



Times of Services 2016

Friday 30 September

Shabbat begins: 6.26 pm

Mincha/

Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.15 pm

Shabbat 1 October

Shacharit: 9.30 am

Haftarah: Jo Glass

Shabbat ends: 7.25 pm

Sunday 2 October

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Shacharit & Selichot:

8.00 am

Yom Tov

& Service begin: 6.20 pm

Friday 7 October

Shabbat begins: 6.10 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!



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

Ealing Synagogue

שבת שלום

Friday 30 September 2016/Shabbat 28 Elul 5776

Sidra: Nitzavim



SHABBAT 1 OCTOBER D'VAR TORAH

This Shabbat, the last one before Rosh Hashanah, Dawn Shestopal will be giving the D'Var Torah. We hope you will join us.

MAZAL TOV

To **Ruth and Bertram Mindell** on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. The Ealing community wishes them many more years of good health, happiness and much nachat from their children and grandchildren.

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER SIR ERIC AND LADY PICKLES

The Ealing community is invited to meet Sir Eric and Lady Pickles at Ealing Liberal Synagogue on Sunday 30 October at 3.00pm. If you would like attend, please contact Jill Stern, the chairman of ELS: jill.stern1@btinternet.com.



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Snapshot Torah



GUIDE TO THE WEEKLY PARSHA

ISSUE 47

1st October 2016

NITZAVIM

28th Elul 5776

Kohen - First Aliya: Chapter 29, verses 9 – 11

- ✚ Moshe gathers Bnai Yisrael together and proclaims that they are all going to be part of a new Covenant with Hashem establishing them as 'Hashem's chosen nation.

Levi - Second Aliya: Chapter 29 verses 12 - 14

- ✚ This Covenant not only binds those who were physically present on that day, but also with all of their future generations too.

Sh'lishi - Third Aliya: Chapter 29, verses 15 - 28

- ✚ Hashem warns his people, not to go against Him by being tempted to live in the other nation's idolatrous way of life as it would result with their land being cursed with everything that had been described in last week's sedra; forcing the Jewish people to flee into Golus (Exile).
- ✚ Moshe explains to Bnai Yisrael. There are some things that only Hashem knows and must remain hidden from us for all time and must not be pursued. However there is a lot that Hashem is happy to reveal for us and our future generations and the only way to find them is to keep all the mitzvors and delve deeply into your Torah Studies.

R'Vi'i - Fourth Aliya: Chapter 30, verses 1 - 6 and

Chamishi - Fifth Aliya: Chapter 30, verses 7 - 10

- ✚ Moshe Assures B'nai Yisrael that when they realise why they have been placed in Golus (exile). And have started doing Teshuva and fulfilling all the 613 mitzvot once more; Hashem will show compassion and return them back to the Land of Israel.
- ✚ When Hashem reunites His people's from Golus, Bnai Yisrael will once again serve him, and be blessed with an abundance of crops in the field, livestock and children.

Shishi - Sixth Aliya: Chapter 30, verses 11 - 14

- ✚ Moshe expresses that all the Mitzvot are in your grasp. "You don't need to look in the Heavens, or travel across the sea to find and perform them.
- ✚ Moshe tells the people that the choice of life and death is in their hands. If they decide to walk in Hashem's ways then you will live and multiply. However if you prefer not to listen and go the other way, then you will be left with nothing and cease to exist.

Sh'vi'i - Seventh Aliya: Chapter 30, verses 15 - 20

- ✚ Moshe calls upon the Heaven and the earth to serve as eternal witnesses to uphold whichever choice was made. Moshe implores them to realise Hashem is your life and that they should choose life.
- ✚ Moshe's emphasises to the people, the key to making the right choice is loving Hashem and realising that He is your life.

