



Times of Services 2016

Friday 25 March

Shushan Purim

Shabbat begins: 6.07 pm

Mincha/

Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.15 pm

Shabbat 26 March

Shacharit: 9.30 am

Haftorah: Michael Jacobs

Mincha: After Kiddush

Shabbat ends: 7.11 pm

Sunday 27 March

Shacharit: 8.40 am

Friday 1 April

Shabbat begins: 7.19 pm

Mincha/

Kabbalat Shabbat: 7.30 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!



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 Brian Robinson: 020 8567 6558 Neil Shestopal: 020 8579 5099

Ealing Synagogue



שבת שלום

Friday 25 March 2016/Shabbat 15 Adar II 5776

Sidra: Tzav



Judith Robinson, who does so much for the community—making sure that the kitchen cupboards are stocked and the freezer so full you can't open the drawers, cooking for the Community lunches, shopping for the less-abled, Israeli dancing, visiting the sick and looking after her family, especially Mr Warden, Brian. Here she is smiling and enjoying dessert! So don't trifle with Judith! Happy Purim!

**SUNDAY 27 MARCH
CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR**



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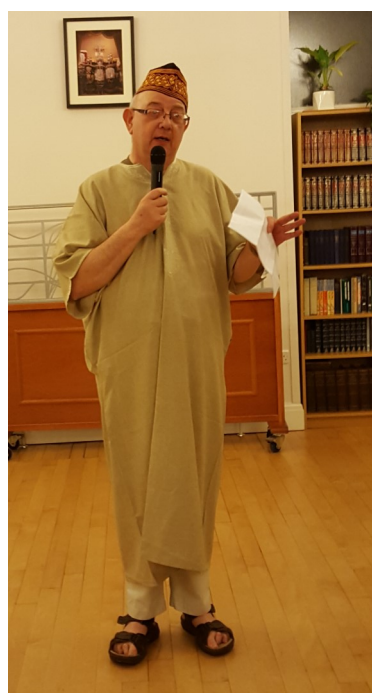
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PURIM SHPIEL AT EALING SYNAGOGUE WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2016



Ealing Synagogue had a Purim extravaganza on Wednesday evening. The reading of the Megillah by Rabbi Hershi Vogel was read with "hold on to your seats" gusto. A feast of refreshments was provided, followed by a plethora of entertainment from members of the Ealing community. At the more cultured end of the spectrum, Jessica Shindler-Glass played flute and Sam Shindler-Glass played tuba. Dawn Shestopal recited Shakespeare and Neil Shestopal sang opera. On a more light-hearted note, Mike Mars read a letter purported to be from the Health and Safety Executive about the perils of Hagbah. The finale of the evening was Ealing's Or Chadash Israeli dancing troupe, who could not have learnt the dances without the patience, energy and enthusiasm of the lovely Daniela Bland. Our thanks to Judge Edward Cohen for Emcee-ing the evening, and his jokes. And to everyone who organised and participated in the evening. A very happy Purim.

PURIM HUMOUR

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VISIT TO WESTMINSTER MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016

IN LOVING MEMORY OF EMILY WILDING DAVISON

IN THIS BROOM CUPBOARD EMILY WILDING DAVISON HID HERSELF, ILLEGALLY, DURING THE NIGHT OF THE 1911 CENSUS.

SHE WAS A BRAVE SUFFRAGETTE CAMPAIGNING FOR VOTES FOR WOMEN AT A TIME WHEN PARLIAMENT DENIED THEM THAT RIGHT.

IN THIS WAY SHE WAS ABLE TO RECORD HER ADDRESS, ON THE NIGHT OF THAT CENSUS, AS BEING "THE HOUSE OF COMMONS", THUS MAKING HER CLAIM TO THE SAME POLITICAL RIGHTS AS MEN.

