbs) tells us, "Hashem looked into Torah and then created the universe"

שבת שלום

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WELCOME TO SHABBATUK AT EALING SYNAGOGUE

SHABBAT 24 OCTOBER 2015

**OUR GUESTS FOR THIS SPECIAL SHABBAT WILL BE
ARON AND ROCHEL-LEAH LOVATT**

**SHACHARIT : 9.30 AM
SERMON BY ARON LOVATT**

LUNCH

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

QUIZ PREPARED BY ELLA MARKS

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION LED BY ARON LOVATT

TALK BY ROCHEL-LEAH LOVATT

MINCHA

SEUDAH SHLISHIT

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**FRANK
SINATRA**

**DEAN
MARTIN**

**BOBBY
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**SAMMY
DAVIS JR**



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7.00pm – Supper • 10.30pm – Carriages**

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In Conjunction with Hillingdon Interfaith Committee**

Presents

**AN EVENING OF
“ANY QUESTIONS”**

**Inter Religious Relations
Engaging with a Difference
Fact or Fiction?**

**A Panel from Major Religious Groups in the Area – Muslim, Church of England,
Sikh and Jewish - Will Answer Your Questions (Pre-Submitted)**

**Chairperson: Fiona Gibbs
Stronger Communities Manager, London Borough of Hillingdon**

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2015

7.45 PM

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QUESTIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO:

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Refreshments Will Be Provided

For security reasons please notify the office by Monday 12th October if you intend to join us.

I require places for An Evening of Any Questions

(Please print) Name:

Names of guests

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