



TIMES OF SERVICES

Friday 7 April

Shabbat begins: 7.29pm

Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.15pm

Shabbat 8 April

Shabbat Hagadol

Shacharit: 9.30am

Haftarah: Rabbi Vogel

Shabbat ends: 8.34pm

Sunday 9 April

Shacharit: 8.40am

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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 **S i m c h a** commemorating a family Yahrzeit, or 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!



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.

In the event of a bereavement, in the first instance please contact the Burial Office : 020 8950 7767.
Rabbi Hershi Vogel: 07970 829758
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Ealing Synagogue

שבת שלום

Friday 7 April 2017/Shabbat 12 Nissan 5777

Shabbat Hagadol

Sidra: Tsav



Wishing the Ealing community and their families and very happy Pesach.



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The Chief Rabbi's Pesach Message 5777

Pesach is our festival of questions.

It is no exaggeration to say that questions are amongst the most potent tools at our disposal for improving ourselves, for educating others and for shaping and changing our world for the better.

Our tradition considers it a sacred task to ask, probe and explore. We take questions seriously. To question is not necessarily to reject or to undermine; rather, it is seen by our intensely discursive tradition as a way of refining our understanding of the truth, and of the part we must play in the universe.

Asking the right question at the right time can provide an entirely new perspective on life, it can expand our knowledge and open up whole new vistas of understanding. But, like any truly powerful force in this world, questions can also be used to destroy. They can seed doubt and create confusion and fear.

That is the reason why, during the Seder, when questions are so central, we have a carefully structured environment which provokes constructive questions and encourages thoughtful answers.

A sincere question is a request for deeper understanding and requires a certain degree of humility on the part of the questioner. Indeed, that is the reason why questions are such an important part of Jewish tradition. We are taught in Pirkei Avot, that the classic answer to the question 'who is wise?' is: 'one who learns from every person', and the term that we use to describe even our most accomplished teacher is talmid chacham - 'a wise student'.

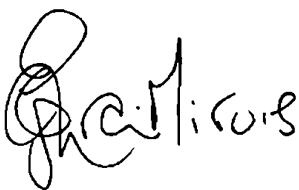
It is this humility and sincerity which we find in the question of the wise son, "What is the meaning of the laws and traditions God has commanded?" From his effort to seek meaning from those around him we discover the respect he holds for them and his readiness to learn from them.

Compare his approach to that of the wicked son, who asks, "What does this ritual mean to you?" He seeks no meaning for himself. On the contrary, his question is designed to undermine and to be scornful of what those around him believe.

It is perhaps inevitable, particularly when we hold a strong view, that we will feel less inclined to hear the thoughts of others. And yet, it is essential that we never lose the humility to learn. The point at which we are quicker to undermine the views of others than we are to seek value in them is the point at which our contribution to the world ceases to be a positive one.

Over the course of the last year, our world has become more polarised than at any time in recent memory. We have become steadily worse, it seems, at disagreeing respectfully and at keeping an open mind. This Pesach, may we all be blessed with the humility, not just to ask the right questions, but also to be prepared to learn from the answers.

Valerie and I wish you a Chag Kasher V'Sameach.



Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis
April 2017 • Nissan 5777



Pesach Reflections from Stephen Pack President of The US



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This is your final year as President of the United Synagogue. What do you consider your greatest achievement over the last six years?

I still have a few months to go and there is lots more to do before I start looking back. However, I am most proud that The US is in such a strong position now organisationally and financially. This is something that we should never take for granted - The US is a large and complex charity which in the past has had to confront serious existential challenges. The job of the President is to build on the work of his predecessors and leave The US in a better position than it was when he took over. I hope to have done that.

What do you consider to be “unfinished business”?

There's always more that can be done and I think that we still need to welcome more communities into our US family. We have also made a great start to the 40 initiatives that were recommended in the Strategic Review and we must continue this vital work.

What recent United Synagogue project are you most excited about?

The actions emanating from the Strategic Review, particularly our investment in communities of potential and Rabbinic Development; this work will shape the future of UK Jewry and make real differences to peoples' lives.