EMILY WILDING DAVISON DIED IN JUNE 1913 FROM INJURIES SUSTAINED WHEN SHE THREW HERSELF UNDER THE KING'S HORSE AT THE DERBY TO DRAW PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE INJUSTICE SUFFERED BY WOMEN. BY SUCH MEANS WAS DEMOCRACY WON FOR THE PEOPLE OF BRITAIN.

Notice placed here by Tony Benn MP

"I must tell you, Mr. Speaker, that I am going to put a plaque in the House. I shall have it made myself and screwed on the door of the broom cupboard in the Crypt."



On the steps in the Westminster Hall where the great and good have stood before us — Nelson Mandela, the Pope, Barak Obama to name but a few.



On the MPs terrace

Rupa Huq, MP for Ealing Central and Acton, invited members of Ealing Synagogue for a tour of the Houses of Parliament. Our guide, Cliff, a retired architect, was very well informed and bombarded with a lot of information as we walked through St Stephen's Hall, the House of Commons and the House of Lords. At the end of the tour, Rupa joined us and took us to the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft where suffragette Emily Wilding Davison hid in the broom cupboard. A plaque commemorating this event was put up by Tony Benn. Our thanks to Rupa for taking so much time out of her busy day to show us around. And thanks to Mike Mars for arranging the tour.

Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

ISSUE 25

26th March 2015

TSAV

16th Adar Sheni 5776

Kohen - First Aliya:

Chapter 6, verses 1 - 10

- ✚ Hashem tells Moshe to command Aaron and his sons about the laws relating to the Korban Olah (Burnt Sacrifice) which must remain burning on the Mizbayah (Altar) all night.
- ✚ The first job for the Kohanim in the morning is to remove the ashes and prepare the Mizbayah ready for the new day's korbanos.
- ✚ When a Korban Mincha (Meal Offering) is brought, The Kohen must take three fingers full of flour, and mix it into the oil, before burning it on the Mizbayah along with the frankincense. The rest of the flour can be used and eaten by the Kohen.

Levi - Second Aliya:

Chapter 6, verse 11 – Chapter 7, verse 10

- ✚ When a new Kohen is inaugurated, he must bring a special Korban Mincha which must be totally saturated in oil before being totally burned.
- ✚ The leftover meat from either a Korban Hatat (Sin offering) or Korban Asham (Guilt offering) can only be eaten by a Kohen in the courtyard of the Mishkan (Tabernacle)
- ✚ If any meat of the Korban touches an object, the object itself becomes holy. If the meat is cooked in a metal pan, the pan must be Re-Koshered before reuse. If an earthenware pot was used then it must be broken. If any blood from the Korbanos stains a garment, it must be removed by washing it in a Mikvah.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya:

Chapter 7, verses 11 - 38

- ✚ When a Korban Shlamim (Peace offering) is given, the Kohen takes the chest and right thigh portion for himself.
- ✚ The thanksgiving Korban is brought along with forty loaves of bread, made up from ten unleavened mixed with oil, ten unleavened wafers smeared with oil, 10 unleavened loaves, made from the finest flour mixed with heated oil and 10 properly leavened loaves. One of each type must be eaten by the Kohen within one day and night.
- ✚ If a person brings a Korban with improper intent, then the Korban is classed as Pigul (rejected) and must be burnt. The punishment of Karet (Spiritually Cut-off) is meted out to an impure person who eats from the korbanos or if any fat or blood of from any animal or bird was consumed.

R'VTI - Fourth Aliya:

Chapter 8, verses 1 – 13

- ✚ Hashem tells Moshe to inaugurate Aaron and his sons in front of everyone.

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya:

Chapter 8, verses 14 – 21

- ✚ Moshe bathes them in the Mikvah and dresses them in their priestly robes.
- ✚ Aaron and his sons are then anointed, along with the Mishkan itself and all of its vessels with oil.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya:

Chapter 8, verses 22 - 29

- ✚ A certain amount of Korban's are then offered up and some of the blood used is daubed upon Aaron and his Sons.

