



Times of Services 2017

Friday 10 February
Shabbat begins: 4.51 pm

Mincha/
Kabbalat Shabbat: 5.00 pm

Shabbat 11 February

Shabbat Shira

Tu B'Shevat

Shacharit: 9.30 am

Mincha after Kiddush

Shabbat ends: 5.56 pm

Sunday 12 February

Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 17 February

Shabbat begins: 5.04 pm

Mincha/

Kabbalat Shabbat: 5.15 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.

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Tuesday evenings, 8.00 pm at Ealing United Synagogue, Grange Road. Sunday mornings, 10.30 am at Ealing Liberal Synagogue, Lynton Avenue. All welcome. Nominal charge of £1.00.

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Ealing Synagogue Newsletter

שבת שלום

Friday 10 February 2017/Shabbat 15 Shevat 5777
Sidra: Beshalach



**MAZAL TOV TO RABBI HERSHI AND REBBETZEN ZELDA
VOGEL AND ALL THE FAMILY ON THE SIMCHA OF
CHAYA'LE AND AVROMI'S WEDDING WHICH TOOK PLACE
ON TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2017 IN NEW YORK**



SHABBAT 11 FEBRUARY

This Shabbat, Joan Michaels' family will be taking it in turns to daven, leyen and speak. Please join us for what promises to be a lively Shabbat.

SHABBAT 18 FEBRUARY CIVIC SERVICE

Ealing Synagogue's Annual Civic Service, to which members of The Mayor's Office, local dignitaries and multi-faith guests are invited. Please come and support this very important Shabbat in Ealing Synagogue's calendar.

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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

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BESHALACH

15th Shevat 5777

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 Israel 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'lishi - 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'vi' - 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 Mahn 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 Mahn the next day, a flock of quails flew over the camp that afternoon, which were caught and eaten. (The Mahn remained to be the main source of food throughout the forty years, wandering through the Midbar)

Sh'vi'i - 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

SNAPSHOT GUIDE THROUGH THE SIDDER: Pesukei D'Zimrah - Ashrei (part 3)

- ✚ After exalting Hashem's name and praising him, the third line of Ashrei recognises and acknowledges his greatness. This implies that however how hard someone works in trying to praise Hashem to the max. it would never be enough because Hashem is even greater than man's perception of him. Hence the famous dictum quoted by the Malbim "The more we think we know about G-d, the more we come to realise that we don't know him at all."
- ✚ Line four continues on this theme. Every individual throughout every single generation of our past, present and future only have a faint glimpse of the magnitude of Hashem's infinite greatness. Which is why we all have a sacred duty to praise Hashem not only for what we've witnessed personally but for what he has and will continue to accomplish for every single one of us, now and in the future.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

Today, as well as being Shabbat, we are celebrating the beginning of another New Year in our Jewish calendar ... only this one is for trees! Tu B'Shevat. Though not explicitly mentioned as a specific holiday, The Torah does hint to its importance. 'the purpose of calculating the age of trees for tithing'. The Torah states that fruit from trees which were grown in the land of Israel may not be eaten during the first three years of its planting; the fourth year's fruit is for Hashem, and after that, the fruit can then be harvested and eaten. Regardless of when the tree was planted, each one is considered to have aged one year as of Tu B'Shevat.

Along with this Mitzvah, there is also a very meaningful and relevant lesson to be learned from the holiday of Tu B'Shevat which we can plant in our own hearts and which will hopefully bear fruit. In Parshas Shoftim (Devarim Chapter 20 verse 19) it discusses our responsibility as Jews after besieging a city or reclaiming land through war, about preserving the environment and not to cut down or destroy any trees. From this our commentators derive that just as trees must grow branches, blossom and fruit to fulfil their purpose, so we are put onto this earth to be spiritually productive, working hard to produce moral, intellectual, and spiritual truths relating to our creator Hashem. This is why the Rabbis refer to the reward for good deeds as "fruit", for they are the main sustenance for true human growth.

Another quotation I noticed associating us with trees is found in the book of Proverbs, chapter 11, verse 30 "The fruit of a righteous one is a tree of life, and a wise man acquires souls". In this verse, Shlomo Hamelech compares the fruit of a Tzaddik to "a tree of life". In his commentaries the Chafetz Chaim explains: There are two ways to view an apple. Most people see it just how it appears to them externally, it's just a piece of fruit. Some are unblemished whereas others are bruised, however despite their appearance they still resemble and taste like an apple. But someone with vision and a deeper understanding of the workings of Hashem's creations would view that same apple as much more. Beyond the external outer shell of the apple there are seeds contained within. which, when properly grown and cultivated, can grow into a whole new tree of its own.

The Chafetz Chaim applies this same logic with our human race. People can view others around them in two ways. They can perceive them externally, judging them by their appearance only and disregarding them just because they appear to be badly bruised or rotten to the core; Or they can look beyond that person's rough exterior and see the beauty and potential hidden deep within.

Every one of us is blessed with a seed. It's our own divine Neshama (Soul) concealed in the heart of all us. By adhering to Hashem's will and performing Mitzvah's we all have the ability to strengthen our Jewish roots in order to blossom and grow into something big and strong like a brand new tree. May Hashem help us to be like the Tzaddik's who sees beyond the apple's exterior to recognize the beautiful seed inside. We must do all we can to look at the beautiful and Godly Neshama inside each and every individual. In order to be able to cultivate them properly with love, sowing the seeds, and helping our future generations to grow and blossom into a beautiful tree too.

שבת שלום
Shabbat Shalom!

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**Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum
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8.40AM: SHACHARIT FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST

9.20AM – 10.00AM REGISTRATION

TRACK 1

**10.00AM-10.50AM: "THE WOMEN
OF THE HAGGADAH—LESSONS FOR US"
- RABBI DR RAPHAEL ZARUM**

**10.50 AM-11.45AM: "THE FOUR
SONS - WHAT CAN THEY TEACH US
ABOUT RAISING CHILDREN AND
GRANDCHILDREN?" - MAUREEN
KENDLER**

TRACK 2

**10.00AM—11.45AM:
COOKERY DEMONSTRATION
FOOD FOR PESACH
WITH REBBETZEN ZELDA VOGEL**

11.45AM : COFFEE BREAK

**12.00PM : FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS OF TRACKS 1 AND 2
CHALLENGING ISSUES:
PANEL DISCUSSION TO INCLUDE TOPICS SUCH AS:
Female leadership, Conversion,
Same-sex marriage, Agunot, Faith schools, etc.**

1.00PM : CLOSE

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SUNDAY 26 MARCH

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