Haftorah –YISHAYAH (ISAIAH) Chapter 61 verse 10 to Chapter 63 verse 9

OVERVIEW:

- ✚ The Haftorah begins very positively as Yishayah continues to comfort the people. He describes the great elation that everyone will experience at the time of the Final Redemption, comparing it to the joy a newly married couple brings.
- ✚ The Haftorah continues with a description of the punishment Hashem will mete out to Edom and anyone else who has been an enemy towards Israel.
- ✚ Yishayah concludes with one of his most famous quotes "In all Israel's afflictions, He, too, is afflicted, and the angel of His presence redeemed them...". Hashem feels the pain of His people; just like a loving father who is sharing the pain his child is going through, and awaits the moment when redemption arrives and everyone will be able to live in peace.

GEMATRIA LINKED TO SEDRA:

- ✚ 'Bnai Yisrael can only every be united if they stand together in truth.' From where do we learn this from?
- ✚ In Gematria the numerical value for the Hebrew word meaning You, **אתם** Atem is the same as the word meaning Truth, **אמת** Emet which is 441.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION:

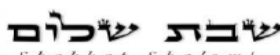
How many times during your life has a challenge been set and before you even commence with it, you've thought to yourself, this is going to be impossible, I'm never going to be able to achieve such a thing. It could have been when you were bar mitzvored and you were looking at the torah portion you had to learn, read and sing aloud in shul without vowels, revising for an important exam, learning to drive. You might have been told to stop eating certain foods for health reasons or trying to give up an addiction. However, with time, practice and perseverance you suddenly find yourself achieving that goal and come to the realization that 'wow! I've actually achieved this, I've passed that exam with an 'A', I'm now eligible to legally drive a car, I've managed to give up smoking, I can now look into the Torah scroll and recite something; proving that as long as you put your mind and complete commitment towards it, anything can be accomplished and was not impossible as first thought. This is one of the messages found in this week's sedra of Nitzavim.

Moshe is nearing the conclusion of his final sermon to his beloved nation. In reference to the Torah itself, he says the following. "It's not in the heaven, for you to say. 'how can I get to it, take it for myself, listen to it and fulfil it.'" (Chapter 30, verse 12). The way I understand this sentence is that Moshe was telling Bnai Yisrael that there are no excuses, preventing you from studying the Torah and abiding the laws within it. The Torah is no longer in heaven, out of reach but has been bought down to earth as a gift from Hashem and has been made easily assessable to all.

Quoting the Talmud on this verse Rashi says 'Even if the Torah still happened to be in Shamayim (the heavens), we would all still be required to go up there and study it. The obvious question here is what does Rashi mean? How could Hashem expect someone like us, a mere human being to achieve such a feat. It would be totally impossible?

Luckily for us our sages after pondering on Rashi's comment were able to resolve this dilemma by introducing the following fundamental principle. If Hashem truly wanted us to attain all of the Torah knowledge while it was still in Shamayim. Then Hashem in his divine wisdom would have provided us with the means of getting there without any obstacles in our way. The truth is, this feat only seems impossible because in actuality, no one has to travel anywhere to attain and study Torah.

This is what Moshe was trying to convey and could easily be adapted and applied to any of the 613 Mitzvot written in the Torah. Every one of the commandment's that Hashem gave us, comes with the means and capacity to fulfil it. Yes, there may be times in your life when faced with a seemingly challenging obligation to possibly achieve performing such a mitzvot but don't perceive it as impossible, otherwise you will definitely fail. As we are approaching our new start with a fresh new year, commencing tomorrow night with Rosh Hashanah, even though we might not succeed the first time of asking, we must remember, all Hashem wants from us is to put our minds into the torah and try our best. May Hashem bless us all with a happy, healthy and fulfilling new year and continue to give us the strength and desire to fulfil his will and the capacity to accomplish it.