Sh'viti - Seventh Aliya:

Chapter 8, verses 30 - 36

- ✚ Aaron and his sons are then led to the Ohel Moed (Tent of Meeting) where they reside for seven days, concluding the inauguration.

Haftorah –YERMEYAHU Chapter 7 verse 21 – Chapter 8 verse 3 & Chapter 9 verses 22,23

OVERVIEW:

- ✚ Hashem tells the prophet Yermeyahu (Jeremiah) to go and rebuke the Jewish people even though Hashem knows they won't listen and continue in their bad ways.
- ✚ Yermeyahu lists all of B'nai Yisrael sins during the time of the Beis Hamikdash including building their own altars to sacrifice their own children to heathen gods instead of presenting Animal Korban's to Hashem in the temple.
- ✚ Yermeyahu concludes by telling them Hashem values more his children performing good, kind and just deeds than having to bring a korban to atone for their aveiros (sins)

GEMATRIA LINKED TO SEDRA

- ✚ When Moshe inaugurated the Kohanim, he was told to gather the community first.
- ✚ Both the words וַתִּקְהַל Va'tikahel (and they gathered) and יִשְׂרָאֵל Yisrael (Israel) have the same gematria of 541.
- ✚ This teaches us that Hashem wanted the whole of Bnai Yisrael present to witness the sanctification to ensure that the Kohanim's legitimacy would never be disputed.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

I've found one of the important themes that runs through this week's sedra of Tsav is finding rationales behind what was performed in the Mishkan, in which is now just a seemingly obsolete tradition. The Parsha begins with a full description of the Korbonos (Sacrifices) mentioned in last week's portion of Vayikra before moving on to the ordination of Aron and his Sons becoming Kohanim (priests) whose duties would include the preservation of the Mishkan and the ones who will taking the lead roles in all the Korbonos rituals on behalf of the rest of Bnai Yisrael.

Many of the Torah Commentators are quick to point out that these particular duties are on the surface very mundane and ordinary tasks. Is it really possible that some of the most important religious and meaningful acts the Kohanim are commanded by Hashem to perform stem from such menial work? Take the concept of washing your hands in the usual, ritually prescribed manner before eating a meal for example. It may seem a mundane act to perform but without doing so would prevent us all from performing other mitzvors prescribed in the Torah such as sanctifying the Shabbat and other festivals by eating challah for example.

The role of washing your hands also plays a part in two of the central roles of the fifteen steps in the Seder service we have on Pesach. (Urchatz and Rach'tzah); corresponding to the fifteen steps which ascended to the Beis Hamikdash (Temple) The Seder service itself is referred to as an Avodah service to Hashem. This echo's back to the times of the first and second temples which was performed by the Kohanim who prior to the service had to purify themselves in the Mikvah before they could offer up any Korban Pesach's (Passover sacrifices). Which was a halachic requirement as stated in Parshas "BO", chapter 12.

Today as there is no longer a Beis Hamikdash or a Mishkan around to perform this Mitzvah. So, we are now obligated instead to wash our hands before commencing our own Avodah ceremony around our Shabbat and Yom Tov tables, because in Hashem's eyes we are all considered righteous and have intrinsic elements of Kedusha/ holiness within every one of us.

True! Maybe we, as individuals do not feel this in ourselves and are not worthy of this prestigious accolade, given to us by Hashem, let alone capable of being purified and becoming more spiritual. Therefore, we might think washing our hands is nothing more than a menial task but it could not be further from the truth. In fact, it is a blessing. The token act of spiritual cleansing ourselves, with the knowledge of even though this purification process is not yet real, possibly in our eyes. Never the less the performance of washing one's hands alone is a step in the right direction and will eventually lead us to a genuine purification in Hashem's eyes.

It's amazing to think that if a simple task of washing your hands is considered that holy then just imagine how much some of the bigger deeds and mitzvors we perform are going to be worth!

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