What will you miss about being President?

Three things: The lovely welcome that Cheryl and I receive when we visit communities, the feeling that our trustees and professionals are making a real difference to our members' lives and my close working relationship with our wonderful Chief Rabbi.

What would you say to one of our younger members who would like to get involved with their local community?

Do not hesitate to do so; you will get as much out of it as you put in. Your colleagues will understand you are busy and have limited time so don't let that stop you.

How do you think the current political climate (locally and globally) will affect the future of our community?

We are certainly living in a time of great change with decisions that are hard to predict. When new leaders are elected I generally ask – ‘is it good for the Jews and for Israel?’ It is vital to look at what people do, not what they say. I think Britain is still a great place to live and it is not surprising that so many Jews are arriving, but we also need to cope with unprecedented levels of antisemitism and uncertainty in connection with many issues of Jewish concern. The US takes very seriously its role in ensuring that our community's voice is heard when these issues are addressed by Government, the media and wider society.

On a lighter note, what's your favourite Pesach food?

That's a tough one because I love Pesach food. I usually make the Charoset in my family and it is pretty good!

Thank you for answering our questions.

It's a pleasure. Cheryl and I wish everyone and their families a wonderful and kosher Pesach.





PESACH MESSAGE

PRESIDENT JONATHAN ARKUSH

NISSAN 5777

Pesach is a time both to look back and look forward. We remember the slavery and ultimately the regaining of freedom of our forefathers and we look forward with optimism to what the future holds for the Jewish people.

Our community in Britain has certainly faced some serious issues over the past year but I believe that we can look forward with confidence. The problems of antisemitism have figured prominently in the year gone by but we have taken positive steps to ensure that hatred or prejudice directed against us is called out for what it is and those who trade in abuse suffer the consequences. In these efforts we have had the resolute support of the Government and most leading political figures across the political spectrum. Two years ago Prime Minister Theresa May stood before the meeting of the Board of Deputies and said: "Britain would simply not be Britain without its Jews". As Prime Minister she has overseen the adoption – the first by any country – of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism which includes, among other things, an explicit acknowledgement that the demonisation and singling out of Israel is anti-Semitic.

We have been strong on antisemitism on the left and in the Labour Party. I was the first witness to give evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee on Antisemitism and was gratified by its report which responded positively to all of the points the Board of Deputies made in its submission. Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn has many times since his election as party leader professed "zero tolerance to antisemitism and all forms of racism". With the case against Ken Livingstone to be decided after months of delay and cases of antisemitism in the party still being reported, we have to say that in this case actions will speak louder than words.

The Community Security Trust recently released troubling figures on the rise of antisemitism. Without for one moment minimising their implications it is nonetheless important to take note that this is part of a disturbing climate of popular resentment that all too often expresses itself against all minorities. In the aftermath of the Brexit vote there was a general rise in hate crimes. I like to think that we can play our own distinct role in influencing the country's political atmosphere. We have begun a busy period of nationwide engagement with Muslim and other communities around the country with the aim of improving relations between faith groups, creating understanding and, importantly, promoting strongly British values. Our team has travelled to Leeds, Leicester and Bradford among other places in the past year, meeting with community leaders, travelling to mosques and schools, and promoting the message of integrating while not losing our identity in the modern Britain whose way of life we believe in.

There have been other achievements. In education our campaign to end the 50 per cent cap on faith admissions to faith-based schools was accepted by the government who agreed with our analysis that the measure has inhibited the creation of Jewish schools and has not demonstrably improved community

cohesion. Another major contribution we made in the field of education was to publish the definitive guide for GCSE Judaism, written by renowned educationalist Clive Lawton. This will give those studying the subject a great overview of both the richness of the tradition and the diversity of Jewish life.

We cannot talk of Pesach without mentioning Israel, the modern miracle of the Jewish people. Millennia ago Israel was formed from a nation of slaves but in the 21st century it is transformed into a veritable powerhouse of innovation and success, both economically and culturally and with a robust democratic tradition encompassing freedoms unheard of anywhere else in the Middle East. The people of Israel crossed the Red Sea to achieve freedom and thousands of years later the Jewish people again achieved self-determination in their independent historical land. Israel remains a beacon and a refuge for Jewish people everywhere and we derive huge pride in all of its achievements.