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TIMES OF SERVICES 2016/5777

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday 2 October

Shacharit and Selichot	8.00 am
Yom Tov & Service	6.20 pm

ROSH HASHANAH

Monday 3 October - 1st Day

Shacharit	8.30 am
Reading of the Torah	10.10 am
Rabbi's Sermon	11.00 am
Shofar	11.15 am
Children's Service	11.30 am
Musaf	11.30 am
Tashlich at Walpole Park	5.45 pm
Mincha and Maariv	6.25 pm
2nd Day Yom Tov	7.21 pm

Tuesday 4 October - 2nd Day

Shacharit	8.30 am
Reading of the Torah	10.10 am
Rabbi's Sermon	11.00 am
Blowing of the Shofar	11.15 am
Children's Service	11.30 am
Musaf	11.30 am
Communal Lunch	
Mincha	
Yom Tov ends	7.18 pm

FAST OF GEDALIA

Wednesday 5 October

Fast begins	5.30 am
Fast ends	7.10 pm

EREV SHABBAT

Friday 7 October

Mincha/	
Kabbalat Shabbat	6.15 pm
Shabbat begins	6.10 pm

SHABBAT SHUVAH

8 October

Shacharit	9.30 am
Shabbat ends	7.12 pm

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday 11 October

Mincha	2.00 pm
Fast begins	6.02 pm
Kol Nidre	6.15 pm

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday 12 October

Shacharit	9.45 am
Reading of the Torah	12.15 pm
Rabbi's Sermon	12.30 pm
Yizkor	1.00 pm
Children's Service	1.00 pm
Musaf	2.00 pm
Mincha	4.20 pm
Neilah	5.50 pm
Fast ends	7.01 pm

EREV SHABBAT

Friday 14 October

Mincha/	
Kabbalat Shabbat	6.00 pm
Shabbat begins	5.55 pm

SHABBAT

15 October

Shacharit	9.30 am
Shabbat ends	6.55 pm

EREV SUCCOT

Sunday 16 October

Shacharit	8.40 am
Yom Tov begins	5.49 pm
Mincha/Maariv	5.50 pm

SUCCOT

Monday 17 October - 1st Day

Shacharit	9.30 am
Mincha/Maariv	6.15 pm
2nd Day Yom Tov begins	6.50 pm

Tuesday 18 October - 2nd Day

Day

Shacharit	9.30 am
Mincha/Maariv	6.15 pm
Yom Tov ends	6.51 pm

EREV SHABBAT

Friday 21 October

Mincha/	
Kabbalat Shabbat	5.30 pm
Shabbat begins	5.40 pm

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED

SUCCOT

22 October

Shacharit	9.30 am
Shabbat ends	6.40 pm

HASHANAH RABBAH

Sunday 23 October

Shacharit and	
Hoshanas	8.00 am
Mincha/Maariv	5.15 pm
Yom Tov begins	5.36 pm

SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday 24 October

Shacharit	9.30 am
Yizkor	11.30 am
Mincha	6.30 pm
Maariv followed by	
Hakofot	7.00 pm

Reception to honour:

Chatan Torah : Edward Cohen
Chatan Bereshit : Mike Gettleson
Eshet Chayil : Dawn Shestopal

SIMCHAT TORAH

Tuesday 25 October

Shacharit followed by	
Hakofot	9.30 am
Mincha/Maariv	6.00 pm
Yom Tov ends	6.35 pm



Enfield & Winchmore Hill Synagogue

53 Wellington Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield EN1 2PG

invites you to a very special
'River Thames Tashlich Cruise'

Sunday 9th. October 2016

We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to join us for a two hour 'River Boat Cruise' on the 'Golden Star' with lunch provided !

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Cost of the River Boat Cruise alone is just £10 & return travel by coach is an extra £5.00. Coaches will leave both Enfield & Kinloss synagogues at 11.00 a.m. to meet at the Pier at 12.45 p.m. returning at approximately 4.30 p.m.

Other pick up points are possible, if there is sufficient demand.

Please note there is an age restriction of 18 + on this cruise

Places are limited, so please reserve your place as soon as possible.

Cheques should be made out for £10.00 or £15.00 to:

'United Synagogue'

and sent to:

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