Surely one of the keys to the miraculous survival of the Jewish people is exemplified by the ancient rhythm of Seder night - guided and inspired by our past we look forward to the future.

Chag Sameach.

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Dear Ealing & Acton Synagogue Member,

We would like to thank you for the support that you have given to Leket Israel through the Kol Nidre Appeal and to illustrate for you what your donation as a community has achieved this year.

In 2016, Leket Israel rescued in total, 2,300,000 hot meals which were delivered on average to 8,200 individuals a day. This was a growth of 27% compared to the previous year. Additionally Leket Israel rescued 14,400 tons of agricultural produce. The food was rescued from 30 hotels, 50 IDF bases, Police Headquarters, company cafeterias, catered events and our data base of over 600 farmers.

All this could not have been done without your contribution and the contributions of others such as yourselves. The following is a clip that we presented to the Israeli Knesset in January, illustrating the work of this project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Lpvt5Qnl0o&feature=youtu.be>

Your synagogue's contribution enabled **9 youth at risk** to benefit from this project for a year. (The cost of supplying food to each young person is £99 per year).

We would like to wish you all a very happy Passover,

With many thanks.

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WHAT'S ON

Thursday 27 April
Community Lunch : 12.30 pm

Sunday 7 May
"The Secrets of Judaism under the Vatican"
Presentation given by Menashe Tahan
with Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 31 May
1st Day Shavuot : Kiddush Lunch

UJIA Ealing
(Date to be confirmed)
A fund raising event for the Carmiel Children's Village
with the Shabbaton Choir
in honour of Neil Shestopal z"l

Guild Meetings
If you would like to help out behind the scenes
please contact Joan Michaels or Joyce Frankal.

Community Lunch
Held every 6-8 weeks.
Contact: Alison Shindler-Glass

AJR Meetings
First Tuesday in every month.
Contact: Leslie Sommer

Israeli Dancing
Tuesday evenings at 8.00 pm.
Ealing United Synagogue, 15 Grange Road

Sunday mornings at 10.30 am.
Ealing Liberal Synagogue, Lynton Avenue
Contact: Judith Robinson

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Sunday 9 April	Shacharit	8.40 am
	Rabbi Vogel will be available for the Sale of Chametz until	10.00 am
Monday 10 April Fast of the Firstborn First Night Seder	Shacharit followed by Siyyum	8.00 am
	Last time for eating Chametz	10.47 am
	Last time for burning Chametz	11.48 am
	Yom Tov begins	7.54 pm
Tuesday 11 April 1st Day Yom Tov Second Night Seder	Shacharit	9.30 am
	Mincha/Maariv to be said at home	
	Second Night Seder to begin after	8.40 pm
Wednesday 12 April 2nd Day Yom Tov	Shacharit	9.30 am
	Mincha/Maariv to be said at home	
	Yom Tov ends	8.41 pm
Friday 14 April	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat	7.45 pm
	Shabbat begins	7.41 pm
Shabbat 15 April Shabbat Chol Hamoed	Shacharit	9.30 am
	Shabbat ends	8.47 pm
Sunday 16 April Erev Yom Tov 7th Day	Shacharit Mincha/Maariv Yom Tov begins	8.40 am 7.30 pm 7.44 pm
Monday 17 April 7th Day Yom Tov	Shacharit Mincha/Maariv 8th Day Yom Tov begins	9.30 am 7.30 pm 8.51 pm
Tuesday 18 April 8th Day Yom Tov	Shacharit Yizkor Yom Tov ends	9.30 am 8.53 pm



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We touch the lives of 10,000 people like Rita every week. But it's not a miracle. It's thanks to 3,000 dedicated volunteers, 1,500 professional staff and the generosity of our Jewish community. Will you please help bring light to more people's lives?

Call 020 8922 2600 or visit jewishcare.org/donate